

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 21, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God. (Luke 12:21)

Jesus wasn't about to get pulled into this family dispute. The man questioning Jesus wanted to get his fair share of the inheritance. But Jesus redirected him by telling a parable that encouraged him to make himself rich not in possessions but in "what matters to God" (Luke 12:21). Instead of being interested in how much this man and his brother possessed, Jesus focused on how they used their God-given gifts in line with God's priorities.

Take a look at the parable: the landowner is called a fool, not because he is wealthy, but because he stockpiled his wealth. He was concerned only for his own comfort and security. He ignored the needs of the people around him. That attitude stands in stark contrast to God's compassion for the poor and suffering.

How could things have been different? Following ancient Jewish tradition, the landowner could have left gleanings on the edges of his fields for his poorer neighbors instead of reaping every single grain. Better still, he could have urged the townspeople to take bags of grain home to their

families. Even more, think of the joy if he had thrown a barn dance so that the whole village could celebrate the harvest together!

We might be tempted to chuckle about this man until we realize that we too have been blessed with a bountiful harvest. Regardless of the amount of material resources we possess, each of us has God-given gifts. Each of us has been given the gift of faith; we have unique talents and loving relationships. These are the gifts we can share with the people around us, instead of keeping them to ourselves.

It could mean sharing your faith by volunteering to help with a children's Liturgy of the Word or with a Bible study at church. It could mean giving of your time to visit people in a nursing home. Or maybe you could use your green thumb to bring some flowers to a local hospital or to decorate your church.

Let's share those good things that God has given us. Let's use them generously to lift people up. That's the best way to become rich in what matters to God.

"Lord, help me to be rich in compassion and mercy."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Samantha Alvarez, Tyler Gerretse, Nicholas Krass and Katherine Oropesa!
- Today is day 7 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.

- This week the SADD club is joining students around the country in the promotion of Red Ribbon week. Since 1985, the Red Ribbon has worked to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs and other substances by helping mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. Each day we will focus on a different aspect of Red Ribbon Week, leading up to Friday where students will have an opportunity to sign the Red Ribbon pledge during lunch.
- Congratulations to the following students for winning their 7th and 8th grade classroom spelling bees. On Tuesday, they will compete during 5th and 6th period for the opportunity to represent St. Patrick at the district and state level competitions. 7th Grade: Sam Burke, Ella Fontan, Carter McLendon, Lili Pyron, Juliana Robertson; 8th Grade: Jade Agler, Evan Holliman, Adnan Khan, Kate Mandal, Seth McClure, Esmeralda Stadthagen.
- Irish swimmers had a great South State Championship Saturday! In the expanded 1A-5A Class 1 Division, the Men's team won the championship by a huge margin and the women's team came in 5th overall. Seventeen swimmers have qualified to swim at the State Championship Meet this Saturday in Tupelo, Mississippi. Go Irish, Swim Fast!
- 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.