

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.
(Matthew 20:28)*

Name a fairy tale, a novel, or a movie in which you see the king throwing open his palace doors to invite people in so that he can wait on them. Or what about a monarch who goes out into the village to cook a meal and dine with his subjects? You probably won't be able to think of very many. It's usually royalty that is lauded and the common folk who bow to serve them.

Not so with the kingdom of heaven that Jesus came to usher in. He may be the King of kings and Lord of lords, but he "did not come to be served but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). Repeatedly we see Jesus ministering to the poor, eating with sinners and tax collectors, and healing the sick. Even on the night of his betrayal, we see him washing his betrayer's feet! But the height of Jesus' service to us was when he laid down his life on the cross so that we could be reconciled to the Father. And he did it all for love—love for each one of us.

Jesus' example shows us that at its heart, service is a way we express love. When we serve instead of

demanding to be served, we give Jesus the opening to shape our hearts so that we can become more like him. We also continue his work of ushering in the kingdom of heaven on earth—because it is through our loving service that we reflect God's love to the people around us and give witness to the gospel.

You probably already serve in numerous ways. But ask yourself, "How does my service express my love for the people in my life? What do my demeanor and tone of voice toward them reveal about the way I view Jesus' call to serve? Is there a way I can show more compassion or be more consistent?" There's always room for improvement! There's always room to increase your view of service as a privilege and not a burden.

Do you want to become more like Christ? Then let him shape you into a servant after his own heart, always eager to serve as he did.

"Lord, how can I love your people today through service?"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Lauren Croal and Mary Ellen Edwards!
- Today is day 7 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.
- The junior class officers and the junior class sponsors have been preparing to have our elegant and distinguished formal junior/senior prom on April 4! If you are going to be inviting a student that does not attend St. Patrick, you must collect an "Out of School Guest" form from Mrs. Collier or Mrs. Edwards in the front office area or from the "Campus Life" page of the website. Out of school guests must be in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grades, or they may be a 2019 graduate from St. Patrick. These forms are due to Dr. Buckley for approval no later than March 27. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Tavel in room 100.
- 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.
- The spring blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, May 3. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Worrel.
- Our Fighting Irish softball team showed some mental toughness last night losing the first game in the double header with Perry Central, but coming back strong in the second game to win 13-1. Brooke Farrar was our winning pitcher and Chandler Wheeler hit an inside the park homerun in the win. Caroline Dellenger also hit a triple to score 3 runs. Our team will travel Thursday to Pass Christian and will play at home Friday against Lumberton. Both games are at 6pm.
- All mock trial team members please meet in the foyer today at 3:05 today for a quick photo.