

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, January 26, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. (Mark 4:27)*

Imagine how patient and trusting a farmer has to be. He prepares his field and plants his seeds. Day after day, he watches, even though nothing seems to happen. But one morning is different: the field has a faint green haze. The seeds have sprouted, and the crop is growing.

It's not a bad image for what bishops and parish priests do. To the best of their abilities, they plant good seeds and trust God to take care of the rest. We see this principle in action in our readings as we celebrate Sts. Timothy and Titus today.

First, we see it in the way Paul related to both of these men. They were his coworkers and spiritual sons. They traveled with him, and he sent them to lead newly established churches. Paul knew that Timothy might face challenges like idolatry and false doctrine in Ephesus. He knew that Titus might confront pastoral difficulties in Crete. But he also knew that he had sown the "good seed" of the gospel in the churches, and so he was confident that God would help

them meet any challenge they faced. So he entrusted them with responsibility and went on with his mission.

Next, we see how Timothy and Titus took Paul's advice on how to care for their churches. Over and over, Paul reminded them to do what he had done: plant good seed. Be clear on the gospel message and present it to their people as simply as possible. The fact that the churches in Ephesus and Crete continued to grow in spite of threats and difficulties attests to these men's success.

We may not be pastors, but we have siblings, parents, or friends or spiritual charges that we care about. We love them and want to see their relationship with God grow and blossom. We can learn from the example of the farmer in today's parable—and from Paul and Timothy and Titus. Plant good seeds and trust God. It can be as simple as taking going to the Stations of the Cross during Lent or talking about the homily on your way home from Mass. Whatever you do, trust that God will help your whole family to grow and bear fruit.

*"Lord, thank you for helping us grow in faith!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Madison Owen, Isabel Leatherman, and Olivia Leatherman will celebrate their birthdays this weekend. Happy Birthday!
- ★ Track practice will start next week with the varsity on Wednesday and junior high on Thursday. Coach Dellenger will have sprinters and field events, Coach Tim has distance runners, and Dr. Leatherman has pole vaulters. See Coach Dellenger if you have any questions.
- ★ There is ice cream for sell in the cafeteria for \$2.

- ★ Tennis practice will start on Monday at Bayou Bluff from 3:45 to 5:00. The official roster will be announced on Saturday.
- ★ We need everyone to make sure that no trash is left on ground in courtyards or on sidewalks.
- ★ Calling all current and future cheerleaders - SPCHS will be hosting a pre-tryout cheer clinic for any potential 2018-2019 cheerleaders. This clinic is open to girls in grades 6-11. For sign up information, please contact Ms. Hebert (room 102) or Ms. Norton (room 104).
- ★ NHS members, If you did not receive a sheet about next week's project, please see Ms. Wilkinson as soon as possible.
- ★ Seniors will wear college t-shirts and take a class photo for the yearbook next Friday, February 2, to conclude Catholic Schools Week.