

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, February 12, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Honor your father and your mother. (Mark 7:10)*

Have you ever bitten into a cream-filled donut only to find that there is no filling? It's a pretty disappointing experience, isn't it? That donut looked so good, but it was actually hollow.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was trying to help some Pharisees recognize something lacking in their approach to following the Law of Moses. Their traditions and purification rituals looked very nice, but they were hollow. Like that elusive cream filling, something was missing that should have been at the heart of their observances—love.

Now, of all the examples that Jesus could have picked to highlight this hypocrisy, he chose the way some people used legal loopholes to get out of taking care of their aging parents. Once again, Jesus placed the spotlight on family life—that's how precious it is to him.

Family is central to God's plan for us. God himself is a communion of Persons. He made a covenant, not only with Abraham, but with all of his descendants as well. Even Jesus was born into a human family! These Pharisees may

have been pursuing purity, but by disregarding the value of family love, they missed their goal by a long shot.

We may not be neglecting our parents, but it's still easy to lose sight of how important our families are. We get busy and work long hours, which makes it difficult to share family meals. Or we might be overcommitted with school or church activities, so we don't have much time at home together. Or maybe our parents live in another city, and it's difficult to keep in touch.

God knows the challenges that we face. He doesn't want us to quit things in which we are passionate or not be involved at church. But he does want us to find ways, in the midst of all the other things vying for our attention, to protect and nurture our family relationships.

Take a few moments right now to pray for your family. Tell God how much you love them and treasure them. Ask him to help you find ways to strengthen the bonds within your home. God knows that things can get in the way, and that's okay. Just bringing your family to mind and praying for them is a great first step!

*"Lord, help me to treasure my family relationships."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ St. Patrick Catholic High School will host the Region 8 Division 2A Basketball Tournament this week. The Fighting Irish men's and women's teams will be in action on Thursday night. Admission is \$7, as this is a MHSAA event. The State Pass is the only pass that will be honored at this tournament. All entry must be through the front of the gym. No one is to enter through the back doors.
- ★ National Honor Society members, please remember your donations for Homes of Grace. Please put your items in room 113.

- ★ Senior banner photos for our Spring sport senior athletes will be taken this Wednesday, February 13, at 3:30 p.m. Your coach should have given you the appropriate form, if not, please see Coach Burger.
- ★ The drama guild set crew will not meet today. We are expecting rain. Check your messages for details.
- ★ There will be an FCA Chapter Meeting tomorrow morning at 7:50 a.m. in room 108.