

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, January 10, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)*

Tim was struggling. His wife had been battling an illness for a couple of years, and the two of them had grown distant because of it. Tim was finding it harder and harder to treat her with the love he knew he should have. He did his best, but he often felt discouraged and frustrated.

In Confession, he told the priest, "Sometimes I don't even want to come home because of how tense and depressing the situation is. What's worse, when she needs my help, I get impatient and lose my temper. I feel terrible. I know this isn't how I should treat my own wife. Can God forgive me? Can he help me change?"

"Of course he forgives you," the priest said, "and he will help you change."

As soon as Tim received absolution, he felt as if his burden was already becoming lighter. For his penance, the priest told Tim to choose a trusted friend. He was to share his struggles with this man and ask him to pray with him each week, either in person or over the phone.

Together they asked God to show Tim how much Jesus loved him and to help him love his wife the way that Jesus loved him.

Little by little, Tim's frustration diminished. He didn't feel tempted to avoid coming home as often. He felt more compassion for his wife, and his angry outbursts grew less frequent. Over time, because of Tim's kindness, his wife was able to admit how angry and bitter she was over her illness. They began to pray together, and that led them to feel God's love and forgiveness more deeply.

Today, their home is far more peaceful. They have good days and bad days, but Tim and his wife have tasted God's love, and that love changed their marriage. They are living proof that we can grow in love as we soften our hearts to God's love. As St. John tells us in today's first reading, we can love because God first loved us. We can forgive because God has first forgiven us. And we can care for each other because God never stops caring for us.

*"Lord, let your love fill me today. Help me to love as fully as you love."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Students will receive first semester report cards tomorrow.
- ★ Sign ups for both varsity and junior high track will start today and stay posted for two weeks. See Coach Dellenger in room 108 if you are interested.
- ★ The following clubs will be photographed today. 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

- ★ Tomorrow morning at 7:45 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.
  
- ★ Ms. Moon needs to see every science Olympiad team member by the end of today.
  
- ★ Let's wish the varsity soccer teams good luck today as they travel to Sacred Heart for a district soccer contest.



