

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, September 6, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

From now on you will be catching men. (Luke 5:10)

It seems pretty clear from Jesus' words what he is getting at here. Peter and the other disciples are going to be doing a different kind of fishing now. No more boats, no more nets. Instead, they will be going out and catching people and carrying them to Jesus Christ and his gospel.

But in this familiar story, there's a connection between the miracle of Peter's great catch of fish and Jesus' call to evangelize that we can easily miss: it wasn't Peter's great catch! Without Jesus, Peter wouldn't have caught one single fish that morning. But with Jesus, he caught so many fish that his nets were in danger of breaking. Sure, Peter still had to put his nets out so that he could haul the fish in. But this great haul did not depend only on Peter's natural ability. It was only after he basically said, "I will listen to you and not just my own logic" that he found where the fish were.

That's an important lesson for us to learn as well. The Lord has some specific callings for each of us in this life, things

that only we can do. So how do we answer that call? Of course, God wants us to use our natural abilities. But he also wants us to acknowledge our need for help—and not just when we work really hard and come up empty! He wants us to call on him in whatever we are doing. And just as Peter was astonished by the great haul of fish, so might we be when we see how God can enhance and multiply our own efforts.

Today, take the time to focus on what you can do with God. He is already with you—but take some time to consciously bring him into your activities. If you're at home and the children are acting up, ask him for strength, grace, and patience. If you're facing a challenging issue at work, ask him to inspire you and give you wisdom. You're not just throwing empty words at the sky—God is a father, and he wants you to call on him. So trust that, indeed, "all things are possible" when you rely on him (Matthew 19:26)!

"Lord, I believe that when I give my problems to you, miracles can happen!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Chloe Cooper and Mrs. Edwards today!
- ★ We are on liturgy schedule today and are excited to welcome Fr. Greg Barras to campus this morning. We will celebrate mass at 9:40.
- ★ We are excited to celebrate our annual Homecoming festivities next week! The theme for Homecoming 2018 is "Second Star to the Right." All St. Patrick students are encouraged to participate in the school-sponsored traditions and events of Homecoming Week in anticipation of the big game next Friday, September 14. Students, check your email for all of the events and activities scheduled for next week.

- ★ The deadline for outside guests for the Homecoming Dance has been extended until Monday, September 10. Outside guests must be in ninth through twelfth grade and in good standing at their current school. Forms may be picked up at the front desk from Mrs. Collier or downloaded from the "Student Life" page of the school website.
- ★ Juniors, Herff Jones will be back to take ring orders on Tuesday, September 11 during lunch.
- ★ The due date for National English Honor Society applications has been moved to Monday, September 10. If you have a 3.0 overall GPA, 3.0 English GPA, and are a sophomore or older, you may still get an application from any English teacher. If you have already been inducted into NEHS, you do not have to reapply.
- ★ Homecoming Irish Idol will be on the Tuesday of Homecoming Week. Those who want to show off their amazing talents are encouraged to sign up using the sheets near the hallway bulletin boards by Friday afternoon. All grades are encouraged to participate!
- ★ Due to the hurricane days, Homecoming shirt order forms were not able to be sent home with students on Tuesday, so we are sending the order form out today. Our shirt company is asking for shirt sizes as soon as possible, so please try to send your shirt order form to the front office by Friday morning. Shirts this year will be light blue Comfort Colors with one color printed on the left pocket and the back. A rough sketch of the design is on the order form, and shirts are \$10.
- ★ Students, If you received an NHS application, the deadline has been extended to Friday, September 7, at 8:15.
- ★ FCA officer applications are due to Coach Dellenger by tomorrow.
- ★ Seniors will wear their choice of college t shirt on Friday, September 21! Mrs. Farragut will take the group picture towards the end of lunch in the courtyard! Don't miss out!
- ★ Homecoming dance tickets are on sale now in the front office and online in the Fighting Irish Spirit Store. They are \$20 per ticket in advance and \$25 per ticket at the door.
- ★ Cross Country members should meet directly after school today at the track concession stand for a 35 minute easy run. Please see Mrs. Rosetti if you have any conflicts.