

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, November 30, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

No one who believes in him will be put to shame. (Romans 10:11)

What makes you ashamed? Past sin? Maybe you don't like the way you look in a mirror. Or you compare your finances to someone else who is better off than you. Typically, shame comes about because we think we have failed to live up to expectations—often a set of impossible expectations.

Let's apply this to St. Andrew, whose feast we celebrate today. He was the first to follow Jesus. Without him, his brother, Peter, might not have met the Lord at all. He was also friends with and possibly a coworker with John and James. Yet despite how close the four men were, Jesus chose only three of them—Peter, John, and James—to be his closest disciples. For whatever reason, he did not include Andrew.

How do you think Andrew reacted to this exclusion? Maybe he felt he wasn't good enough to become part of Jesus' inner circle. Maybe he felt awkward around the other disciples every time Jesus invited the other three but not Andrew to join him. Maybe there were times when he questioned whether he should even be an apostle.

Or maybe nothing like that happened at all. At least there is no indication that Andrew felt ashamed or embarrassed because he was left out. And if he did feel any shame, he didn't let it get the better of him. In fact, he became one of the boldest and farthest traveled of the apostles. After Pentecost, he evangelized the nomadic peoples around the Black Sea. He also founded the church in Constantinople, which became the head of Eastern Christianity. Finally, at his martyrdom, Andrew asked to be crucified, not on a cross like Jesus and not upside down like Peter, but on an X-shaped cross.

The envy and rivalry, the guilt and self-condemnation, that rise from shame had no place in Andrew's heart. His experience of Jesus' love and his devotion to Jesus' call pushed aside self-centeredness and made him a humble servant instead.

Shame can be overwhelming. But how much more overwhelming is Jesus' unconditional, merciful love! That love tells us that we belong. It tells us that Jesus treasures us. It heals us and removes all shame. And it's available to you.

"Lord, let your love burn away all my shame and guilt!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Alex Moore today! Also, Kaitlyn Logos will be celebrating her birthday tomorrow. Happy Birthday!
- ★ St. Patrick will hold its annual ACT Workshop from November 30 through December 2. If you are interested in attending, please see Mrs. Tavel in room 100 to register.

- ★ All Science Honor Society/Science Club dues are due by Friday, November 30. This deadline will verify all students who will be eligible for science honor society cords as seniors. Please see Ricardo Quintana to make sure your dues are paid.
- ★ Service hours are due by December 14. Because of the calculation for senior exemptions, seniors your service hours are due by December 12.
- ★ If you would like to write a letter to a senior for their retreat please see Mrs. Collier and she will direct you to the envelopes. You will have to place it in the correct person's envelope. You may do this before or after school. You may not leave class to do so. All letters should be in by the end of school this Tuesday, December 4.
- ★ Final payments and notarized permission forms for March for Life are due next Friday. There are a few openings that have become available. If you are interested in attending, please see Ms. Cloud for an application as soon as possible. Students who have a C average for the semester and are in good standing without excessive absences are eligible to attend.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the seventh grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against Stone, winning 26-20. Players of the game were Chloe Santiago, Isabella Patino, Hailey Necaize, Addison Fountain, and Ashlyn Stegall. Congratulations girls!
- ★ Congratulations to boys soccer for their win, game well played against Harrison central 2 -1 goals scored by Chris Collins.
- ★ The Lady Irish soccer team continued their winning streak last night with a 1-0 win over Harrison Central. Abby Badurak scored the game winning goal which brought her to 9 goals on the season. The Irish defense led by Sidney Biggs and Marie Seicshnaydre played a big part in helping Goalkeeper, Ali Ware, record her fifth shutout of the season.
- ★ Congratulations to the seventh grade boys basketball team for defeating Stone County 20-19 last night.