

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, October 18, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Kingdom of God is at hand for you. (Luke 10:9)

You might know that St. Luke was a physician and a “co-worker” of Paul (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 1:24). But did you know that he was also a historian?

Luke, whose feast we celebrate today, was the author of both the Gospel bearing his name and the Acts of the Apostles. In the prologue to his Gospel, Luke tells us that although others had compiled a narration of the events surrounding Jesus' life, “I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence” (1:3). He makes it clear right from the beginning that he isn't just telling fanciful stories. He is telling us that God, in the person of Jesus, has actually come into the world as Savior and Redeemer.

And that's the point: we don't believe in a myth; we believe in a God who acts in and through history. First, God revealed himself to the people of Israel and made them his own special people. Then, in “the fullness of time,” he sent his Son to save not just Israel but all of humanity (Galatians 4:4). That means that we don't have a God who stays in his

own separate realm, making a supernatural visit here and there. No, we have a God who came in the flesh to inaugurate his kingdom here on earth.

Acts opens with Jesus' ascension into heaven, but even though it might seem as if Jesus' work is over and done with, he continues to act powerfully. His Holy Spirit descends on the disciples, and they become bold preachers and healers (chapter 2). Jesus appears to Paul on the road to Damascus and changes his life (chapter 9). Paul and his fellow missionaries are miraculously saved from harm on numerous occasions.

Luke ends his Book of Acts with chapter 28, with Paul awaiting trial in Rome. But there's still “Acts 29.” That unwritten chapter is the story of the countless times God has acted over the centuries in the lives of his people. And the story isn't over. God's kingdom is here, the place where he dwells—and this kingdom is truly at hand!

“Father, thank you for allowing me to be a part of the story of God's kingdom breaking into the world!”

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Ramona DiNardo and Coach Ted Williams!
- Today is day 6 of the advisement rotation.
- The Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus need volunteers to help serve hamburgers and hot dogs at the Peter Anderson Festival - Saturday, November 2, and Sunday, November 3. If you're interested in signing up, see Mrs. Collier in the front office.

- Nativity BVM is seeking volunteers to help out with their "Haunted Mansion" Haunted House this Saturday afternoon. If you're interested, please see Mrs. Collier in the front office for sign up information.
- Seniors, just a reminder that your senior quotes, baby photo and a current photo are all due today! Please see Mrs. Aldrich in the library to get turn in these items.
- We are now in the process of signing up donors for our blood drive. At lunch, you may see Teal Salloum or Clayton Stoddard to schedule a time. Parents are welcome if you think a parent will be able to attend and give blood. Students age 16 and above are eligible. The blood drive for this semester is November 9th, here at school from 9 - 3. Please help us fill our schedule and save lives.
- Any reading fair winners who have not taken their pictures need to see Mrs. Aldrich in the library today.
- Students in grades 9-12 should make plans to attend the ProLife movie night next Friday night from 7-9pm here on campus. Students for Life will host this event. Admission to enter is one baby item to donate to Morning Star Pregnancy Center. Needed items include diapers of all sizes, wipes and gentle baby shampoo and body wash. .
- Sign up sheets are available outside of Mrs. Cloud's room for next week's Life Month events. All students for life members must sign up to participate in at least one event next week.