

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Take nothing for the journey. (Luke 9:3)

Don't take money on your trip. Don't pack a suitcase. Travel insurance? Don't bother! When you arrive at your destination, just look around for someone who seems friendly, and stay with them.

If a travel agent gave you that kind of advice, you'd probably walk out of his office! But this is pretty close to what Jesus says when he tells the Twelve to take nothing for their first missionary journey. They were traveling from village to village—shouldn't they plan their trip, make arrangements, and have extra supplies? Nope. Planning and preparation are not bad things, but Jesus didn't want them to miss the chance to see God provide for their needs.

Jesus was sending out his disciples to heal and preach. But he was also sending them out so that they could learn to rely on God for all their needs. He wanted them to know that it was their heavenly Father who provided for them and gave them the words and power to work in his name. It's a lesson he wants to teach all of his followers.

Church history is full of examples of saints who stepped out

in faith even when they did not have what was required for their task. And God provided for them! Think of John Bosco, who was famous all over Turin, Italy, for feeding the masses of orphan boys with bread or chestnuts from a near-empty basket. Or think of Mother Teresa, who often had no food for the people she cared for until she received a last-minute donation at dinnertime.

Don't let your lack of preparation or resources keep you from starting to serve. Things don't always work out perfectly, even for the saints. Even the apostles had their ups and downs. After this successful missionary trip, they still misunderstood Jesus, abandoned him, and even denied him. Your experience might also have ups and downs, but that's okay. Just take one step forward and let God provide what you are lacking.

Go ahead and start a conversation with that friend of yours who is having a hard time in school. Let God provide the courage for you to bring up a sensitive topic when needed. Trust him to give you what you need so that you can serve the people in your path.

"Lord, help me today to trust that you will provide for me."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Joseph Agler and Lauren Dossett!
- ★ Seniors, we will have a graduation invitation presentation this morning, and you will also be fitted for your cap and gown. We will call for seniors to be dismissed to the auditorium as soon as everything is ready.
- ★ Senior quotes are due to Mrs. Farragut by Friday, September 28.

- ★ NHS members, please remember to bring your items for the homeless as soon as possible. Your parents have received a detailed email about the project. See Ms. Wilkinson if you have any questions.
- ★ Attention NJHS inductees and officers: We will have a brief meeting after school on Friday in Mrs. Mays' room. The meeting will last about 10 minutes. Please meet directly after school so that we may address questions for induction on Sunday. Current and new officers should be present for this meeting.
- ★ Students who report to the stadium for sixth and seventh period athletics are not permitted to exit the school via the North gate. Students should exit the school through the north hallway, the exit doors located near the band hall or from the gym. Any student caught using the gate from this point forward will be issued ISS. Also, any student caught going to the student parking lot before seventh period will also be issued ISS.
- ★ Students who signed up to run for an FCA officer position also must sign up, pay yearly dues, and vote this week.
- ★ The science honor society will have its initial meeting this Thursday after school in room 202. At this time, applications for new members will be given out and students who wish to run for office will be able to sign up.
- ★ The theme for this week's pep rally is "Irish Country - Country vs. Country Club." Students may dress in their favorite western wear or country club attire. Jeans should not have holes in them and any tennis skorts that are worn should meet the length requirements set forth in the student handbook. If you have any questions, please see Coach Burger.
- ★ Any student interested in the joining the sailing team needs to see Coach Burger today at lunch.
- ★ Garden Park Medical Center is hosting an injury prevention fair November 10 from 7 am - 2 pm. They are looking for volunteers to assist with set up and break down, and interactive demonstrations. See the front desk for more information on this.
- ★ The St. James Fall Festival is coming up on October 6 and 7. They are in need of volunteers to work one or both days. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Tomorrow is the last day to sign up for booth assignments. See Ms. Saucier in the office or reply to the email you received regarding this event.
- ★ The deadline for officer nominations and dues for Students for Life is this Friday. Dues must be paid by Friday to vote, run for office or to sign up for March for Life. Please see Ms. Cloud if you have questions.
- ★ This week is Hello week across the country, the SAVE club is encouraging everyone to wear name tags to get to know one another. Teachers, please pass out name tags during first period this morning.
- ★ Youth legislature will have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 3, directly after school in Mrs. Mays' room 103. If you are in grades 9-12 and are interested in participating, plan to attending this meeting.