

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, March 18, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6:36)

A young veterinarian was visiting a farm out in the country. He tried out a new treatment on a cow, and to his horror, the cow died a few days later. The farmer could have sued him and ruined his reputation in the farming community, but he didn't. He never even brought it up again. The young vet was so struck by his behavior that throughout his life, whenever someone wronged him, he thought back to his experience with the farmer and tried to follow his example of forgiveness.

In a way, today's Gospel is like this story. Of all the words Jesus could have chosen to describe his heavenly Father, he chose "merciful" (Luke 6:36). More than his justice, more than his power, more than his wisdom, Jesus made clear that he is a God of forgiveness and compassion—and he tells us to have that same attitude toward one another.

The disciples may have known this mercy historically, from their Scriptures, but Jesus didn't want them to stop there, just as he doesn't want us to stop. He wants us to experience his Father's mercy personally and, even more, to

allow this mercy to move us to share that mercy with the people around us. Instead of finding faults in the people around us, he wants us to love and honor them. Rather than holding onto offenses, he encourages us to forgive.

Jesus knows that merely telling us about God's mercy wouldn't be enough. He had to model it as well. So he tells his disciples, "Stop judging and you will not be judged" (Luke 6:37), and then demonstrates it by eating dinner at the home of the "unclean" tax collector Levi (5:27-32). "Stop condemning and you will not be condemned," he says (6:37). Then he tells a woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you" (John 8:11).

Finally, in his greatest object lesson, Jesus fulfilled his call to mercy in the most dramatic way possible. Hanging on the cross in agony, he humbly prayed, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

What a merciful God we have! Just like that farmer, he forgives, he forgets, and he blesses. Every time.

"Father, show me your mercy today that I might show it to everyone around me."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Dylan Fontan and Kellen Vann!
- ★ St. Vincent de Paul is hosting a Beach Clean Up on Sunday, March 24, and they are seeking volunteers to assist. The event begins at 2 p.m. at the Long Beach Pavillion next to the harbor. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you are interested in assisting.
- ★ In Saturday's track meet, the ladies finished fourth out of nine teams, and the gentlemen finished sixth. Top performers were Jordan Pete, 1st in 3200m; Isabel Leatherman, 1st in 1600m; Abby Badurak, 2nd long jump, 5th 100m hurdles; Makenzie Stenum, 2nd high jump; Leila Ransonet, 3rd triple jump; Alayna Miller, 3rd 100m

hurdles, 5th in high jump, and set a new St. Patrick record in 300m hurdles; Tristan Marchioni, 1st discuss setting a new St. Patrick record; Hunter Lorenzo, 3rd shot put; Nick Krass, 2nd high jump; Cade Meyers, 2nd 1600m; Dylan Middleton, 3rd 1600m Congratulations, team, for a job well done,

- ★ Juniors and seniors, if you would like to request an outside guest for prom, the completed form is due to Dr. Buckley by Friday, March 29. You may download the outside guest form from the "Campus Life" page of the website or pick up a copy from Mrs. Collier at the front desk. Outside guests must be enrolled in a local high school in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and in good standing at his or her current school.

- ★ Juniors, if you are interested in applying for the 2019-20 St. Patrick Campus Ministry Team, please sign up with Mrs. Collier this week. The Campus Ministry Team application will be completed through Canvas, so once you sign up with Mrs. Collier, the application will be added to your Canvas account. If you have any questions about Campus Ministry, please see Ms. Previto, Sr. Williams, or Mr. Creel.