

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, November 16, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it. (Luke 17:33)*

If you think this Scripture verse sounds familiar, there's good reason. Jesus says the same thing at least once in every Gospel! But even though it's familiar, Jesus' statement is the type of paradox that can be hard to make sense of. What does it mean for me?

To see one way it was lived out "in real life," let's look at someone who practiced "losing" his life and ended up "saving" it.

Francis Xavier was an ambitious young man who sought success in the scholarly world. Living in Paris, he had many opportunities to take advantage of all that the world had to offer. But an older student named Ignatius of Loyola saw something special in Francis—something that could be fulfilled only as he let go of the life of scholarly success that he valued so highly. And so Ignatius befriended him and challenged him—patiently but repeatedly—to put God above his worldly ambitions: to "lose his life" instead of seeking to "preserve it."

Slowly, Francis found his priorities changing. Earthly accomplishments no longer seemed so fulfilling. The idea

of doing great things for God started to entice him. After following the Spiritual Exercises with Ignatius, he decided to let go of his earthly ambitions, "lose" his life in this world, and devote himself to God.

The rest, as they say, is history. Francis Xavier spent the rest of his life bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to the distant lands of Asia. He is credited with the conversions of countless people, and it's said that he baptized more than one hundred thousand people before he died at the age of forty-six.

Your experience of losing your life to save it probably won't look as dramatic as St. Francis Xavier's. But inwardly, it is every bit as life changing. Every time you put aside your own preference or put someone else first, you are "saving" your life. Each choice to hold your own plans loosely and ask for God's guidance is a choice to let go of preserving your own way. Little by little, these choices reshape your heart and your will. Step-by-step, your desires start to change. Before you know it, you'll be doing great things for God!

*"Lord, help me to let go of anything that would keep me from following you."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Celebrating birthdays this weekend is SrDrick Taylor, Jayden Cecil and Ms. Gatha Gayden. The following students will celebrate their birthdays next week: Emily Broussard, Sofia Carreon, Caden DeMers, Ijia Henderson and Briggs Menendez

- ★ Attention students! Want to be prepared as possible for the December 8 ACT? 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.
- ★ FCA members are reminded to have their Thanksgiving basket items in by the end of today to Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- ★ We wish the best of luck to our sailing team as they go to New Orleans to compete in the Great Oaks Invitational!
- ★ The Lady Irish soccer team moves to 3 and 0 on the season with a win over Vancleave. The Irish recorded an impressive 4-0 victory with Jessica Harrison and Abby Badurak each scoring two goals. Marie Seicshnaydre recorded 2 assists and Ali Ware kept a shutout in goal. The Irish will look to continue their winning streak tonight at Pascagoula.
- ★ The Irish varsity boys basketball team defeated a very good Presbyterian Christian team 56-44 last night to win the St. Patrick Invitational Tournament. They were led by numerous players that contributed in many ways. Jay Parker scored 29 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists to led the team. Drew Roth added 15 points and 8 rebounds, while Windfield Swetman, Michael Moeller, and Parker Frame played great defensively. The Irish improve to 4 wins and 0 losses and return to action on November 27 against Lamar Christian at home.
- ★ NHS Members, if you bought a t-shirt, you may pick it up during lunch today. The officers will be in the cafeteria. There are a few extras, but they will not be sold until after Thanksgiving break.
- ★ Tennis tryouts will be held on November 28 from 4:00 to 5:30 at Bayou Bluff Country Club. There will be a sign up sheet located outside of Coach Villarrubia's room for anybody who is interested in trying out.