

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. (Hebrews 10:24)

When Sheila started volunteering at a homeless shelter once a week, she couldn't stop talking about it. She loved sitting down with the residents and chatting with them. She liked hearing their stories and praying with them. Sheila's excitement was so striking that first one friend, and then another asked if they could come along. Soon they became regular volunteers as well. You might say Sheila was "rousing" her friends to love and good works.

Surprised? You shouldn't be. When you read this verse, you might think of someone standing on a soapbox telling you to go out and "do the right thing." But the Greek word used here for "rouse" can also mean "excite." We are supposed to get one another excited about the Christian life and all that it entails! That's how we rouse one another, by our passion and our example, as much as by our words.

So what excites you about your life in Christ? Maybe you love the one-on-one time you spend with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Perhaps your passion is reading and studying Scripture. You might enjoy serving in a ministry like RCIA or teaching English as a second language.

Whatever it is, your excitement is attractive and contagious. It may be just the thing that rouses another person to take up the same spiritual practice or join you in a good work.

If you haven't been feeling much excitement about your faith lately, think about what has excited you in the past. You may need to get back to what you were doing then or find another avenue to channel your love. If you've been serving for a long time in one area, for example, making a change could help reenergize you. Find out what excites your brothers and sisters. Maybe God is calling you to do the same thing.

The author of Hebrews knew that Christians need one another. You might need a fellow believer to inspire you to do something you may have never even considered. And they might need you. So don't be afraid to communicate your passion and excitement to someone else. You might just be rousing another brother or sister to follow Jesus more closely.

"Lord, thank you for all the times a brother or sister has roused me to love, prayer, and good works."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ The only outerwear items that are approved are those purchased at School and Scrubs (uniform store) or those purchased in our Fighting Irish Spirit Store (with St. Patrick and Adidas logos). Teachers will write referrals on any students not in compliance.
- ★ Don't forget to get your tickets for the Brandon Green concert tomorrow night! Tickets are \$10.00 each in advance online or \$20.00 at the door. All students who purchase a ticket and attend will receive a free jean day.

- ★ The ring fitting for our men's and women's cross country state champions will be held on Monday, February 4, during lunch. A \$60 deposit is required at the time of the fitting. If you have any questions, please see Coach Burger.
- ★ Habitat for Humanity MS Gulf Coast needs eight volunteers to help clear out a warehouse in Pascagoula this Saturday. It starts at 9 a.m. and will be a four or so hour project if we get enough volunteers. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you are interested in volunteering.
- ★ Diamond girl applications are available in the front office. The deadline for application submission is February 8th. Sign-up sheets will be located on the door of room 112. If you have any other questions please direct them to Mary Cate Sliman, Alaina Olsen, or Coach Burger.
- ★ National Honor Society, there will be a meeting Wednesday, February 6th at 7:45 in the auditorium.
- ★ Seniors, if you have been accepted to USM and did not receive an email from Ms. Wilkinson, please see her today.
- ★ Congratulations to the men's soccer team on their victory last night against Magee in the first round of playoffs, score was 8-0. Players of the game were Chad Hudson, Ricardo Quintana, Cade Myers, Chris Collins and Jonathan Galle. Also, making the all star team this year are Chris Collins, Zachery Seymour, and Ricardo Quintana. Congratulations again gentlemen.
- ★ There will be a meeting of the art honor society tomorrow morning at 7:45 in the auditorium.