

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

Lose weight overnight! Develop one simple habit to make your life the best! Instantly fix your budget! Everyone wants quick fixes—effortless ways to accomplish things we find hard to do. St. Paul's assertion here, that love is the fulfillment of all the commandments, can sound like that same kind of thinking. Satisfy every one of the commandments in the Bible with one simple line of action? Sign me up!

But just as with all simple and instant solutions, reading the fine print can be illuminating.

Love is not simple, and it's definitely not always easy. As St. Paul famously wrote, it requires patience and kindness. It requires that we not be jealous, quick-tempered, boastful, or proud. We can't brood over injuries or rejoice in wrongdoing (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

The Greek word for this type of love, agape, conveys the sense of giving without expecting anything in return. Loving someone like that is hard, and for most of us, it doesn't come naturally. For all of us, it's work, the labor of

a lifetime. Even more to the point, we can't do it on our own. It requires extravagant amounts of divine grace.

Mercifully, God delights in lavishing that grace on anyone who asks. He delights in giving it to anyone who humbly acknowledges that they just can't say "I forgive you" one more time . . . or wait patiently for the slow steps of an aging parent or a distracted toddler . . . or resist directing scorn or sarcasm at an irritating acquaintance or thoughtless driver.

Every ordinary day presents opportunities for you to show sympathy or thoughtfulness to someone else or to refuse to entertain resentful thoughts. Every ordinary day you can grow in the love that is the fulfillment of the law, because God will help you. Even if you don't feel like God is giving you the grace you need at the moment, believe that he is, and then act on it. As C. S. Lewis once wrote, "When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him" (Mere Christianity). And that actually does begin with one simple step!

"Father, I need your grace today to love people patiently, kindly, and selflessly."

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Today's Announcements:

- Today is day 5 of the advisement rotation.
- We wish our cross country teams all the best in the state championship meet today.
- Today, we welcome our sixth grade students from our partner elementary schools to campus!

- Seniors, this is a reminder that the cut-off date to order a senior ad is this Friday, November 8. Forms for ads may be picked up in the library. Ad forms, payment and a flash drive with all your pictures must be in a sealed envelope with your name on it. That needs to be turned in to Mrs. Aldrich.
- Tickets for the fall drama production of *I Don't Have a Clue* are now available from any cast or crew member, Sr. Kelly, or Mrs. Trahan. The show is Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. St. Patrick students may purchase their tickets in advance for \$10, but you will have to show your Student ID at the door with the ticket. Tickets for parents and others are also available in advance for \$12.50. All tickets purchased at the door will be \$15.00.
- We will not be having bible study this week. Our next meeting will be on November 13 in the Chapel.
- SAAD Healthcare Services will be on campus this afternoon to offer flu shots for any students, faculty, or family members who would like the flu vaccine. Flu shots are \$20. You must have a completed flu consent form from your parents and payment upon arrival to receive the vaccine which will be given in our cafeteria from 3:00 to 4:00 on Wednesday. We will let the students who ride the bus get their shots first. Consent forms are available from Mrs. Saucier in the office.
- St. Patrick High School is starting men's and women's powerlifting teams. For anyone interested, please sign up outside of Coach Bailey's classroom 112.
- Mark your calendars! The ProLife movie night sponsored by Students for Life, has been rescheduled for Friday, November 15! Students for life members, please check the school calendar for upcoming meetings next week.
- Students who are interested in being involved in the Compost Project here at St. Patrick, there will be a training session today after school beginning at 3 in the cafeteria. The training will take about 45 minutes. All students wanting to participate in this project must be trained, so if you cannot attend, you will need to make arrangements with Mrs. Cloud to train at another time.
- Women's soccer defeated Picayune 2-0 with goals coming from Linda Mustered and Samantha Robertson. Samantha was also named player of the game.
- We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish varsity basketball team on their victory last night against Vancleave. we won 48-17. Players of the game were Gabby Patino, Emilee Nolte, Chandler Wheeler, and Taylor Stawarski! Congratulations, ladies.
- The Fighting Irish men's basketball team rolled to a 71-45 victory over Vancleave last night with a great team effort. Michael Fitzpatrick led the Irish with 20 points and 8 rebounds. Drew Roth, Nick Krass, Briggs Menendez, and Rhett Jones played well for the team. Our next game will be Thursday night at East Central. Thanks for the support of the Irish fans, especially the student section!
- There will be no choir rehearsal today.
- Mock Election Results:
Tate Reeves with 255 votes for Governor.
Delbert Hoseman with 258 votes for Lt. Governor.
Michael Watson with 285 votes for Secretary of State.
Lynn Fitch with 234 votes for Attorney General.
Shad White unopposed for State Auditor.
David McRae with 277 votes for State Treasurer.

Thank you to all who participated!