

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Jonah made ready to flee . . . away from the Lord.  
(Jonah 1:3)*

Have you ever been in a store or a crowded park and seen a small child making a beeline away from his parents? More often than not, the parents are right behind, following that child just as stubbornly as he is running away! This is essentially what is happening in this passage as Jonah makes a beeline away from God and his calling.

The Book of Jonah is a classic example of how stubbornly God sticks by us. He never stops chasing after us, no matter how far from him we wander. Consider Jonah's defiance: he boarded a ship headed in the opposite direction that God wanted him to go. But that didn't bother God. He just found a way to set him back on course.

It would be so much easier for us, as well as for God, if we didn't run away so much. It would be so much easier if we didn't see God as our enemy, but as our protection against our enemies.

God is infinitely creative in the ways he chases after us and provides for us. In Jonah's case, he used a deadly storm and a huge fish to convince him to turn around and take up the call to prophesy. In our case, God will sometimes use "storms" to shake us up and help us see that we have been running in the wrong direction. But how much easier it would be if we were just to stop running and let him "catch" us, like the parent of a fleeing child! Not only would it help him bring us to a place of safety and peace, but it would also help us see that his will is always our best choice.

If you feel as if you're fleeing from God today, stop and remember good old Jonah and his misadventures. Let God catch you and bring you into his protection. If you're not running away, rejoice that God is keeping you safe. Offer a prayer for someone else you know who is running. May the Lord catch them!

*"Lord, thank you that you don't give up on me, even when I'm running away. Draw me today into your loving protection."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Robert Clisby and Madison Moak today!
- Today begins the second quarter for the 2017-2018 school year. Teachers will finalize first quarter grades this week, and first quarter report cards will be sent home on Friday.
- Students who are taking the PSAT tomorrow should report directly to the cafeteria tomorrow morning. Please be in the hallway by the cafeteria by 8:00 a.m. The test will begin promptly at 8:15. Please bring two #2 pencils and a calculator with you for the exam.

- Students, if you have a cafeteria balance, please take care of paying that. You may pay your balance to Mrs. Seymour in the cafeteria or Mrs. Collier at the front desk.
- There will be a National Science Honor Society meeting today immediately after school in Ms. Lawson's room. Applications need to be turned in at the meeting today. You must bring in your application in order to vote for officers today.
- Students who are interested in trying out for Quiz Bowl may pick up an application from Ms. Ladner in the library this week. The deadline for applications be returned is Friday, October 13. Tryouts will be held October 16.
- The cross country team competed well at the Watson Ford Invitational this weekend in Jackson with many individual awards and personal best times! In the varsity girls' race, Jordan Pete placed third and Isabel Leatherman placed twelfth from a field of over 100 runners. In the varsity boys' race, Cade Meyers placed twelfth in an equally competitive field, and in the junior high boys' race, Jameson Thriffiley placed fifteenth. Congratulations to all the cross country athletes who competed in Jackson this weekend!
- There will be a FCA chapter meeting tomorrow morning in the auditorium at 7:50 a.m.
- The month of October is Respect Life Month and the theme for this year is "Be Not Afraid." In his 2017 Respect Life statement Cardinal Timothy Dolan reminds us, "There are times we may doubt the value of our own lives or falter at the thought of welcoming and embracing the life of another. But reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we can see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is the God of redemption." Students for Life officers will be passing around blue ribbons for students to wear this week as a reminder to respect others and themselves.