

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, March 9, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing. (Luke 6:38)

When you put flour in a canister, only so much will fit in before it overflows. But if you fill it and then gently shake the canister, the flour settles a little bit, and then there is room for more. Eventually, though, you'll come to the point at which the flour overflows the canister and spills out onto the counter. That's a great image of how God so generously gives us his grace—to overflowing.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that the measure we use will in return be measured out to us (Luke 6:38). In other words, as we generously give to the people around us, we will receive God's overflowing generosity! Let's take a closer look at his words to see how that can play out in our lives.

Give. Jesus calls us to give to one another generously—even to people we might not like very much. When we stop judging and condemning, we are giving patience and compassion. When we forgive, we are giving mercy. When we put a priority on the needs of other people, we empty ourselves and make room for God's blessings and grace to fill us.

Gifts will be given to you. God wants us to be filled with his love and his life. So when we try to respond with mercy and compassion, it makes space for his life to come into us more deeply. God sees our efforts and loves us. It also mirrors the way our forgiveness or patience can touch the person receiving them. It just might motivate them to respond in kind to us—or to pay it forward to someone else in their lives.

Overflowing. Here's the beauty of it. We receive so much more than we give. In Luke 9:12-17, Jesus takes a few loaves and gives his followers so much more in return! When it comes to mercy and compassion, our smallest efforts are rewarded in overflowing measure—kind of like that container of flour.

So give forgiveness and understanding to someone today. Let your heavenly Father fill you with his gifts in return. And don't be surprised if it inspires you to give all the more.

"Lord, help me to empty myself by giving so that you can fill me. Let your life in me overflow!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Emily Disotell, Olivia Disotell, Liana Segarra-Ondina, and Clayton Stoddard!
- Today is day 5 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.
- Starting at 8:30 this morning we will start calling for the following club photos to be taken: Youth Legislature, National Spanish Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FCA, and Yearbook. When your club is called, please proceed to the courtyard.
- Congratulations to our softball team for their win over OLA Friday night. Brooke Farrar was our winning pitcher. Our team had no errors in the 14-0 win and everyone hit the ball very well. We will play Perry Central in a double header Tuesday with games starting at 4pm.
- Congratulations to the Girls Powerlifting Team for finishing 5th at the South State Meet. Congratulations to Annie Torp (3rd), Madison Owen (3rd), Sophia Spicuzza (3rd), and Victoria Trosclair (2nd) for qualifying for the Girls Powerlifting State Championships to be held in Jackson on April 18th.
- It is that time of year again! The junior class officers and the junior class sponsors have been preparing to have our elegant and distinguished formal junior/senior prom in early April! If you are going to be inviting a student that does not attend St. Patrick, you MUST collect a "Out of School Guest" form from Mrs. Collier or Mrs. Edwards in the front office area. Out of school guests MUST be in 10th-12th grades or can be a 2019 graduate from St. Patrick. These forms are due to Dr. Buckley NO LATER THAN March 27th! No exceptions! If you have any questions please see Mrs. Tavel in room 100.
- Just a reminder that today is the mandatory informational cheer meeting for any girls who are interested in trying out for cheer this week. The meeting will take place at 5:30 in the cafeteria and cheer tryout packets are due Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. Meyers by 3:00pm.
- Sophomores and Juniors, tomorrow report directly to your assigned classrooms. Also, make sure you have wooden pencils. ACT does not allow mechanical pencils.
- 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.

- 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.