

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Luke is the only one with me. (2 Timothy 4:11)*

There are so many things that could be said about St. Luke. He was a loyal companion and fellow worker with St. Paul to the end of his life. Between his Gospel and the Book of Acts, he contributed more to the New Testament than any other writer. He was an educated man and a dedicated evangelist who traveled hundreds of miles to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. There are so many good things to say about Luke, but let's focus on one of his most endearing—and least mentioned—characteristics today: his love for God's complete and unconditional mercy.

Luke's parables and stories, even the ones that don't appear in other Gospels, paint vivid portraits of God's patience with sinners. Some of them startle us as we see God reaching out to marginalized people and welcoming them into his kingdom. Here are a few examples:

The parable of the Good Samaritan shows us an enemy of the Jews demonstrating mercy (Luke 10:30-37). Then in Luke 17, ten lepers are healed, but it's the Samaritan who returns to thank Jesus. God isn't concerned with labels; he just loves to see an open heart.

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector presents another surprise—someone as obnoxious as a tax collector can be justified (Luke 18:9-14). And then there's Zacchaeus, the repentant tax collector, who receives a dinner invitation with Jesus in chapter 19.

The parable of the prodigal son again provokes us with our heavenly Father's forgiveness of even those most "unworthy" (Luke 15:11-32). And in chapter 7, a sinful woman anoints Jesus' feet while a Pharisee looks on in judgment and disbelief.

God is eager to extend his mercy to anyone. Luke wanted to get this point across to every person he reached. So when you pray today, let that truth sink into your heart. Let Luke convince you of the mercy God has showered on you and on everyone else. Let him assure you that there's no sin God won't forgive. And let that assurance help you when it comes time to show compassion to the people around you.

*"Lord, I believe that your mercy is for everyone. St. Luke, pray that I can be an instrument of God's mercy, just as you were."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- If you have any Irish raffle tickets and money with you, please turn it into Ms Dapremont in the office. Keep selling your tickets! All students who sell ten tickets will receive a free dress day and ice cream party on Tuesday, October 25.

- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Nativity Halloween Carnival this past Saturday. There are two carnivals/fall festivals this coming weekend: Our Lady of Fatima and St. Vincent de Paul.
- St. Vincent de Paul School is seeking volunteers on Oct. 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 to assist with their fall festival. Any students who are interested in helping for service hours, please see Ms. Dapremont for more information.
- AP exam fees are due by this Friday, October 21.
- Seniors, Mrs. Farragut has extended the deadline for senior sibling pictures to Wednesday. If you do not get a picture to Mrs. Farragut by Wednesday, you will not be included in the yearbook for this page! Also, senior yearbook ad forms, money, and pictures are due this Friday.
- Soccer tryouts are today at 3:00 p.m.
- There will be a ten minute mandatory junior class meeting today right after school in the auditorium.
- All students who are taking the the PSAT tomorrow, you will report to your first period class and wait to be called to the cafeteria. Make sure you have an approved calculator and two #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils).
- Students who are interested in trying out for the quiz bowl team team need to pick up an application from Ms. Ladner in the Library. The deadline is Friday, October 21.
- Students who are auditioning for the fall production need to be at the auditorium at least ten minutes before their scheduled time. Students who are scheduled after 4:00 p.m. need to be there at 3:45 p.m.
- We had a great South State meet on Saturday. Sam Hewes is a South State Champion in 100 Freestyle, Christian McKee in 200 IM, Jeanne Torp in 100 Back and Laurie Pisciotta is South State Champion in both 50 free and 100 Breaststroke. Both boys and girls teams finished in third behind SSC/OLA and St. Andrews. Congratulations to all swimmers.
- Volunteers are needed for the Walter Anderson Festival on November 5 and 6 in Ocean Springs. See Ms. Dapremont for more information and forms to sign up.