

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, September 10, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Stretch out your hand. (Luke 6:10)

Critics play an important role in the music world. They help the public to evaluate what is good, and by doing so, they set standards for music. But critics can also be closed to anything new or different. For example, one of Bach's students called his music "turgid and confused." A contemporary of Mozart called his music "overloaded and overstuffed." One critic said of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony: "It was hard to figure out what all the noise was about."

You could say that some Pharisees of Jesus' day had become like those critics. In their zeal to preserve the Law, they had attached their own limited expectations to it. One of those limitations was that they taught that curing the sick was forbidden on the Sabbath—unless the sick person was in danger of death. The man whom Jesus healed in the synagogue had only a withered hand, so that clearly didn't qualify. These Pharisees weren't willing to admit that God could go beyond their assumptions of what the Law was all about.

This attitude can affect us as well. We can view our own assumptions about God as being the only thing that matters, and end up limiting him as a result. But our heavenly Father wants to take us beyond our expectations, both of who he is and of who we can become. He is not interested in healing you just enough so that you can squeak your way into heaven. He is a generous Father. He wants to fill you with so much grace that you dance through his gates joyfully, bringing countless people behind you whose lives you have touched!

Do you think it's possible that you can know the Lord even more deeply than you do right now? Do you think it's possible that you might be able to pray with someone and see them healed? Don't be like those music critics with their limited expectations! God has great plans for you. So go ahead and stretch out your hand in faith and see how God fills you with his life, his love, and his power.

"Lord, open my eyes. Help me to see how much you have blessed me in the past, so that I can be open to receive your grace in the future."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Ryan Adderholdt, Sarah Alexander, Erin Hanson, Rhett Jones, and Jackson Mcharg today!
- ★ We are on pep rally schedule today and will have our faculty vs. student basketball game at 2:30 this afternoon.
- ★ The deadline for submitting the outside guest form for the Homecoming Dance is today.
- ★ Juniors, Herff Jones will be back to take ring orders tomorrow during lunch.
- ★ Homecoming dance tickets are on sale now in the front office and online in the Fighting Irish Spirit Store. They are \$20 per ticket in advance and \$25 per ticket at the door.

- ★ The Arts and Craft club will meet briefly on Thursday, September 13, in room 101.
- ★ There will be a meeting of the SAVE club on Wednesday September 12, at 7:45 am in room 118. Students are still able to sign up at this meeting. We will discuss officers, dues, and an upcoming event. Any questions, contact Dr. Casey.
- ★ Students, If you received an NHS application, there will be a brief meeting on Tuesday morning at 7:55. The meeting will be in room 112. Please make every effort to attend.
- ★ Interact Club dues for grades 9-12 are being taken in Ms Lawson's Room; dues are \$5.00. The last day to pay dues is Sept 19. Also, there will be a short mandatory Interact Officers' meeting in Ms Lawson's room tomorrow morning at 7:50
- ★ Irish Idol is tomorrow! The cost is \$2 and we will take up money during first period tomorrow. If you are a participant, please go to Mrs. Buckley's room (200) this afternoon to turn in your song choices and/or needs. If you don't check in with Mrs. Buckley today, you will be off the set list. Thank you!!