

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, August 23, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

You shall love the Lord, your God. . . . [And] your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37, 39)

Songwriters have long proclaimed that what the world needs is love. But that lofty sentiment is a little vague on what love looks like or what it means to love someone. By contrast, Jesus had the weight of a thousand-plus years of revelation from God backing him up when he told some Pharisees that the greatest commandments are to love God and love your neighbor. The commandments themselves explain what love is and what it looks like.

So what does love look like? Here's one way to approach it.

Look at how God loves. He delivered the Israelites out of Egypt, and he delivers each one of us out of the grip of our enemies—enemies like sin, the pain of hurtful relationships, physical or emotional suffering, bitterness or resentment.

But how do we love God? By proclaiming that he is strong enough to deliver and restore us. We love him as we trust that God is just as willing to bring us out of patterns of sin or indifference as he was to bring the chosen people out of Egypt.

Let the knowledge of this love fill your heart. Let it move you to tell him about your love in return. Take time each day to set aside the phone, computer, and any other distraction to pray and give thanks for all the ways God has shown his love to you. As you praise him for his kindness and goodness, you are opening yourself to receive even more of his love.

And how do we love our neighbors? As God's love fills us, it will also flow out of us. It will expand our hearts and increase our capacity to love more humbly and more fully.

More than just performing acts of service, you love your neighbors by honoring and respecting them. You love by restraining angry words or insulting thoughts. You look at people the way God sees them, with the same love that he showers on you.

Yes, the world does need love, and God has shown us what it looks like. So receive that love as often as you can—and give it away even more!

"Jesus, teach me how to love!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Braleigh Moak, George Owens and Ainsley Kate Thriffiley! Celebrating a birthday this weekend are Jayne Gavin, Dannica Gilmore, Mackenzie Mullen, Kane Palazzo, Katelyn Tootle and Cohen Wenihofer!
- Today is day 3 of the advisement rotation.

- Juniors, Herff Jones will be back to take class ring orders on Tuesday, August 27, during lunch. Please bring your deposit of \$60 at that time.
- Seventh grade class officer applications are due today by 3:30 to Mrs. Williams in room 200, immediately following the candidate meeting. Students must turn in a completed application on time to be eligible to run for a position. Please see Mrs. Williams with any questions.