

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, November 5, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Fear the Lord, your God. (Deuteronomy 6:2)*

What does it mean to fear the Lord? Should we really be afraid of him? Well, we should never minimize these words since they appear more than three hundred times in Scripture. But fearing God is not the same as living in terror of him. It's more about having a proper reverence for him.

As with so many other truths in the Bible, fearing the Lord is a different thing than the earthly kind of fear we are all familiar with. It is a positive disposition, not a negative one. It's a way of building our faith and deepening our relationship with God, not keeping us distant from him.

At its heart, fear of God helps us to say no to our sinful desires. It functions more as a way of protection than as a means of oppression. It's fear of God that moves us to say, "I don't want to say or do anything that will cause me to be separated from my heavenly Father."

Parents instill a similar "loving fear" in their children. They

teach their children to stay within certain boundaries of speech and behavior so that they can grow up to be responsible, respectful adults. For their part, children know that consequences will follow if they cross these boundary lines. And so a certain "loving fear" lays the foundation for wisdom in the children. It's in a similar way that Scripture tells us that "fear of the Lord" is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10).

Fear of the Lord is a tool that keeps us safe as we grow and mature. And like all learning tools, it is helpful for only a time. Eventually, this godly fear should give way to love, because "perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). This is a lifelong process, of course, but it's encouraging to know that even godly fear can dissipate as love grows.

So let's all take to heart God's greatest commands: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18).

*"Jesus, help me live the most perfect way of love."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Cameron Musial!
- ★ The brothers and sisters in Christ who have been dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael have certainly been in our thoughts and prayers. We have received word from Superintendent Mike Juhas of their Diocese, and we understand that St. John Catholic School was heavily damaged and is in the process of relocating. Their Diocese is collecting monetary donations to help with opening a temporary school among other urgent needs. We are asking for donations to send to St. John and the surrounding damaged parishes from our St. Patrick family of faith. If you would like to contribute, please send your donations this week to your first period teacher. Checks may be made payable to SPCHS as we will combine and send our funds together. Donations in any amount are received with prayerful gratitude.

- ★ Tomorrow 6th graders from our partner schools will be visiting our campus. Everyone please give them a huge welcome to St. Patrick, and Wednesday our 5th graders will be here.
- ★ Our first varsity basketball games will be held Tuesday, November 6, starting at 6:00. The first 75 students to come to the varsity game on Tuesday will receive a coupon for a free ice cream from the cafeteria. Come out and support our Fighting Irish varsity basketball teams.
- ★ Congratulations to Ben Hartery and Teal Salloum for being named members of the 2018-2019 Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council!
- ★ Yearbook pictures for the following clubs will be this Thursday during 5th and 6th periods! Please listen when we call for you to come take your picture because we will NOT have retakes!!
  - Aisling
  - Bible Study
  - National Junior Honor Society
  - Choir
  - National Honor Society
  - National Science Honor Society
  - National English Honor Society
  - Spanish Honor Society
  - Drama Guild
 Yearbook staff pictures will be taken during Journalism class
- ★ Congratulations to the cast and crew of Much Ado About Middle School for their awesome performances this weekend. Set and tech are reminded to meet in the auditorium this afternoon to finish putting things away. Do you like to sing, but not act? The drama guild will be performing a short Christmas program in December and would like to have you participate. Anyone who is interested should attend the Drama Guild meeting this Wednesday.
- ★ FCA members are reminded to turn in your canned good (3-5 cans) for the Thanksgiving project by Friday, November 16 to Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- ★ Please bring in your shoe boxes with items for Operation Christmas Child this week to your religion teachers. We will deliver those next week. If you have any questions, please see Mrs.Sutherlin or Mr.Creel.
- ★ We would like to wish our Cross Country team good luck as they compete in the State Championship.



