

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, October 28, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

When day came, he called his disciples to himself. (Luke 6:13)

According to tradition, Sts. Simon and Jude worked as a team preaching the gospel in Egypt and the Arabian Peninsula, where they were eventually martyred. However, not much more than that is known, and even this much is not historically certain. So why do we honor these strangers as saints?

They were friends of Jesus. They shared daily life with him. They learned by his example of how to live, how to love, and how to forgive. Then, after Pentecost, they played a role in beginning the Church. That's all the proof the Church needed.

But what about proof of their exceptional holiness? Well, we can look at some of the more famous apostles and ask the same thing! Peter denied Jesus; James and John wanted to destroy a town that had rejected him. The best evidence for recognizing the sainthood of Simon and Jude—and anyone, for that matter—is that anyone who has a vibrant relationship with Jesus grows in holiness. It's a simple equation: the more time we spend with Jesus, the more saintly we become—even if nobody else is around to see it.

Of course, this means that you are a candidate for sainthood too. It's not, first and foremost, about performing heroic deeds for God. It's about the relationship. Saints love Jesus and love his people.

You don't have to be a high-profile Catholic. You just need to be faithful to what Jesus asks you to do each day. As you pray for your family or sacrifice yourself for your neighbors, you are pleasing the Lord deeply. These silent acts of love are precious to him, and he always rewards them.

It's possible that in heaven we will discover that God has given the highest place to humble servants of God whose names nobody knows. Maybe we'll be surprised by some of the people we find in the company of the apostles: "average" people, "everyday" people who loved Jesus and tried their best to follow him. That's all any of us ever needs to do.

"Lord, I want to be more like you. Help me walk humbly with you every day."

Today's Announcements:

- Junior high baseball tryouts will be held Tuesday, November 1. All seventh and eighth graders are eligible to tryout. Students trying out should bring cleats, a glove, and a bat if possible.
- St Patrick will hold an ACT Workshop the weekend of November 12 and 13. If you're interested in attending any of the three sections (math, science, and/or English), see Mrs. Tavel in room 100.

- There is a sailing team practice this Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Gulfport Yacht Club. You must attend this practice if you want to sail in the championships.
- National Honor Society dues are \$5 if you do not want a t-shirt; \$ 15 if you do. Juniors pay Ms. Wilkinson; seniors pay Mrs. Sutherlin. Please bring your canned food items.
- The Lady Irish Cross Country team came in first place at the Region 3/District 6 Championships this past Tuesday. Leading the Irish team was first place finisher Isabel Leatherman on the all-region team. Accompanying her were Anna Clare Colson, Gabriela Patino, Jordan Pete and Amelie Million. Quinlan Pisciotta and Beyla Bleichner rounded out the Irish finishers.

The varsity boys placed third overall and were led by all-region selection Cade Meyers and his overall second place finish. Helping secure the team score for the Irish were Austin Dossett, Dylan Middleton, Jack Dent, Griffen Broussard, Jack McKee, and Spencer Wingfield.

- There will be a Youth Legislature meeting today after school from 3:00 until 4:00. It is a mandatory meeting and attendance is required to be able to attend the conference.
- We want to wish our Fighting Irish swim team all the best in their state championship tomorrow in Tupelo.
- We wish good luck to our varsity football team as they take on Seminary in the last game of the season this evening.