

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Go to the lost sheep. (Matthew 10:6)

In first-century Israel, shepherds and sheep were inseparable. When it was time for a flock to move, the shepherd called out to them. The animals heard his familiar voice and followed him. A lost sheep was essentially helpless without the voice of the shepherd to guide it.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells his disciples that people in neighboring towns and villages are "lost sheep" (Matthew 10:6). Of course, outwardly, the people are not helpless. They are just regular folks, trying their best to follow God's commandments and make a living. But Jesus sees the unmet needs of their hearts. He wants a relationship with them, and he wants them to know his voice. So he sends his disciples out to them.

Today, as he did two thousand years ago, Jesus calls to his lost sheep through us, his disciples. He puts us in the path of people who are troubled, hurt, and in need of kindness.

Our reassuring presence and compassionate voices can build up trust with these "sheep." We can begin to speak to them with the confident voice of Christ, and we can help lead them to him, the Shepherd of their souls.

As you prepare for Christmas, try to think about people in your life who need to hear the tender voice of the Good Shepherd. Is there something you can do to be an echo of that "voice" and draw them toward the Lord? Try to resist the urge to criticize or use sharp words. Instead, always try to say something uplifting or understanding. Try to imitate the loving, engaging way you can imagine God using to speak with you, and you'll make a difference.

Jesus is sending you out to his sheep. Let his merciful voice be what others hear.

"Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. Help me to reach out to your lost sheep so that they can share the abundant life that you have given me."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Mrs. Collier today!
- ★ Student Council will be ringing the Red Kettle bell during lunches all week. Please contribute any change to this worthy cause.
- ★ All robotics members should see Mrs. Worrel during the day today concerning the FTC tournament.
- ★ FCA Members need to have their toy turned in by this Thursday to Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- ★ Attention soccer players, if you ordered warm ups or soccer apparel, it is in Mrs. Williams' room. Please stop by sometime today to pick it up.

