

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, February 28, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another. (Mark 9:50)

It's difficult to underestimate the value of salt. This common substance not only flavors and preserves our foods and melts ice on the roads in winter; it is also a very effective cleanser. Massage therapists will often use salt scrubs to unclog a person's pores and rub away dead, hardened skin.

Just before Jesus talked to his disciples about the value of being salted, they had been arguing about who was the greatest among them. Jesus reminded them that whoever wants to be first must be last and the servant of all (Mark 9:33-37). He taught them that humility and self-giving are the pathway to true greatness. Why is this so? Because humble service acts as a salt scrub. It rubs away selfishness, self-promotion, and boasting. It unclogs in us what pride and sin have covered over. More than anything else, humility can cleanse and purify us of everything that pollutes or degrades the life of God in us. It seems ironic, but humility lifts us up; it reveals our true beauty as children of God.

You don't have to look far to find opportunities to humble yourself and serve other people. According to St. Francis de Sales, "Great occasions for serving God seldom come, but little ones surround us daily." Kindness to an irritable classmate, patience with a slow driver, and encouragement to a struggling coworker are all little acts of service. Offering to empty the dishwasher, pick up the dry cleaning, and pour someone a second cup of coffee—these small personal acts can help you keep "salt" in yourself—and they can promote peace with those around you. Through them, you are offering your life to God and to his people—and that's always a beautiful sight!

Today, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into three different situations in which you can be of humble service. Then let God direct your steps to those places where you are most needed. Don't dismiss anything he leads you to, even if it seems insignificant or distasteful. You never know; it just might be the thing that cleanses you the most.

God wants you to grow in his life. There's no better way than being "scrubbed" with the salt of service!

"Father, show me how I can serve your people today."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Bella Westrop!

- ★ We will be having a St. Patrick's Day Dance for our junior high students (grades 7-8) on Saturday, March 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$5. There will also be a parent social for parents of junior high students.

- ★ Cheer tryouts are quickly approaching. Tryouts will be held on March 15th. Please be sure to get your paperwork and packet information turned in to Ms. Hebert no later than March 13th. For any questions regarding this, please reach out to Ms. Hebert in room 102.
- ★ Mrs. Rosetti will host a resume workshop for students in grades 9-12 on Wednesday, March 6, at 3:15 p.m. The workshop will last until 5 p.m. and will include tips on how to create your strongest resume yet. To RSVP, please email your current resume to erosetti@stpatrickhighschool.net.
- ★ Sophomores and Juniors, if anyone is interested in attending Governor's School this summer, see Ms. Wilkinson by the end of today.
- ★ Face painters are needed at the Nativity BVM Elementary 5K on Saturday, March 9, from 8-11 a.m. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you are interested in helping.
- ★ The bake sale for Pasta for Patients will be during lunches today and tomorrow. There are several options to choose including brownies, rice krispies, cupcakes, and cookies. Everything will be \$1 and the money will go toward your first period's grand total. Tomorrow is the final day to collect money in your first period classes, and the winner will be announced when we return from Mardi Gras holidays.