

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, September 23, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

To anyone who has, more will be given. (Luke 8:18)

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (1887–1968), whose feast day is today, is one of the Church's best-known saints. This Italian priest is revered as a compassionate confessor and miracle worker who also bore the stigmata—the marks of Christ's wounds. Through stories about him and his words of wisdom, Padre Pio touched millions of lives, even though he rarely left his monastery. But what was behind it all? In a word: generosity.

Padre Pio's life is a perfect example of what Jesus is talking about in today's Gospel. He was someone who "had" and was clearly given "more." What he had to begin with was trust in God's love, and he was given more because of his willingness to share that love with everyone he could. For Padre Pio, that meant spending long hours each day praying and hearing confessions. In his fifty-one years of ministry, he never took a vacation; he just kept pouring himself out for people. As for the "more," God rewarded Pio's generosity by pouring out even more gifts on the humble friar.

When we read about Padre Pio, however, we might think, "I could never be like him!" But that's okay; you're not supposed to be exactly like him. Padre Pio—and the wide assortment of the Church's saints—teaches us that God will use anyone who responds generously to him. When we take the gifts God gives us and share them, God gives us more. The shape that "more" takes will be different for everyone. Padre Pio's life didn't look like St. Francis Xavier's. And Francis Xavier's life didn't look like Mother Teresa's. And her life didn't look like the young mother of four who brings her kids to daily Mass or the retired man who spends his days teaching English to immigrants.

The key is generosity. If you're willing to share what God has given you, he will give you more and bless more people through you. Just think of Padre Pio, who spent his life in an ordinary monastery. Even in your ordinary world, God will present you with opportunities to give to other people. And when you respond in faith, you'll find that those opportunities keep growing.

"Jesus, you have given me so much! Whatever you ask me to do today, I'll do!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Nevaeh Gilman!
- Today is day 2 of the advisement rotation.
- Homecoming dance tickets are on sale - tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from the front office or the spirit store on the St. Patrick website.

- Any student in grades 9-12 who wants to be a member of the St. Patrick Quiz Bowl Team should see Mr. Moody in room 104 between classes or during lunch.
- The OLF Fall Festival is coming up on Saturday, October 27, from 10am - 6pm. For more information and to sign up to volunteer please see Mrs. Collier in the front office.
- Seniors, the deadline to submit your senior baby photo and your senior sibling photo is October 18 to Mrs. Aldrich in the library. You may also start submitting your senior quotes for the yearbook. All quotes need to be emailed or turned in to Mrs. Aldrich in the library no later than October 18. These quotes will then be submitted to Dr. Buckley for approval.
- Students for Life will meet tomorrow morning, September 24 at 7:45am in Mrs. Cloud's room, room 216. We will elect officers and discuss events for life month.
- Students planning to attend Irish Idol may purchase a ticket from their first period teacher on Tuesday morning. The cost is \$2. Make plans to support your fellow classmates as they sing, dance, and act their way to Irish stardom.
- Mock Trial students can get a copy of the 2020 case from Mr. Eleluterius, room 116. Also, there will be a Mock Trial meeting Thursday in Mr. Eleluterius' room at 3:05pm. All Mock Trial students must attend.
- Students, if you are ages 15 to 18, you are eligible for the Early Wyman Performance Achievement Award Scholarship. Please see Ms. Wilkinson for an application.
- Essay Contests: Students, The Maryknoll Essay Contest, the Patriot's Pen, and the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest are all available. Your English teachers have the information.
- The Fighting Irish high school and junior high Cross Country teams competed in the Ocean Springs Invitational this past Saturday with the following results:
 - women's varsity team finished 5th out of 14 teams; they were led by Isabel Leatherman's top ten finish.
 - men's varsity team finished 3rd out of 17 teams; they were led by Dominic Patino's top ten finish.
 - girl's junior high: Isabella Patino was the Champion finishing in 1st place.
 - boy's junior high team finished in 3rd Place and were led by the three boys finishing in the top ten: Luke Meyers, Andrew Williams, and Fischer Winters.