

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, September 1, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

At your command I will lower the nets. (Luke 5:5)

When Mother Teresa of Calcutta heard God's call to start a new religious order to serve the poorest of the poor, she was already a fully professed member of the Sisters of Loreto. She brought the proposal to her religious superiors, who thought it sounded outlandish. They asked her to wait, to write the merits of her plan, and to weigh its chances of success. Mother Teresa faithfully did all these things, but as far as she was concerned, the "wisdom" of her plan was simply that God had told her to do it.

On a more mundane level, the fishing advice of Jesus, a carpenter, must have sounded foolish to Simon, a seasoned fisherman. The conditions were far from ideal, and the men were tired. But Simon, like Mother Teresa, listened—and the rest is history. His incredible catch of fish did not happen because of good bait. It wasn't the temperature of the water or the skill of the fishermen. His success depended simply on doing what Jesus said.

What about you? Neighbors may wonder why you get up early Sunday morning to go to Mass instead of sleeping in. Co-workers may be perplexed at how you hold your tongue instead of gossiping about someone who has wronged you. But you are doing these things because you know it's what Jesus would want.

You may not be called to start a new religious order like Mother Teresa, but every day you make choices. Each one is an opportunity to trust in God, to ask him what he thinks. Each yes you say to the Lord opens a door for him to work in your life and the lives of those around you.

That's the best thing about following Jesus. We offer him our yes, small though it may be, and he responds with a far greater yes to us. He fills us with his love. He empowers us to make a difference in our homes and with our friends.

May we all trust him enough to "lower our nets."

"Jesus, I trust in your faithfulness and love!"

Today's Announcements:

- Homecoming shirts are on sale now for \$15. Purchase your shirt by tomorrow either online or at the front office. Shirts must be purchased by tomorrow in order to receive by next Friday.
- Homecoming dance tickets are on sale for \$20 each. You can purchase these either online or at the front office. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25.

- Irish idol sign ups are outside room 200 or 214. The mandatory rehearsal is on Tuesday afternoon in the auditorium. We need your talent!
- Students (grades 9-12) who are attending the Homecoming Dance and want to request an out-of-school date must have the out-of-school guest form submitted to Mr. Buckley for approval by this Friday, September 2. Forms may be picked up from Ms. Dapremont or downloaded from the "Student Life" section of the school website.
- At the St. Stanislaus Invitational, the Lady Irish Cross Country Team came in first place with Isabel Leatherman as the overall individual champion. She was followed by Jordan Pete in second place; Anna Clare Colson, third place; Gabriela Patino, fourth place; and Amelie Million, seventh place. Julia Hancock and Beyla Bleichner rounded out the finishers.

The Varsity Boys team came in fourth place and were led by Cade Meyers finishing in first place as the individual champion and Austin Dossett's ninth place finish. Griffen Broussard, Dylan Middleton, Jack McKee, and Spencer Wingfield rounded out the Irish finishers.

The next cross country meet is this Saturday at Gulfport.

- There will be a Student's for Life interest meeting tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. in Ms. Cloud's room. Dues are \$5 and due at the meeting. Remember that only paid members are able to attend March for Life and run for office. If you would like to run for office, sign-up on the sheet on Ms. Cloud's door before Friday's meeting.
- The following students need to see Ms. Dapremont sometime today: Jacob Salminen, Emily Broussard, Laura Silva, Christian Baca, and Ryan Hymel.
- St. Stanislaus and OLA prevailed at the swim meet yesterday. We had some great swims by everyone and the relay teams continue to look very strong. Our next competition is at Ocean Springs on September 14. Go Irish!