

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The sower sows the word. (Mark 4:14)

Perhaps when you read or hear this parable, you focus on the different kinds of soils or the environments, in which the seeds fall. Maybe you wonder which one of these soils best fits you, and you hope that you are like the good soil that produces abundantly. But how about seeing yourself as the sower instead? Maybe it's worth considering how you are doing in the call to sow the word of God into the people around you.

If there is one word that characterizes the sower in this parable, it is generous. This fellow spreads his seeds everywhere! He doesn't seem all that concerned about where the seed will fall. He just casts it to and fro.

Isn't this a great image for how we should view evangelization? Shouldn't we be generous, almost indiscriminate, in the way we share God's word and his promises? We don't have to worry about where the seeds may fall or the "soil quality" of the people with whom we share the word. It shouldn't matter whether we think the ground is too hard, too weedy, too thorny, or just right. It's the Lord who gives the growth, not us (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

All we have to worry about is imitating the generosity of the sower.

Think for a moment how many other seeds the devil, the world, and the flesh are sowing. There's nothing stingy in their tactics. Shouldn't we counter all these poisonous seeds with the seeds of the gospel?

The need is great, so don't be intimidated. And by all means, don't feel outnumbered or defeated. God has promised to be with you always as you spread his word.

So how are you going to sow today? What opportunities will you seize to spread the seeds of the gospel? They're all around. Keep your eyes open, and ask the Lord to help you see ways you can creatively witness to his love. Who knows? He may even give you brothers and sisters in Christ who are just as zealous as you to proclaim the word in season and out!

"Jesus, make me a generous sower of your word. Fill me with zeal and courage to spread your seeds all over the world!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Ana Patino and Fr. Colten Semmes!
- ★ The front office and foyer will be closed today from 9:30 until 10:30 for an event. When changing classes, students will need to use the far south and far north stairways - the stairwells near the center of the building will be closed. Students should be silent when walking across the second floor in front of the library.

- ★ The only outerwear items that are approved are those purchased at School and Scrubs (uniform store) or those purchased in our Fighting Irish Spirit Store (with St. Patrick and Adidas logos). Teachers will write referrals on any students not in compliance.
- ★ Makeup tennis tryouts will be held today from 3:30 to 4:30 at Bayou Bluff.
- ★ Don't forget to get your tickets for the Brandon Green concert! Tickets are \$10.00 each in advance online or \$20.00 at the door. All students who purchase a ticket and attend will receive a free jean day.
- ★ The ring fitting for our men's and women's cross country state champions will be held on Monday, February 4, during lunch. A \$60 deposit is required at the time of the fitting. If you have any questions, please see Coach Burger.
- ★ Habitat for Humanity MS Gulf Coast needs eight volunteers to help clear out a warehouse in Pascagoula this Saturday. It starts at 9 a.m. and will be a four or so hour project if we get enough volunteers. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you are interested in volunteering.
- ★ Diamond girl applications are available in the front office. The deadline for application submission is February 8th. Sign-up sheets will be located on the door of room 112. If you have any other questions please direct them to Mary Cate Sliman, Alaina Olsen, or Coach Burger.