

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, May 17, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*They are your gift to me. (John 17:24)*

Even though it's May, try to imagine it's Christmas Eve. A father sits by the Christmas tree, struggling to assemble a bicycle for his son. No parts are missing, but it takes work to fit them together. The tires need air. The frame of the bike needs polishing, and the chain needs lubrication. But the father is happy to spend all that effort. He knows it will be worth it when he sees the look of delight on his boy's face on Christmas morning!

John's Gospel tells you today that you are a gift from the Father to Jesus. What does this mean? Most obviously, it means that you are precious and valuable to him. That in itself would be enough to ponder for quite some time. But let's not stop there.

It also means that just as you are a gift to Jesus, so is every other person. We are all gifts individually, and we are also—and no less importantly—a gift as a group. It may not be the most perfect analogy, but the body of Christ is like that bicycle the father is putting together. There are many

parts, but together they form a precious gift that God delights in giving to his Son, Jesus.

Sometimes when we look at our parish, all we see are unrelated parts spread out all over the place. There's the social justice ministry, the pro-life ministry, and the Rosary guild. There's also the church down the street and the Christians passing out pamphlets in the neighborhood. How will we ever come together? How will we ever become so united that we form one people singing to the glory of the Lord? It may seem impossible to us, but not to God. Like that father on Christmas Eve, he won't stop working until all the pieces fit together perfectly.

God wants to bring Jesus joy by giving you to him as a gift of inestimable value. But he also wants to bring Jesus joy by giving him the entire Church—indeed, all of humanity—united in love. Let's join in that mission by echoing Jesus' own prayer that we “may be brought to perfection as one” (John 17:23). Let's find ways to work together so that we can bring a bright smile to Jesus' face.

*“Father, make us all one!”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Morgan Redmond today!
- ★ Tryouts for the volleyball team will take place on May 24. All girls interested in trying out for the volleyball team should come by the office and pick up a tryout form.
- ★ There will be a robotics meeting next Monday, May 21, in Mrs. Worrel's room right after school for anyone interested in joining robotics for the upcoming year. Even if you just need information to see if you have the interest in joining, please attend.

- ★ Please wish Shannon Kirkpatrick luck today as she completes three full days of judging at the International Science & Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh. Shannon represents St. Patrick at this annual event where 1,800 students from over 75 countries are now showcasing their scientific research projects and competing for over \$4 million in scholarships and awards. Shannon was selected from our local, regional, and state science fairs to advance to the international level. Keep Shannon and Mrs. Cloud in your prayers as they complete this experience and return home.
  
- ★ Students, if you are running for an office for the 2018-2019 school year, please check your email.
  
- ★ The Herff Jones representative will be here after school on Monday in the cafeteria for ring sizing for our varsity girls track team... you will need to bring your deposit of \$60.
  
- ★ Any student who is participating in the physicals on Saturday need to see Coach Burger today.
  
- ★ Varsity baseball tryouts will be held next Thursday, May 24 at 1:30, see Coach Burger if you want more information.