

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

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### **Today's Prayer and Reflection:**

*For God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)*

Why did Jesus exhort the rich young man to sell his possessions and give the money to the poor? Was Jesus encouraging him to earn heaven by being more charitable? Or was he asking the man to root out self-reliance? Following laws doesn't get you into the kingdom of God; radical trust and faith in Jesus do.

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God" (Matthew 19:24). This was a hard saying for the disciples to grasp. Wealth was considered by many to be a sign of God's favor, and that means that the rich young man must have been blessed by God. So if this fellow, who clearly enjoyed God's blessing, could not enter the kingdom, who could?

Tradition tells us that the "eye of a needle" was a very small gate into the city of Jerusalem. In order for camels to make it through that gate, they had to lower themselves to their knees and crawl through. They also had to rid themselves of any excess baggage that got in their way. Jesus was asking the man to give up his material attachments, just as the camel needed to let go of its excess baggage. He was asking the man to trust in God for entrance into the kingdom of heaven, not in the blessings of his wealth.

Let's take a lesson from the camel! If we want to enter eternal life, we need to lower ourselves to our knees in prayer and humility. We need to acknowledge the sovereignty of Christ and the power of his salvation—a salvation that only comes through faith and baptism. Only Jesus can redeem us and bring us into his holiness.

So let's get rid of whatever extra sinful baggage is hindering our spiritual growth. Let's commit our lives to Jesus anew every morning, confessing our need for him and letting go of any sense of self-sufficiency that still clings to us. Let's strive for the perfection that comes only by faith in Jesus so that we, too, can know his power to save and sanctify.

*"Jesus, you are my only hope. I commit myself to you as Lord and Savior. Help me to become the person you want me to be."*

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### **Today's Announcements:**

- Student drivers, remember that when arriving on campus, you should come into the courtyard or cafeteria. Students should not be waiting in their vehicles before school.
- The Science Club and Science Honor Society will have a sign up meeting on Tuesday, August 23, in room 202. Students interested in running for office in grades 10-12 for Science Honor Society should sign up with Mrs. Worrel

or Mrs. Lawson by Friday, August 19. Nominations will close that day and the elections will take place at the meeting on August 23.

- The first Drama Guild meeting of the year will be Thursday after school at 3:05 in the auditorium. All students grades 7-12 are welcome. Are you interested in acting, singing, dancing, working backstage? Do you want to learn to work lights or sound, or do you want to build and paint sets? Come to the meeting to find out what's happening in drama this year and let us know you are interested!
- All students interested in becoming a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society are invited to attend a 20 minute meeting on Wednesday, August 17, in room 100. In order to be accepted as a member, students must have a minimum 3.0 math GPA for the previous four semesters of their math curriculum. This honor society is for students in tenth through twelfth grades. If there are any questions, please see Mrs. Tavel.
- Ms. Janie Sema is now the Youth and Family Director at St. Alphonsus in Ocean Springs. There will be a Youth Adoration Hour at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of each month in the church at St. Alphonsus starting this Thursday August 18. Please come join us!
- Come out and support the Lady Irish Volleyball Team at their first home game tonight against Bay High. The JV team plays at 5:30 and the varsity after.
- Seniors, if you are running for a National Honor Society office, you must see Ms. Wilkinson today!
- Students, we are all aware of the floods affecting Louisiana. We have someone going to bring supplies next week. If you are interested in donating any of the the following items, you can bring them to your religion teacher: toiletries, paper towels, cleaning products, plastic gloves, and bottled water.