

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, August 17, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.
Matthew 14:31*

Sometimes life gets busy—classes are hard, work is exhausting, the bathroom needs to be cleaned, and a coffee date is on the day's schedule. It gets to the point where I force myself to read the Bible for a few minutes a day and tell myself I'll spend more time with God next week. But it doesn't take long before I'm distracted, drowning in the day's tasks, and forget to ask God for help of any kind.

When Peter was walking on water toward Jesus, he quickly became distracted by the wind and waves. Like me, he began to sink (Matthew 14:29–30). But as soon as Peter cried out, “immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him” (vv. 30–31).

I often feel as if I have to make it up to God after being so busy and distracted that I lose sight of Him. But that's not how God works. As soon as we turn to Him for help, Jesus reaches out without hesitation.

When we're unsettled by the chaos of life, it's easy to forget that God is standing in the middle of the storm with us. Jesus asked Peter, “Why did you doubt?” (v. 31). No matter what we're going through, He is there. He is here. Next to us at that moment, in this moment, ready to reach out and rescue us.

Lord, help me to turn to You in the midst of my busyness and life's distractions. Thank You for always being here, ready to catch me.

Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Breton Descher today! Also, London Lafferty and Aden Smith will celebrate their birthdays this weekend!
- ★ The high school back to school dance is tomorrow evening in the cafeteria. The theme is “We Go Together” and entrance is \$5. This dance is only for St. Patrick students in grades 9-12.
- ★ Attention seventh graders... Class officer applications are now available in the front office. If you are interested in helping to lead your class into greatness, Student Council is for you! Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Applications are due Tuesday at the mandatory campaign meeting at 3pm in room 200.