

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, September 21, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him. (Matthew 9:9)*

What was going through Matthew's head when Jesus passed by, noticed him, and said, "Follow me"?

As a tax collector, Matthew would have been held at arm's length by his family and despised by his neighbors. His co-workers had a reputation for coming up with scams to line their own pockets, and Matthew might have done the same thing himself. So it's not hard to imagine him leading a lonely life or trying to use money to make up for the lack of friendship.

But then Jesus arrives and offers his invitation, and Matthew follows. The next thing we hear, they are having a meal together—and with a host of other people just like him! Perhaps this is the key: Matthew felt love and acceptance in a way he hadn't in a long time.

Jesus was compassionate. He saw who had been left out and rejected. He let them know that he wanted to be with them. It's a simple but powerful message: "I want to know you. I'm happy to spend time with you. Let's have dinner." This affirmation can change lives—it certainly changed Matthew's!

Think of all the people who were touched by Jesus' genuine compassion. Jesus never seemed anxious about his reputation. Instead, he looked people straight in the eye and loved them. He just accepted them.

Jesus is passing through the place where you'll spend most of your day—your school, your home, wherever it is. He turns and notices you, and he smiles. He sees all your imperfections and sin, but he still wants to spend time with you. He doesn't have one bit of embarrassment about being associated with you. No, he is eager to make you his friend!

*"Lord, I am in awe of your love for me. Thank you for being my friend."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Students, don't forget that we will be on liturgy schedule tomorrow and will have mass tomorrow morning at 9:40. Dress code for tomorrow is blazers and ties - invite your parents to celebrate mass with us.
- Spanish Honor Society and Spanish Club will have their first meeting this evening at El Saltillo on Cedar Lake at 6:00 p.m.
- Senior men who are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please submit your application to Mr. Creel or Ms. Previto by Friday, September 23.

- Student council meeting is tomorrow at 7:30 in room 200.
- Congratulations to our Lady Irish who defeated Lumberton in varsity district volleyball 3-0. The JV posted a 2-0 win. In district play, we are 1-2. Raven Gonsoulin led with 17 assists, Rosalyn Lindsey with 10, Mary Tubb with 12. Shannon Kirkpatrick earned 5 kills. The varsity had a total of 32 service aces with Kirkpatrick contributing 10.
- The thirty students who have signed up for the American Heart Association convention in New Orleans need to see Ms. Moon after school.
- Baseball conditioning is cancelled today. We will resume tomorrow as scheduled.
- All members of Robotics need to stop and see Mrs. Worrel some time today!