

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, March 30, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*You search the Scriptures. (John 5:39)*

Have you ever picked up your Bible, read a passage from it, and then wondered what in the world God was trying to say to you? Maybe you decided the passage didn't have any application for your life, so you set it aside and moved on with your day. But somewhere in your heart, you sensed that God really did want to say something to you; you just couldn't place your finger on it.

As Catholics, we believe that the Bible is not just a historical artifact or a set of rules and guidelines for our lives. No, it is a living word from God that bears the inspiration of the Holy Spirit both for the whole Church and for each person who ponders its messages.

But just like everything else in the Christian life, Scripture won't magically make sense to us. We need to cooperate with the Spirit as we read the Bible. And that takes some time, some attention, and some perseverance.

The following guidelines may help you cooperate with the Spirit as you open the Bible and ponder its meaning. Try putting them into practice over the next few days and see what happens.

- Select a Scripture passage to read. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you as you begin to read the passage.
- Slowly read the passage a couple of times, dwelling on the words or phrases that resonate in your heart.
- Imagine that you are at the scene described in the passage. Imagine Jesus or Moses or Sarah or Abraham turning from the action and speaking directly to you. What message do you hear?
- Notice if some words or pictures come to mind. This may be God speaking to you—especially if the images and thoughts lead you closer to Christ, fill you with hope, or stir your heart to love and forgive.
- Write out what you think God is saying to you, and close with a prayer of thanksgiving.

God wants to reveal himself to us in Scripture. Through quiet reflection we can learn to hear his voice.

*"Holy Spirit, quiet my heart. Help me to read Scripture with new eyes. Let your revelation penetrate my life and fill me with peace."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- The next registration deadline is tomorrow - be sure to turn in registration packets and course selection sheets as soon as possible. We will begin working on schedules very soon.
- The junior high baseball team defeated Bay St. Louis 6 to 2 last night. Blake Gollott was the winning pitcher for the Fighting Irish. The junior high baseball team will begin playoffs next week.
- Tickets for the spring drama production of *Disco Inferno* are on sell from any cast member or from Mrs. Trahan.