

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, November 30, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.  
(Matthew 4:19)*

Good fishermen know that different types of fish like different types of bait. Some are attracted to bright colors, while others are drawn to a particular smell.

We see something similar in our call to be fishers of men. God has selected a diverse assortment of men and women. Their particular gifts give each of his followers their own particular appeal to different audiences. God uses each one differently. For instance, St. Andrew, whose feast we celebrate today, used his friendliness and his family connection to bring his brother, Simon, to Jesus (John 1:42).

God values our uniqueness; he can use all of us. He deliberately created us with distinct talents and personalities. He even helps us learn from our mistakes so that we can use our full life experience—successes and failures—to build his Church. By simply following Jesus—gifts, warts and all—we can attract people who appreciate our unique perspective. Like Andrew, we can lead them to Jesus.

While Andrew was not as well-known as his brother, Peter, he played an important role in the early Church. A simple fisherman, Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. His heart must have yearned to be close to God. Andrew began following Jesus after John identified Jesus as the “Lamb of God” (John 1:36). It seems that Andrew was approachable and easy to talk to. In the middle of a huge crowd, he somehow knew the boy whose bread and fish became the supply for one of Jesus’ miracles (6:8-9). When Philip wanted Jesus to speak to some Greek Jews, he first consulted Andrew (12:20-22). And tradition tells us that after the resurrection, Andrew traveled to modern-day Greece and Turkey, making friends and sharing the gospel. Andrew’s humble ability to connect with people blessed the Church right up to the day he died a martyr’s death.

Rejoice that God has given you a unique mission—one that only you can fill. Your life may not be recorded in Scripture, but like Andrew, you can have a ripple effect beyond what you see.

*“Help me, Lord, to answer your call.”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Alex Moore today!
- Tickets are now available for our Fall Production, “Murder's in the Heir.” This is a dinner theater, so you need to purchase tickets in advance. See any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan in room 204.
- Campus Ministry, chess club, and drama guild will take yearbook photos after mass today.

- Any students interested in attending this weekend's ACT workshop, please see Ms. Tavel or Mrs. Trahan for more information. The workshop will cover topics for the math section and the English section for the ACT test.
- There will be a photography club meeting today after school until 3:30 in room 105. Please email or bring at least one photograph that you think showcases your perspective to the meeting. You can email photos to Mr. Hewes, and you can access his email address from the St. Patrick website. Also, please come with your St. Patrick email address. See Elizabeth Van Horn or Mr. Hewes for more information.
- If you are interested in playing for the boy's golf team in the spring, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted on Mr. Hewes' door - room 105. Please pay attention for future announcements about a meeting for prospective players as well as upcoming try outs.
- Seniors, who's who ballots have been sent to your school email. Please vote this week. See Mrs. Collier if you need your password reset. Also, midterm exemptions will be sent to your school email account on December 13, so be sure to get access to your email account if you don't have it already.
- There will be an FCA Chapter meeting next Tuesday, December 5, at 7:45 a.m. in the auditorium.



