

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, November 29, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. (Isaiah 11:1)*

Picture a tree stump. It's graying, dry, maybe even crumbling away. It seems impossible that a shoot—or any sign of life—could sprout from something so barren. But if you think about it, this kind of image lies at the heart of many of our favorite biblical stories.

For instance, you might think of the act of creation as the original sprouting stump. Out of a formless, shapeless chasm sprang an entire universe! Though they were elderly, Abraham and Sarah produced a bud that would eventually bloom into a whole nation. Mary wasn't exactly lifeless, but new life came from her in an unexpected way. And then there's Jesus. Think of how his life and ministry were cut down on the cross, only to shoot up from the grave three days later!

This image of life miraculously springing up from old stumps is deeply embedded in our faith. It has also taken root in you.

Take a few seconds to wander through the garden of your heart. Do you see any stumps poking out? We all have them. Maybe it's a wounded relationship with a family member or lingering guilt over a sin you have already confessed. It could be anxiety over the future or a nagging feeling in the back of your mind that tells you God is displeased with you. Whatever it is, know that God can bring new life out of any situation, even something that seems as dead as an old tree stump. He can help you become more loving, more patient, and more compassionate.

Don't let these stumps intimidate you. Any time you stumble upon one, or stumble over one, pray, "Father, I believe that you can bring new life here." Statements of faith like this can go a long way in helping you experience God's touch. They can remind you that the Lord is good and patient and loving. They can help you to keep moving forward with the Lord and not get stuck in worry or guilt.

There is so much more to your life than stumps! God has planted a forest full of seeds in you. Take a look around, and see how many of them are bearing wonderful fruit.

*"Here I am, Lord. Let every part of me teem with your life and joy."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Tickets for the fall drama production of *Just in the Nick of Time* are now on sale. Tickets may be purchased online or from any cast or crew member.
- Science Honor Society meeting today in room 202. We will discuss the blood drive detail. Please be there.
- FCA Disciple Cross orders need to be turned in by December 6 to Coach Dellenger in room 108.

- Any senior young man interested in the Knights of Columbus please go to the school chapel at 3:00 today along with Samuel Hewes, Tony Zbysinski, Evan Smith, J.R. Riojas, and Luke Seicshnaydre. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Creel.
- Student Council would like to invite you to bring Christmas joy to children on the Gulf Coast by choosing a Salvation Army Angel from their Angel Tree and the gifts must be returned to room 200 by Friday, December 9. There are twenty angels from which to choose, and it is very encouraged to partner up with other students to adopt an angel. Not only can you receive service hours, but you can bring a smile to a child's face on Christmas morning!
- Student Council is also sponsoring the Salvation Army Red Kettle project. During lunch, please donate your change to the cheerful bellringer; these funds will go towards making Christmas brighter for families across the Gulf Coast. If you are interested in ringing the bell during lunch, please see Windfield Swetman. The last day of the Red Kettle is December 9.
- All Mu Alpha Theta members must visit the roster posted on Mrs. Tavel's door, and initial next to your name. If your name is not on the list and you believe you are a member see Mrs. Tavel. Please do so by Friday December 2.
- Coach Hewes would like to compliment the seventh and eighth grade boys basketball teams on two hard fought games last night the seventh grade lost a double overtime heart breaker, but displayed qualities that cannot be taught or coached - heart and toughness. Srdrick Taylor got a steal and a layup to send the game into the first overtime, and Briggs Menendez hit a clutch free throw to send the game into a second overtime. Kaleb Chatman led all scorers. The eighth grade team will continue to work hard and improve each game. Chris Warren and Justin Holder had a good game for the Irish. Please come support the junior high teams at our next home game on Monday.
- Today's soccer game against St. Stanislaus has been cancelled.
- Quiz Bowl practice will be held before or after school on Wednesday.