

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:3)

Little is known about Philip and James, the apostles whom we commemorate today. According to the Gospel of John, Philip may have been a friend or business partner of Andrew and Peter (John 1:44). Before the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Jesus asked Philip how they should feed the crowd. Philip, a businessman, calculated what it would cost and concluded that it simply could not be done (6:5-7).

Philip was just as straightforward in persuading Nathanael to meet Jesus. When his friend doubted Jesus' credentials, Philip said, "Come and see" (John 1:46). Apart from a few other limited references, however, Philip appears nowhere else in the New Testament. (He is not the same Philip who was a deacon in the early Church—Acts 6:5; 8:6.)

We know even less about James. He is even called "the younger" or "lesser" to distinguish him from James, the brother of John. Some traditions consider him to be the same James who led the early Jerusalem community, but his identity is uncertain (Acts 15:13; Galatians 1:19; 2:9).

It shouldn't surprise us that even though little is known about these men, they are still honored as saints. Jesus didn't choose them because of their outstanding leadership ability or theological expertise. He called regular people with jobs, homes, and families. Their lives were changed when they met the Son of God, and over time he formed them so that he could send them out to proclaim his good news. In fact, the Greek word *apostolos* means "one who is sent."

Each of us has been called and sent forth as well—including you. Jesus has a special plan and calling for you, just as he did for Philip and James. And that plan begins with the promise of meeting the Lord and having your life changed by him. So today in prayer, quiet your heart and mind, and let Jesus show you his love. As he does, he will also show you his calling.

"Lord, as I spend time with you today, show me your loving kindness. Empower me to witness to the people around me who need to know your love."

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Today's Announcements:

- Student council applications deadline is today at 3:30 p.m.
- Yearbook staff applications are now available at the front desk. These are due to Ms. Dapremont by Friday, May 12. Current eleventh grade yearbook staff members are not required to reapply.

- Did you remember to tell your parents about buying a Shamrockin' ticket? Don't forget to sell those tickets this week, so you can go on the Margaritaville Field Trip on Friday, May 12th. Ticket money or auction items may be turned into the front office, thank you.
- It is "Clean Slate" week in the Library if you have an overdue book return it before May 9th and the fine will be excused. Existing fines may be paid at half price this week.
- Any senior who is a member of the science honor society who has created an online account with the Red Cross for the red cord needs to see Ms. Worrell.
- The Interact meeting today at 3pm will take place in Ms. Lawson's room
- Any Science Society member who needs to sign up to work the blood drive needs to sign up with Ms. Lawson.
- The Lady Irish softball team fell 1 to 3 in the second game last night against Philadelphia, but came back and dramatic fashion and won game three 7 to 6 to take the series. Raven Blackwell lead the team with a double and triple. Morgan McCrea,(who is is signing with Millsaps to play basketball today) also added two singles to the win. The girls will advance to the South State playoffs against Choctaw Central this Friday and Saturday. Good luck, girls!
- Service hours time cards are due to your Religious Studies teacher by May 12th. Service hours are the exam grade in Religious Studies classes. The only exception is if you are working the Fatima Spring fest the following weekend. This means the last signature must be from Fatima church. Seniors you will have to have your hours completed and time cards turned into Coach Dellenger by May 10th in order to calculate senior exemption status. If you have any questions please see your Religious Studies teacher.
- Tennis team practice has been cancelled for this afternoon.
- Spring football practice has been cancelled for this afternoon.