

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, November 16, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Praise him. (Psalm 150:1)*

Have you ever been to an outstanding fireworks display? The first several minutes are exciting, but everyone is waiting to be wowed by the finale. Today's psalm is the last chapter in the Book of Psalms, and in its own way, it is a grand finale. Throughout this book, the Bible's prayer book, we read descriptions of God and his relationship with his people. The psalms tell of his might, his faithfulness, and his mercy. And many of them urge us to praise the Lord in response. But as a final call to worship, this psalm tells us where, why, and how to praise the Lord, as well as who should be doing the praising.

Where are we to praise God? In his sanctuary. For the psalmist, this would have meant the Temple, but for us, it is much broader. His sanctuary is in our churches, of course, but it is also in our homes and in the innermost part of our souls.

Why praise God? Because of his majesty and his mighty deeds. Over and over, he demonstrated his power and mercy to the Israelites. Likewise, he has revealed himself to us as a mighty Savior, healer, and restorer.

How should we praise? With music, singing, and even dancing. Our praise should involve our whole body. It should fill the atmosphere!

Finally, who should praise God? That's simple. Everyone who can breathe is called to praise the Lord!

This "who" includes you. So why not respond to the call right now? Wherever you are, turn to the Lord in the "sanctuary" of your heart. Call to mind all that he has done for you: how he has blessed you, loved you, guarded you, redeemed you, healed you, and transformed you. Next, find a way to praise him for all of this. If you are somewhere private, sing a familiar hymn. If you can't sing out loud, sing in your heart, or offer a quiet prayer of thankfulness. Or maybe you can express your praise by telling a friend about how good God has been to you.

Whether through singing or talking or even thinking your praise to the Lord, you can fill your environment with the beauty of prayer. So hold onto this call to praise all day long. Remember, you belong to the Lord, and "Alleluia" is your song!

*"Lord, I praise you!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Seniors, Friday, November 18, will be your college t-shirt day. Seniors may wear jeans and a college t-shirt next Friday, and we will take a picture for the yearbook!
- The Scholastic Book Fair is taking place in the library all this week. It will be open from 7:45 until 3:30 each day.

- Christmas shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are due to your religious studies teacher by tomorrow.
- All cross country athletes need to return bags and uniforms to Ms. Alexander's room.
- Girls cross country athletes need to pick up ring sizing forms from Mrs. Dapremont by the end of the day.
- Good luck to the junior high basketball teams as they travel to Pass Christian to battle the Pirates today.
- We would like to congratulate the girls varsity basketball team on their victory last night against Sacred Heart. We won 50 to 13. Players of the game were Cassie Swetman, Lillie Guida, Cara Pisciotta, and Lindsey Hoye. Congratulations girls!
- Students for Life meeting for all members this Friday morning at 7:45 in Ms. Cloud's room. If you are going to March for Life and cannot attend the meeting, please see Ms. Cloud this week.
- We are excited to have our eighth graders attend the Pathways2Possibilities trip today. Eighth grade teachers, please make sure that your students have blazers and ties on today. Students, you will not be able to have your phones with you on the trip.