

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, January 20, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles, that they might be with him. (Mark 3:14)*

A group of ambassadors has gathered at the United Nations to discuss how their countries can work together to resolve a crisis. One emissary, however, has no idea what the president of his country thinks about the issue. This representative would surely be no help in the negotiations—and neither would he be serving his country well!

“Ambassador.” That’s one way people in Jesus’ time understood the word “apostle”—a representative sent out by one in authority. So when Jesus chose his apostles, he picked people whom he could trust to heal and preach on his behalf, but they first needed to understand the message they were going to proclaim. And so Jesus wanted them to “be with him” (Mark 3:14).

In order for the apostles to be effective, they had to know Jesus well. They had to learn, not only his thoughts and plans, but also his desires and dreams. They had to know what was on his heart. And that could happen only as they spent time with him.

Now, we can’t exactly sit around the fire talking with Jesus the way the apostles did. But that doesn’t have to keep us from getting to know him better. There are many ways to do this, but let’s look at one of the best: spend time every day reading and studying Scripture. You can do this alone or join a Bible study group at church. Or you can pick up a couple of books on Scripture written by trusted authors that can help you understand what you are reading.

Don’t stop at reading though. Take what you have learned, and sit before the Lord with it in adoration. Ask Jesus, in light of what you’re learning from Scripture, what his “policy” is on some of the issues that you are facing or on the broader issues in your community or the world around you. Let his word guide you as you seek the answers, but also see if anything moves in your heart—anything that you think may come from the Holy Spirit.

Remember, the more you know Jesus and how he thinks and feels, the better ambassador you’ll be!

*“Jesus, thank you for choosing me as your ambassador. Help me know you more deeply so that I can represent you today!”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Applications for the National English Honor Society are now available in Mrs. Buckley’s room. Membership is open for any sophomores to seniors who currently have a 3.0 GPA overall and in English. The list of current members is posted on Mrs. Buckley’s door. Applications are due on Tuesday, January 24.
- Julia Bruffey will be collecting junior class dues today after school.

- We would like to congratulate the girl's eighth grade basketball team on their victory last night against Bay Junior High - we won 33 to 18. With this victory, our eighth grade girls finished in second place with a 13-2 record and will play in the first round of the playoffs on Monday night at Pass Christian. Players of the game were Emily Nolte, Jessica Harrison, Quinlan Pisciotta, Ali Ware, and Jasmine Stawarski. Congratulations girls!
- There will be an FCA chapter meeting next Thursday.
- Any French Honors Society members interested in applying for the national writing contest or travel scholarship should see Ms. Alexander for applications. Applications are due to Ms. Alexander next Friday, January 27. The top three writing submissions and the top two travel applications from St. Patrick will be chosen to enter the national contests.
- Those who signed up for varsity track last week, Coach Dellenger will have a team track packet for you on Monday.
- We would like to wish Ms. Moon a Happy Birthday!