

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, January 22, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.  
(Mark 2:27)*

When children are young, it seems as if their lives are hemmed in by rules: look both ways before crossing the street. Share your toys. Wash your hands after you use the bathroom. Parents know that rules like these will help their children grow into maturity. The rules are there to protect them as they learn to make right decisions. As their children mature, parents will offer reasons and explanations for these rules. Then, finally, comes the time when children are able to make their own decisions based on the good habits they formed in childhood.

Like rules for a young child, the sabbath guidelines that Jesus talks about in today's Gospel were meant to help God's people make a habit of choosing God's ways. They were meant to instill the practice of prayer and rest into the rhythm of life. Obeying the Law in itself wasn't the goal. Staying close to God was the goal—loving him and giving him time and space in their lives.

This is just as true for us as it was for ancient Israel. God

did not create us to slavishly observe sabbath law. He created the Sabbath to help us grow into mature believers who live to worship him and follow his law of love.

At their best, human laws are meant to help us think as God thinks. But not all human laws do that. That's why it is so vital that we pray for just laws that will protect the vulnerable—especially unborn children. We know that society needs to protect these little ones, but it rarely does. Laws are supposed to support us in doing what's right. So it's important that the laws of our society reinforce that purpose. And when they don't, it's important that we pray and work for changes in the law that will help our society grow in justice and compassion.

Let's pray today that our officials will enact just laws that protect the vulnerable. Let's pray that each one of us grows in our ability to care for the innocent and defenseless. Let's do what we can to safeguard the least among us.

*"Jesus, thank you that you want us to grow to mature Christian love. Help me learn to live according to your law of love."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Make up tennis tryouts will be held on Wednesday, January 23, at Bayou Bluff. They will be from 3:30 to 4:30. Please sign up with Coach Villarrubia in room 217, if you plan on attending make up tryouts.
- ★ The Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus is seeking volunteers to help serve food for their annual 50 years of marriage dinner on Sunday, February 10, at 2 pm. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Collier in the front office.
- ★ There will be no Interact meeting this month. Meetings will resume in February.

- ★ Let's Celebrate Catholic Schools Week... St. Patrick's first ever Contemporary Christian concert starring Brandon Green will be held Friday, February 1, at 7 pm, tickets are \$10.00 each in advance online or \$20.00 at the door.
- ★ The inaugural Saint's Shenanigans Sr. Mary Jo Memorial 5k/Fun Run will take place on Saturday, March 9, at Nativity BVM Elementary. If you are in need of volunteer hours, there will be several activities and things for you to assist with that morning. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you are interested in volunteering.
- ★ If you are interested in English tutoring, please let your English teacher know so that we are sure to have someone available to tutor you in Mrs. Sutherlin's room tomorrow morning at 7:40. Also, if you are interested in ACT English/Reading prep, please let your English teacher know so that we will have someone available after school tomorrow in Mrs. Sutherlin's room at 3:00.
- ★ Key Club members, we will meet at Fatima school today at 3:30 in the Math and Science room to make sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Sutherlin.
- ★ Congratulations to Team Tempest Robotics who, this weekend, won the FTC Tournament and will advance with this robot to Ole Miss for the State Championships in February. Our drivers William Reid and Thomas Owen and Coach Todd Fayard did an excellent job leading our robot to an undefeated semi-finals and final rounds!! All members of robotics need to be commended for their hard work on Friday and Saturday which led to a VERY SUCCESSFUL Event and our school and team made a great event!
- ★ Sign up sheets for the Fighting Irish golf teams will be posted in the cafeteria during lunch until Thursday of this week. Please be sure to sign up if you are interested.
- ★ Those who signed up for either varsity or junior high track need to see Coach Dellenger (room 108) this week for your track team packet.