

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, August 16, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)*

Both today's psalm and the first reading tell us about the faithfulness of God. They both recount all that God had done in delivering the Israelites from slavery: he led his people through the wilderness, battled their enemies, and gave them the land for their heritage. Why? Because "his mercy endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

God wanted to remind the people of his goodness toward them so that they would remember and stay faithful as they entered the Promised Land. He knew they would be surrounded by pagans who followed many false gods, so he wanted to make sure they would choose to serve him—and only him (Joshua 24:14-15).

Recounting the Lord's mercy in our own lives has the same effect in us. When we make the effort, we can remember so many of the merciful things, both large and small, that God has done for us. And by reflecting on our own "salvation history," we'll see a pattern emerge, just as it did for Joshua and the psalmist. We'll see God's great mercy surfacing again and again. It will remind us of how often he has

intervened to help us in difficult circumstances, and this will lead us to renew our commitment to obeying him and serving him. It will also give us hope as we deal with whatever challenges and sufferings we might be facing today.

Try this little exercise: compose your own psalm of praise based on your own experience of God's work in your life up to now. For example, you might write, "Give thanks to the Lord, who healed my loved one" or "Give thanks to the Lord, who gives me all I need each day." You might even want to include the more ordinary ways he has shown you mercy: "Give thanks to the Lord for the time he protected me when my car broke down" or "Give thanks to the Lord for showing me how to listen to a hurting friend."

Pull out your psalm from time to time and add to it. The more you remember, the more your heart will overflow in love and gratitude for the God whose mercy knows no bounds!

*"Lord, thank you for your enduring mercy in my life."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Meredith Collins, Noah Gilman and Connor Sutton! Celebrating a birthday this weekend are Breton Descher, London Lafferty, Jonathan Poole and Aden Smith!
- The Back to School Dance for all high school students (grades 9-12) is this Saturday from 6 until 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 at the door and concessions will be available. The theme for this year's dance is "The Wild West." All high school students are encouraged to come out to help kick off the first of many great events planned for this school year. This dance is for all ninth through twelfth grade St. Patrick students. A dance for junior high students will be held in the near future.

- There will be an interest meeting for the new junior high math club on Tuesday, August 20, at 3:00 p.m. in room 118. All seventh and eighth grade students are invited to join!
- Current ninth grade NJHS members have a meeting in the auditorium on Tuesday, August 20, at 7:40 a.m.
- A Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society interest meeting is being held this upcoming Tuesday in Mrs. Tavel's room (100). Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher in all math courses and are currently enrolled in a math class are welcome to attend. Previous members are required to attend this meeting and sign up again.
- Students, if you received a National Honor Society application packet, please give it to Ms. Wilkinson as soon as possible.