

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, December 5, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)*

Giving thanks can be tricky during the holidays. It's hard to feel grateful when we are stressed or lonely or grieving someone we love. But today's responsorial psalm reminds us why we give thanks: because God is good. Because he came as a baby two thousand years ago. Because he comes into our hearts every time we ask. Because one day, he will come again in his full glory. This is why we give thanks.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Everything he does is good. He never makes a mistake, never forgets a detail, never acts spitefully. Thank him for that! He never wakes up in a bad mood or has a bad day. Thank him for that unfailing goodness. Thank him for knowing you and thinking of you before you were born. Give thanks because he has always had nothing but tender love for you. If you have experienced any goodness or blessing from God, give thanks!

Give thanks to the Lord, for his mercy endures forever.

St. Paul says that Christ died for you while you were still in sin (Romans 5:8). He didn't wait for you to pull yourself together or act on new resolutions. He showered you, and everyone else, with mercy even before you repented. Thank God for that. He pardons you again and again. He never holds your sins against you. Every time you return to him, he forgives you. Even if you are disappointed or feel as if a door has closed, you can trust that his mercy will prevail. Give thanks!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he has been your Savior.

He has saved you—from the eternal consequences of sin and from a futile and faithless life. He has saved you and made you his child. He has lavished you with his Holy Spirit, the great Gift who unveils the mystery of Christ to you and who helps you discover him. Give thanks!

Today and every day, look for signs of God's goodness and mercy and salvation. And thank him. Then watch your heart expand.

*"Thank you, Lord, for your many blessings in my life!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Today is day 7 of the advisement rotation.
- Our PTO is sponsoring our annual photos with Santa this upcoming Tuesday during your lunch period. You may wear a Christmas sweater with jeans and closed toed shoes if you bring an unwrapped, new toy for donation to Hope Haven and our local children's court shelter. These kids are removed from their homes suddenly and will

not be with their families at Christmas. Please bring a toy to your first period class on Tuesday to share with these children.

- Ministry experience hours are due to your theology teacher by December 20, and there will be no extensions. Students who do not complete the required ministry experience hours will be required to repeat the course per the handbook. For questions, please speak with your theology teacher or Mr. Creel.
- The prison ministry project has started, bring in white crew socks, travel size items such as deodorant, shampoo, and body wash and place them in the boxes that will be in the foyer. Seventh and eighth grade students can earn service hours by checking with their religion teachers and high school students can earn service hours for clubs. Please see Mr. Creel if you have any questions. This is a good opportunity to earn service hours before the semester ends.
- 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.
- Track and field sign ups for junior high and varsity teams will be until December 13 with Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- The Interact Club will be participating in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Biloxi National Cemetery on December 7, at 11:00 am. There will be a ceremony for those who are laid to rest at the Biloxi National Cemetery and will follow with laying of the wreaths upon the grave sites. Ms. Moon will be there with a sign in sheet at the ceremony. Parking can be a challenge so you will want to arrive before 11:00.
- The final payment for March for Life of \$250 is due this Friday. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick and submit to Mrs. Cloud.
- Friday is the Feast of Saint Nicholas. To celebrate the feast day we will be having a Nickel war - All Silver Coins are positive points, dollars are negative points, and pennies are negative points. This will be divided among grade levels. Each grade is asked to drop their coins in the jars during class change. The grade with the most money raised will get to pick which charity it will be donated.
  - Silver Coins - positive points
    - Nickel: 5 points, Dime: 10 points, Quarter: 25 points
  - Pennies and Dollars - negative points
    - Penny: -1 point, 1 Dollar: -100 points, 5 Dollars: -500 points
- The FCA chapter has a meeting for next Monday, December 9, at 7:50.
- Student Council members will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle program. Please consider making a donation to help those less fortunate during this Christmas season. No amount is too small.