

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, November 18, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Every day he was teaching in the temple. (Luke 19:47)*

Jesus' final days leading up to his arrest and crucifixion must have felt like a marathon. Morning after morning, he would wake up early to pray on the Mount of Olives and then head to the Temple to teach the people (Luke 21:37).

This time of year can feel like a marathon for us too. We may be working harder or traveling because of the impending holidays. But what if instead of running our race, we join Jesus in his marathon? What if we were to sit before God every morning, just as Jesus did at the Mount of Olives—and just as his listeners did in the Temple?

Every day, before he began ministering, Jesus made sure he spent time with his heavenly Father. "I do nothing on my own," he said, "but I say only what the Father taught me" (John 8:28). Amazing, isn't it? Even Jesus took time to consult God in prayer: to get a sense of what his next steps should be. If Jesus did this, how much more important is it for us to go to God every day for direction and counsel?

In his humanity, Jesus found a physical place to pray: the Mount of Olives. And he found a good time: early in the morning. What a simple model! Setting a specific time for prayer every day may mean rearranging your schedule or getting to bed a bit earlier so that you can have some quiet time in the morning, but it will help you stay consistent. Setting a specific place can help you establish a kind of sanctuary, a place set aside where you can meet the Lord in prayer. Following Jesus' example can help you find God's wisdom and guidance much more easily.

So follow Jesus' example. God delights in your praise and intercession, but he also wants to talk with you. He wants to share in your life. Try to listen for his voice, his direction, and know that he will bless your attempts to follow him. When you think of it this way, "prayer time" becomes so much more than something to check off of your to-do list!

*"Jesus, you are the great Teacher. I come to you for strength and direction, as you came before your Father."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Seniors, we will take your college t-shirt picture for the yearbook today during second period.
- First period classes, the student council is sponsoring this year's Christmas door decorating contest. Your teacher was sent information about the contest to their email. First place will win donuts and orange juice.
- FCA members are reminded by Coach Dellenger to sell your disciple crosses. The due date is December 6.
- All students who are attending the Robotics Disney trip must see Ms. Worrel today. She will be in the cafeteria at second lunch if you can't get by any other time.

- We would like to congratulate the girl's varsity basketball team on their victory last night against OLA. We won 55-18. Players of the game were Morgan McCrea, Makenzie Stenum, Laurie Pisciotta, and Baylee Hodge.
- We would like to wish Ms. Gatha a Happy Birthday today!
- Ms. Simpson will be celebrating her birthday on Monday, November 21. We would like to wish her a Happy Birthday!
- Congratulations to the varsity boys basketball team for their 76-25 victory over Friendship Christian. It was a great effort by the Irish. The team will travel to D'Iberville Monday at 3:30 p.m. The JV boys team will be in action at D'Iberville Monday at 1:00 p.m.
- Today is the last day for the Book Fair in the Library. It will close fifth period, so please come by for those last purchases and items that were put on hold. Ms. Ladner would like to thank everyone for helping to make the book fair a success.