

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, August 10, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*If a grain of wheat dies, it produces much fruit. (John 12:24)*

Today is the feast day of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr.

Most of what we know about St. Lawrence concerns his final days. A third-century deacon in Rome, Lawrence was responsible for distributing alms to the poor. He was loved and respected by all the people, and he was like a son to Pope Sixtus II. In AD 257, Roman Emperor Valerian issued edicts forbidding the practice of Christianity. He later commanded that all bishops, priests, and deacons be killed. Pope Sixtus was put to death, and Lawrence was soon to follow.

Before his death, Lawrence was required to bring the riches of the Church to the emperor. According to tradition, Lawrence asked for three days to make a full accounting. He proceeded to distribute all of the Church's holdings to the poor, blind, and sick. He then gathered them into one place and presented them to the emperor. "These are the treasures of the Church," he said. Unimpressed, Valerian sentenced him to death on a gridiron on August 10, 258.

Lawrence's martyrdom was his final act of love and the

fruit of many daily "deaths" to sin and selfishness as he cared for the poor. Like Jesus, Lawrence understood that no cost was too great, no suffering too dire, considering how much Jesus had given him.

We may think, "I could never do what Lawrence did." Or we may want to do great things for God but not know where to begin. Jesus gives us a clue: "Whoever serves me must follow me" (John 12:26). Every meal Lawrence offered to the poor, every act of kindness to the sick, was another stride in the footsteps of his Master. As he served, Lawrence became more and more like Jesus until he took on the final likeness: death in the service of God's people.

Your acts of service may feel monotonous or insignificant, especially when it comes to the people under your own roof. But your family is a real "treasure" of the Church. Like Lawrence, your simple efforts to provide for them, to prepare meals for them, or to create a welcoming home environment can help make you more like Jesus. With every little "death" to selfishness, you can bear much fruit for God.

*"Jesus, thank you for St. Lawrence's example. Help me to treasure and serve my family."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ For those of you who are driving to school, we will begin checking for parking decals starting on Monday. Please make sure you have a new parking decal and parking permit paper submitted to Mrs. Edwards in the front office. Your decal just needs to be visible - it does not necessarily have to be on the back window.
- ★ There will be a meeting next Monday after school in Room 202 for anyone interested in joining Robotics. Robotics at St. Patrick has many levels and we will introduce those levels to you at this meeting. So, if you are interested in any part of robotics... mentoring LEGO, building a robot, computer programming or drawings,

photography, videotaping... and many more, please come to this meeting. The meeting will be in room 202 next Monday right after school.

- ★ Students that are dropped off in the morning, this is a reminder you should be getting dropped off on the south side of the building by the cafeteria not at the front office.
- ★ Today is the fall sports athletic media day, starting at 1:30, students will be called out fifteen minutes ahead of their scheduled time.
- ★ The first interest meeting for Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) will be held this Tuesday after school in room #100. You must be in 10th - 12th grade, taking Algebra 2 or higher, have a mathematical GPA of 3.0 or higher, currently be enrolled in an upper-level math class. This criteria will be researched by Mrs. Tavel once the first meeting has been conducted. The meeting should last about 15 minutes. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Tavel in room #100.
- ★ Congratulations to the Fighting Irish Volleyball Team! The Lady Irish swept Pass Christian in three games with scores of 25-15, 27-25, and 27-25! Carly Loftis had 10 assists, Hope Williams had 10 assists, Sydney Biggs had 5 kills, Hallie Ladner has 4 kills, Makenzie Stenum had 7 aces, and Camille Seghers had 5 digs. Congratulations Lady Irish and don't forget to come out and support the Fighting Irish as they take on West Harrison at home on Tuesday!