

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do. (Luke 17:10)*

Imagine that you're in the military, and you are assigned to guard a top-secret government facility. You need to be alert, ready to defend your post at all costs, even at the cost of your life. Now imagine that while you are on duty, the facility is attacked. You repel the attackers, but you are shot in the battle. You survive, and you are awarded a medal for your bravery in a grand ceremony.

Rather than reveling in the accolades and seeking more attention, most soldiers in this situation would simply say, "I was just doing my duty," and then move on to their next assignment.

Like those loyal soldiers, we are called to serve the Lord and not expect anything in return. We are called simply to fulfill our duty with loyalty, love, and honor.

As heroic examples of this calling, we can think of people like Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and countless other saints and martyrs. Each in his or her own way served the Lord without expecting any reward. They loved people. They cared for the poor and marginalized. They preached the gospel. They dedicated all their time and energy to the Lord. And they did it all simply because this is what a follower of Christ does. They never considered themselves off duty.

Why would people commit themselves to such a demanding life? Because of Jesus! Just as a soldier is committed to his or her calling out of love of country and out of gratitude for the motherland, so these heroes committed themselves to the Lord because of all he had done for them. As St. Paul once wrote, "The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all . . . so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

You too are a soldier of the Lord. Redeemed by his blood and indwelt by his Spirit, you are a new creation. How will you serve your Master today?

*"Lord, thank you for filling me with your love! Lord, I want to serve you with my whole life!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- We are very excited to welcome the future Fighting Irish on campus today - we are looking forward to meeting all the sixth grade students from our partner elementary schools.
- The weight room will be open after school Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00 until 4:00 for all football players who are not currently participating in winter sports.

- St. Patrick will hold an ACT Workshop the weekend of November 12 and 13. If you're interested in attending any of the three sections (math, science, and/or English), see Mrs. Tavel in room 100.
- National Honor Society, please pay your dues as soon as possible and bring your canned food.
- National Junior Honor Society members, don't forget to bring canned food items to Mrs. Gollott's classroom by tomorrow. Refer to your group messages or the agenda handout from last week's meeting for information on what you need to bring.
- FCA members should stop by Coach Dellenger's room to pick up the Disciple Cross order form sheet. FCA members should sell three or more.
- All science Olympiad members need to come by Ms. Moon's room today after school to pick up their World's Finest Chocolate.
- Coach Hewes is very proud of both of the Jr. High Boys Basketball Teams for their style of play in last night's regular season opener. The eighth grade battled hard against a very athletic team, but fell short of a win. The seventh grade brought home a solid victory with a great team win. Keep up the hustle and intensity boys. We'll have a good year.
- There is a Science honor Society/Science Club meeting today after school room 202.
- Students going on the Robotics Disney trip have a meeting tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. in room 202.