

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, March 6, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment. (Matthew 5:22)

At first glance, these words seem very harsh. Surely Jesus wouldn't put my anger on the same level as murder! Wouldn't he understand if I put off reconciling with my brother or sister for a while longer?

For the answer, we have to look inside our hearts. Anger is a normal human emotion, but as with all other emotions, we should never let it control us. Just a brief look at the consequences of unchecked anger shows us how destructive it can be: domestic abuse, divorce, road rage, and yes, murder. Even hidden anger can be deadly. Concealed beneath the façade of a smile and a pleasant demeanor, it can lead to patterns of pride, jealousy, judgment, and gossip.

We can't afford to overlook the resentments we may be holding against other people. The anger we have ignored can be like a poison meant for someone else that we have swallowed ourselves. This poison of bitterness and hostility can cast a shadow over us. It can

contaminate our relationships and become the darkened lens through which we view the world. We can try to keep these feelings within us. We can dismiss them as not really threatening anyone. But sooner or later, we will have to deal with them, even if the person against whom we have these feelings has long left our lives.

Jesus is very clear about our need to reconcile with one another. He is the God of peace, and he has given us "the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18). As we let the Holy Spirit help us resolve our inner conflicts, we will find it easier to live in harmony with everyone, even those who have hurt us in the past.

So try your best to forgive. If there is an offense that is just too hard to forgive, try taking a small step toward that goal. And take another step tomorrow. Spend time with the Lord each day, and let his great gift of time slowly heal you. Jesus really can make you whole and bring us all to reconciliation!

"Come, Holy Spirit, and burn away all bitterness in the fire of your love!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Christopher Guthrie, James Lindsey, and Ava Sutton! Celebrating birthdays this weekend are British Bolles, Madden Brown, and Ashley Parisi!
- This Sunday is daylight savings time - remember to set your clocks forward.
- Today is day 4 of the advisement schedule.
- Our annual Shamrockin' the Coast fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Be sure to sell tickets! Tickets may be purchased at www.stpatrickhighschool.net/shamrockin.
- Our junior high dance and parent social is tomorrow night from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Seventh and eighth grade students are invited to attend. The cost is \$5, and dress is casual.
- Interact Club and Key Club: There will be a bridge walk tomorrow morning, for the needy. Today is the last day to sign up see in Ms. Lawson's room.
- St. James is seeking volunteers for their Fun Glow Run on March 20. Students can earn service hours helping set up and breakdown, face painting and handing out drinks. Please see Mrs. Collier in the front office if you are interested.
- Students, we are now recycling. Please put paper, plastic bottles, and cans in the recycle box in your teachers' classrooms. Also, you will find blue recycling bins by the drink machines and in the cafeteria. Again, please put paper, bottles, and cans in these bins. Teachers, during seventh period, please send a student to dump your box into the blue recycling can that will be in the lobby.
- For the 2nd year - Nativity BVM School will host the Saints Shenanigans - Sister Mary Jo Memorial Race - 1 Mile Fun Run & 5K race tomorrow. Nativity BVM School is in search of St. Patrick student volunteers for face painting and event management at the race from 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM at Biloxi City Hall. Please see Mrs. Edwards in the front office to sign up.
- The Irish Baseball team will play a district doubleheader tonight against North Forrest at 5 and 7. Come out and support the Irish baseball team!
- The spring blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, May 3. The Science Honor Society will resume its meetings on this coming Monday, March 9, after school in room 202. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Worrel. These meetings are for planning the blood drive.
- The junior high and varsity track teams will be competing at St. Stanislaus tomorrow - field events begin at 12:00.
- In eSports on Thursday, the St. Patrick eSports gold team of Landen Petersen, Robert Van Horn, and Anthony Mattina defeated Pass Christian 3-0.
- Good luck to the women's powerlifting team as they compete in the South State Championship tomorrow at West Lincoln High School.