

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, January 6, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:5)*

The caretaker of a large estate felt very important when he was given a key ring filled with the keys to each building on the property. However, he was soon put in his place. He discovered that the estate owner carried only one key—the master key that could open every door.

John tells us faith is the master key to the spiritual life. If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we can open any door that takes us deeper into our life with him—not because of the “keys” we possess like our own intelligence or courage, but because we are trusting in who Jesus is.

So how do we use this “master key” to open any door? Let's look at a few examples.

One door may be the door of joy. You can open that door by believing that Jesus has redeemed you from every sin, every judgment, and all condemnation. Just as he said to the woman caught in adultery, he says to you, “Neither do I condemn you” (John 8:11). Imagine how it feels to have the burden of guilt lifted off of you—that's joy!

Another door may be the door of mercy—the grace to forgive someone who has hurt you. You can open that door by believing that Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:29). Not only has he taken away your sins, but he also has taken away the sins that other people have committed against you. Cry out to him, and ask him to soften your heart.

A third door may be the door of peace. We can become so anxious about things sometimes. Open that door by believing that Jesus is the good shepherd who seeks and saves his lost sheep (John 10:11). In faith, hand this situation over to Jesus, and ask him to lead you.

No door is too heavy for you to open. No door has a “Do Not Enter” sign on it. Like the estate owner, you have the key to open them all. Let that truth sink in, and let it strengthen your faith.

*“Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of faith. Lord, I believe in you!”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- French Honor Society is now accepting applications. Applications are based on GPA and are due Wednesday, January 11, to Ms. Alexander in room 206. See Ms. Alexander to learn about eligibility for the society and pick up an application.
- Due to the weather outlook for this Friday and Saturday, girls golf tryouts are moved to Friday, January 13, and Saturday, January 14. More information is under “Recent News” on the website.

- Attention any boys who want to tryout for this year's boys golf team: today is the last day to sign up for tryouts. There is a sign-up sheet on Coach Burger's and Coach Hewes' classroom doors. Please add your name if you are interested and be listening to upcoming announcements for an after school informational meeting. See Coach Hewes with any questions.