

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday, August 30, 2016**

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*What is there about his word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out. (Luke 4:36)*

"The word is mightier than the sword" is one way that we might describe today's Gospel reading. When Jesus cast out an unclean spirit, the people were shocked that his words had such power. He didn't physically battle the spirits or use any fancy curse or proclamation: just a simple command. It took him only a few seconds, and Satan was sent running while the audience looked on in amazement.

This story shows us just how powerful Jesus' words are. And the fact that this story is preserved in the Bible emphasizes all the other words of Jesus that are collected in the Scriptures. Each and every one of them has power to cast out evil, to melt hearts, and to heal wounds. They are the words we hear every day at Mass. They are the words we read every time we pick up a Bible. They are the words we memorized when we were little children. These words are here for us, so let's embrace them with open hearts!

It's not uncommon that our time of personal prayer and Scripture reading touches our hearts. We gain new insights into God's love, or we are moved to repentance or worship. But there's another side to Jesus' words: the power they have when we speak them to other people and even more so when we live them out day after day. It's the power to break the chains of those bound by sin and fear.

Isn't Jesus wonderful? He didn't just come and speak his truths to us once and then expect us to grasp them automatically and live them out. He filled his words with divine grace and power so that they would never lose their effect. He breathed his Spirit into them so that no matter how many times we pray about them or obey them, we find more and more grace for our lives. We also find more and more grace flowing from us and touching other people's lives.

Truly, his words never come back to him void (Isaiah 55:11)!

*"Lord, thank you for speaking your word to me. Thank you for the power of your word to change lives."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Students (grades 9-12) who are attending the Homecoming Dance and want to request an out-of-school date must have the out-of-school guest form submitted to Mr. Buckley for approval by this Friday, September 2. Forms may be picked up from Ms. Dapremont or downloaded from the "Student Life" section of the school website.
- Irish Idol is fast approaching. Those that want to show their talents should sign up this week outside either room 200 or room 214. Rehearsal will take place in the auditorium next Tuesday afternoon. It is mandatory in order to perform.

- Student Council will meet on Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in room 200. All newly elected seventh graders are to attend this meeting.
- Coach Dellenger needs all those who took an FCA officer application to have them turned in today.
- Anyone interested in LEGO League (grades 7-8) please stop by room 215 and pick up a sign up form. They are due Tuesday, September 6.
- Applications are available for anyone interested in Science Olympiad (grades 7-12). The applications are in room 215 and due Friday, September 9.
- Good luck to The Lady Irish Volleyball team they travel to George County this afternoon.
- Drama Guild members who have paid their dues may stop by Mrs. Trahan's room to vote during the day.