

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He was near Jerusalem and they thought that the Kingdom of God would appear there immediately. (Luke 19:11)

Excitement was building. Jesus was headed to Jerusalem, the political and spiritual center of Israel. Like the nobleman in today's parable, he was on a journey "to obtain the kingship" (Luke 19:12). And like this nobleman, he faced strong opposition from people who did not want to acknowledge his reign (19:14).

But this parable isn't about the intrigue surrounding whether the nobleman would be successful in his bid for kingship. It's about the people who were already loyal to him, the servants who maintained his household. How would they spend the time while they awaited their master's return? Would they invest in the coming kingdom, confident in their master's claim and in his authority? Or would they hedge their bets, not sure whether their master would triumph? In other words, did they believe in him, and did their faith translate into action?

Like the nobleman in the parable, Jesus is still awaiting kingship. He is still waiting for every knee to bow to him

and for everyone to accept his rule and reign at the end of time (Philippians 2:10). And like the servants awaiting their master's return, each of us faces the same set of questions: "Will I invest in the coming kingdom? Do I believe in Jesus? Does my faith translate into action?"

The two servants who multiplied what was given to them invested their whole lives in the kingdom. They chose to live as if that kingdom were already fully present, even though it wasn't. They chose to take significant risks, and in so doing, they gained tremendous profits for the master—and for themselves.

This is how God wants us to live. We can double what God has given to us by treating everyone with mercy and generosity. We can even triple the profit as we devote ourselves to telling people about Jesus in the hope that they too will embrace him as their king. Let's take some risks for this kingdom. Jesus promises great rewards for all who do!

"Jesus, I want to follow you, whatever the cost. Help me to live today as a citizen of your coming kingdom."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Robert VanHorn!
- Today is day 1 of the advisement rotation.
- The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus is seeking volunteers to help serve Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 24, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please see Mrs. Collier today in the front office to sign up.

- The National Honor Society is sponsoring the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please bring canned goods and leave them in your first period class.
- Students who are participating in the Christmas Cantata are reminded that practices are Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00.
- The National English Honor Society has English tutors available every morning and afternoon this week for 30 minutes before and after school. Take advantage of this opportunity to get help with current classwork or start preparing for exams. ACT practice is also held on Wednesday afternoons.
- Softball tryouts will be Wednesday, December 11, at 3:30 at the softball complex. You need to be on the field by 3:30 dressed and ready for tryouts. Make sure you have a glove, proper attire, and a physical. Tryouts will last until 5:30. If you have any questions, please see Coach Blakeney.
- A representative from Herff Jones will be on campus this Thursday during lunch to take orders for the Women's Cross Country State Championship rings.
- Congratulations to the Irish for their victory over Vancleave last night 52-45. The team improves to 5-0 on the young season. Nick Krass led the Irish with 16 points and 5 rebounds. Rhett Jones contributed 15 points and 5 rebounds, while Michael Fitzpatrick added 13 rebounds. Chris Warren had an excellent defensive game for the Irish. The team will host Pearl River Central Monday with the women starting at 12 and the men following at 1:30. Go Irish!