

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, November 30, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*They left their boat and their father and followed him. (Matthew 4:22)*

Face-to-face communication is becoming less common, isn't it? We can spend a whole day e-mailing, texting, and talking on the phone. Social networks like Facebook and Twitter keep us in touch without ever touching. Even online shopping can keep us away from merchants who may be just around the corner.

All of this technology certainly does make life more convenient. But what if Andrew and Simon Peter had met Jesus only online instead of face-to-face? Do you think they would have been as deeply affected as they are in today's Gospel reading?

Actually, this is not the first time they've seen him. John the Baptist had introduced Andrew to Jesus earlier, and Andrew spent the entire day with him. Andrew in turn introduced Simon to him. Both brothers' lives were changed because they spent time with Jesus.

As we celebrate St. Andrew today, let's remember that this kind of direct encounter is at the heart of evangelization. In an Advent speech three years ago, Pope Francis said, "The most important thing that can happen to a person is to encounter Jesus, who loves us, who has saved us, who gave his life for us." We can't simply hope that the people around us will absorb enough information about Christ to become his disciples. We need to introduce them to Jesus, just as Andrew introduced Peter to him.

Bringing someone to Christ doesn't have to be hard. Of course we should pray for people and tell them about God's love. But sometimes we make more progress with simple expressions of love that are reflections of the Lord. Listening can be just as effective as prayer. A warm embrace can speak more powerfully than a lecture on sin. An invitation to lunch can have a greater impact than a logical presentation of the truths of the gospel.

Kindness, generosity, compassion—these are the keys that unlock the treasures of the gospel!

*"Lord, send me to someone who needs to encounter you today."*

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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.
- The Knights of Columbus would like to thank and congratulate the approximate 100 participants who participated in the St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge held yesterday.

The following students will be moving on to the Regional, State and National Competition: Avery Culbertson, Dixie

Graham, Hannah Williams, Sophie Frommeyer, Philip Hage, Matthew Ladner, Cameron Musial, Chase Vivian, Tyler Musial, and Joshua Wood.

Last year we had several of our participants who won State. Hopefully you can carry on the tradition. Of special note, the Knights of Columbus asked me to point out to you the girls' team rocks based on their overall individual scores!

- FCA Disciple Cross orders need to be turned in by December 6 to Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- 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.
- We would like to congratulate the girls eighth grade basketball team on their victory Monday night against Woolmarket. We won 32-17. Players of the game were Kelsey Descher, Emily Nolte, Lexi Lee, and Chandler Wheeler. Congratulations Girls!
- Tonight the junior high girls and junior high boys soccer play at home. The girls play at 5:00 p.m. and the boys play at 6:00 p.m. Also the junior varsity boys and girls soccer teams play tonight at Herbert Wilson field at Gulfport.
- March for Life permission forms and final balances are due this Friday to Mrs. Cloud. If you need a form or have any questions about your balance, please see Ms. Cloud.