

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Luke 15:7)

All three of today's stories—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son—have two central themes. The first theme focuses on God's desire that all of his children who are lost will be found and come home to him. The second theme focuses on our own calling to go out in search of the lost and bring them home.

These three parables all speak of the great joy that God has whenever a "lost sheep" returns to him. Of course, our Father treasures all of us who are faithful and loyal to him. He loves us more deeply than the most devoted father loves his children. But God rejoices even more when a brother or sister who has been in danger is rescued and brought home safe and sound. The danger is past, and another child has been redeemed!

These parables also tell us about the lengths to which God is willing to go in order to rescue us. Jesus said that a shepherd would be willing to risk ninety-nine sheep just to retrieve one sheep that had wandered away. He would be willing to brave the wolves and the hazards of the wilderness—and leave the other sheep unprotected—just to save the one. That's how important lost souls are to him. They are worth all the risk.

Similarly, the woman who lost her coin dropped everything to search her whole house. She left nothing unturned until she found that missing coin. And finally, the father of the prodigal son kept vigil, waiting for his son to come home. He left the running of his estate to others while he stood and watched for his son's return.

Evangelization brings great joy to our Father. In fact, it is sometimes better to neglect some areas of our lives when we find an opportunity to help someone come back to the Lord. There is nothing greater than seeing all heaven rejoice when we do!

"Father, give me the courage to join you in seeking out the lost!"

Today's Announcements:

- This week is the last week to sign up for FCA. Members should pay dues and vote for officers with Coach Dellenger in room 108 before or after school.
- There is a sailor/parent meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Gulfport Yacht Club for anyone interested in being part of the sailing team. Everyone is welcome - no experience needed. For questions, please see Mallory Edwards.
- Senior baby pictures and quotes for the yearbook are due by this Friday, September 16, to Mrs. Farragut in room 214.

- There will be an Interact Club meeting Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The officers meeting will immediately follow the regular meeting.
- Ms. Wilkinson needs to see the students who are attending the Gulf Coast Leadership Conference tomorrow immediately after announcements.
- The French club will be meeting in Ms. Alexander's room (room 206) directly after school tomorrow. We will elect officers at this meeting. Anyone who wishes to run for office or vote must attend and must bring \$5 for dues.