

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

They all ate and were satisfied. (Mark 6:42)

Has anyone ever surprised you with a gift of food? Maybe it was dinner that a neighbor brought over. Maybe a sibling handed you a cup of gourmet coffee when you were laboring over a tight deadline. Or maybe someone gave you a gift card to your favorite restaurant for your birthday.

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand was also an unexpected gift. The people who had followed Jesus into a deserted place weren't expecting him or his disciples to give them dinner. No one asked him to perform this miracle. He just chose to do it out of love for these people who had come so far to see him. Jesus fed them because he wanted to spend more time with them rather than have them leave early to find food in the surrounding villages.

What makes Jesus' gesture even more striking is that he was grieving the execution of John the Baptist at the time. He had initially wanted some time alone but changed his plans when he saw the crowd of people eager to hear him teach. Mark tells us that Jesus' "heart was moved with

pity," and he decided to put aside his grief and care for the people (Mark 6:34).

This says so much about the heart of Jesus. First, he wants to spend time with us. You could say that he even enjoys his time with us. He will never "dismiss" us when we go to him (Mark 6:36). Second, we can trust that Jesus will give us the gifts we need, even when we least expect it. Even when it never occurred to us to ask, he will pour out his grace and his peace. We just have to make time, like those in the crowd, to come and sit with him.

Jesus' greatest gift to us is the Bread of Life in the Eucharist. Even better, we don't have to travel far to receive this heavenly food. He comes to us on every altar at every Mass and feeds us. And just like the people who ate and were satisfied, we, too, can be filled to overflowing every time we share a meal with Jesus.

"Jesus, thank you for spending time with me and for feeding me in the Eucharist."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy birthday to Ben Hartery! Also, Molly Moran celebrated her birthday yesterday!
- ★ Students will receive first semester report cards on Friday of this week.
- ★ Sign ups for both varsity and junior high track will start tomorrow. See Coach Dellenger in room 108 if you are interested.
- ★ The following clubs will be photographed Thursday. There will not be a makeup picture day.
 - Arts and Crafts 12:51-12:56
 - Sailing 12:57-1:02
 - Mock Trial 1:03-1:08

- Interact 1:09-1:19
- Key Club 1:20-1:30
- Robotics 1:31-1:41
- Campus Ministry 1:42-1:52
- Quiz Bowl 1:53-1:58
- Students for Life 1:59-2:09

- ★ Congratulations to the men's soccer team on their 3-1 district win over Resurrection last night. Ricardo Quintana, Chris Collins, and Cameron Musial each scored goals to lead the Irish to victory.
- ★ Friday at 7:45am in the auditorium there will be an informational meeting for students interested in joining the St Patrick Chapter of the National Art Honor Society. To be considered for membership, students must be enrolled in or have taken visual arts and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in all academic classes. For information on this please see Ms. Benoit
- ★ The eighth grade boys basketball team defeated Bay St. Louis in overtime last night 35-32. Matthew Krass led the team with 10 points followed by Beau Muller with 9 and Austin Lee with 8. Ryan Roth and Dylan Nguyen each hit key three point shots to seal the victory for the Irish. Chad Hilton led the team in rebounding. The team will travel to Vancleave Thursday.
- ★ The women's soccer team also defeated Resurrection last night by a margin of 4-0. Mary Cate Sliman and Jessica Harrison each scored two goals apiece. The Irish defense, led by Sydney Biggs and Marie Seicshnaydre, helped goalkeeper Ali Ware record her eighth shutout of the season.
- ★ Anyone who would like to be in the ensemble is asked to attend Wednesday's audition. You will learn a dance. If you can't make it, let Mrs.Trahan know. There is a sign up sheet on the door in room 204. Leads will audition on Friday. See Mrs.Trahan for details.