

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, January 9, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid! (Mark 6:50)*

Jesus' words are perplexing at best. Why wouldn't the disciples be terrified, given the situation? Not only are they far out to sea, but it's dark, a storm is raging, and what appears to be a ghost is walking toward them. Who wouldn't be afraid?

So how should we understand Jesus' words to the disciples? And more to the point, how can we deal with our fears when we face terrifying circumstances? We all know the kinds of things that could make us afraid. At times, these are the situations where fear can overwhelm and paralyze us. They're the situations in which it feels as if we are in the boat with the disciples—and just moments away from capsizing.

But look what happens right after Jesus tells the disciples to do something that seemed impossible: "He got into the boat with them" (Mark 6:51). Which is exactly what Jesus does for us. He joins us in our "boat." He doesn't just tell us not to be afraid; he enters into our situation and promises to

remain with us every step of the way.

This might not mean an instantaneous healing or a surprise check appearing in our mailbox. But it may well entail the Lord offering you his help just when you most need it. Maybe he leads you to right where you need to go. Or maybe nothing appears to happen at all, but you experience a sense of peace in the midst of turmoil. Whatever happens, Jesus wants to show you that he is with you for the long haul. He has no intention of abandoning you. This means you can trust in him, even in the most terrifying of storms.

So whenever you feel like your boat is sinking, remember Jesus' words: "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid" (Mark 6:50). Jesus is with you, and he will remain with you through every frightening moment. Then keep your eyes open so that you don't miss all the ways he is caring for you.

*"Lord Jesus, thank you for being with me and helping me to face my fears."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Blake Bratton and Christopher Fitzpatrick!
- ★ We will be on liturgy schedule tomorrow and celebrate mass together at 9:40 tomorrow morning. Tomorrow after mass we will also recognize the state championship Lady Irish softball team!
- ★ Students will receive first semester report cards on Friday of this week.
- ★ Sign ups for both varsity and junior high track will start tomorrow. See Coach Dellenger in room 108 if you are interested.
- ★ The following clubs will be photographed tomorrow. There will not be a makeup picture day.

- Arts and Crafts 12:51-12:56
- Sailing 12:57-1:02
- Mock Trial 1:03-1:08
- Interact 1:09-1:19
- Key Club 1:20-1:30
- Robotics 1:31-1:41
- Campus Ministry 1:42-1:52
- Quiz Bowl 1:53-1:58
- Students for Life 1:59-2:09

- ★ Friday morning at 7:45 in the auditorium there will be an informational meeting for students interested in joining the St. Patrick Chapter of the National Art Honor Society. To be considered for membership, students must be enrolled in or have taken visual arts and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in all academic classes. For information on this please see Ms. Benoit.
- ★ The ensemble audition will start at 3:05 in the auditorium. Please be prompt. Put your name on the sign-up sheet outside Mrs. Trahan's door (204) so she will know how many students to expect.
- ★ Ms. Moon needs to see every science Olympiad team member by Thursday of this week.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the ladies varsity basketball team on their victory last night against Collins. We won 45-16. Players of the game were Savannah Smith, Gabby Patino, Alayna Miller and Emilee Nolte. Congratulations ladies!