

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

How much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift . . . overflow for the many. (Romans 5:15)

You don't have to watch the nightly news to know this: at the core of our being exists a contradiction between good and evil. The injustice, violence, lies, and lust that dominate the headlines lurk also in each of us. Maybe not by our actions, but often enough in our thoughts, we are living proof that "through the disobedience of one man the many were made sinners" (Romans 5:19). And yet at the same time, we know that "where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more" (5:20).

That's what is so good about the good news in Christ: you are not a pawn caught between two equal forces. Sin entered the world not at creation but through Adam. It came, not because it overpowered him, but because he freely opened the door to it and, consequently, to evil. Evil is not, and has never been, coequal with good. It is not a match for good. It is not an equally powerful force. As Pope Benedict XVI once said, "Evil comes from a freedom created, from a freedom abused" (General Audience, December 3, 2008).

Good comes from God. He is himself all good. That means that his grace abounds for us. It overflows to us every day. It reigns for us through Jesus Christ! That's not theory; it's fact. Evil is subordinate to grace. Evil can be overcome by grace. You can be healed of sin because God has introduced healing through his grace. According to Benedict XVI, God came in the person of Jesus Christ in order to offer "a new source of good" for all.

You can choose goodness today. Choose to acknowledge (aloud is always good) that God is all-good, all-powerful, and on your side. Choose to reject anything opposed to good that rises within you during the day, and ask for the grace to be healed of it. Remind yourself that God's grace is so much more—so much more abundant, so much more powerful, so much more effective—than the sin you see. And then choose to immerse yourself in the grace that God pours out, which he does, always and without fail.

"Father, you are all good, and your goodness is greater than my sin. Thank you for your grace in my life today."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Coach Gaunce!
- Today is day 1 of the advisement rotation.
- The Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus need volunteers to help serve hamburgers and hot dogs at the Peter Anderson Festival - Saturday, November 2, and Sunday, November 3. If you're interested in signing up, see Mrs. Collier in the front office.

- The FCA Chapter will have a meeting tomorrow morning in the auditorium at 7:50am
- Today, Red Ribbon Week focuses on alcohol awareness. More than 15 million people struggle with alcohol use disorder, and of that 15 million people about 33 percent are teenagers. Drinking impairs judgement which may cause car crashes and alcohol poisoning. Please think before you drink!
- All soccer games this Saturday will be played at West Harrison High School
- Students in grades 9-12 should make plans to attend the ProLife movie night this Friday night from 7-9 pm here on campus. Students for Life will host this event. Admission to enter is one baby item to donate to Morning Star Pregnancy Center. Needed items include diapers of all sizes, wipes and gentle baby shampoo and body wash.

Sign up sheets are available outside of Mrs. Cloud's room for Students for Life members work this event. All students for life members must sign up to participate in at least one aspect of this event.

- Students may begin reserving your spot for March for Life this week by submitting a completed application with a \$200 deposit. Seniors and Juniors may sign up Wednesday and Sophomores and Freshmen may sign up Friday. Mrs. Cloud will be available beginning at 7:45 am on these mornings in the cafeteria. There are a limited number of seats available, so this event is only open to active Students for Life members.