

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Mark 1:17)

Fishing seems relatively easy, doesn't it? You throw a line into the water and hope a fish will bite the hook. But that simple notion undermines the skill necessary to be a true fisherman. When people pay thousands of dollars to enter national fishing contests, they aren't depending on simple luck. They're counting on the skills they have learned over a long period of time.

Similarly, when Jesus told Simon and Andrew and the others, "I will make you fishers of men," he meant that he wanted to teach them the art of evangelization (Mark 1:17). And that's what he wants to do with us as well. He wants to teach us how to reach people with the good news.

If you want to be a fisherman for Christ, you first have to know your "fish." You have to know that many of them have a hard time seeing the beauty of the gospel because they are distracted by so many other things. You have to know that sin may have hardened the hearts of some. But you also have to know that God's grace can penetrate the veil over any person's heart—as long as you, the fisherman, remain humble and open to his grace.

So here are three suggestions that will help make you into a vessel of grace: First, ask God to give you a desire to share his good news. Second, find the courage to ask people, even strangers, "Can I pray with you about anything?" You'd be surprised at how many people are open to a quiet, nonthreatening invitation. Third, invite people to join you at Mass. Offer to come and get them if they can't make it on their own. Take them out to breakfast afterward. Become a friend, and your love for Christ will rub off on them.

Three simple steps. Three simple ways to let the grace of the Holy Spirit work through you. So it isn't too hard to be a fisherman after all!

"Lord Jesus, make me a vessel of your grace."

Today's Announcements:

- There will be a junior high Science Olympiad meeting Friday morning at 7:45 in room 215.
- There will be an Art Club meeting at 3:05 this afternoon in room 101.
- Congratulations to the boys basketball team for their 86 to 33 victory last night over Friendship Christian. It was a great team effort. The team will travel to Perry Central Friday night.
- Seniors can still order graduation invitations and accessories. You can pick up Herff Jones ordering packets in the front office, or you may still order online at www.gradsouth.com.

- Any varsity or junior high student who signed up for track and has not participated in a sport this school year, please make sure you have a physical form before next week's track practice.
- We are continuing selling t-shirts to benefit the Farragut family for their daughter Ariana until this Friday. Also, representatives from the Good Fight Foundation will be on campus during lunches today to register students and teachers for the "Run for Ari 5k" to take place Saturday, February 4.
- Seniors, please remember to bring your signed and notarized retreat permission slips that were mailed to your parents. You may turn in senior letters to Ms. Dapremont. The deadline for accepting these are this Friday, January 27. All seniors will need to be at school next Wednesday by 7:45 a.m. The bus has to depart on time in order to make the steamboat boarding times. If you have questions please see your religious studies teacher or Mr. Creel.
- All drama guild members will meet Thursday after school to finalize parts and draw up schedules. Meet in room 204.