

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, May 8, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep... I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:7, 14-16)

Is it really possible to hear the voice of the Lord? Well, Moses heard God speaking from a burning bush. St. Joseph heard him in dreams. St. Faustina heard him in a vision so clearly that she could describe to an artist the picture he asked to be painted of him.

These stories may seem fantastical to us. But if you stop and think about it, you have probably had times when you've experienced God's presence and sensed that he has a message for you. These senses—even if fleeting—show that we really do have spiritual instincts and that they can be cultivated.

It might be easier to understand if we start thinking of simple human instincts. For instance, a mother may be in a room full of crying toddlers, but when her little one starts to cry, she knows the voice immediately and springs into action. A basketball player instinctively knows how to control his arm, his jump, and his aim as he throws the ball through the net. With practice, these responses become automatic. We get to a level where we are confident whenever we engage these instincts. In a similar way, with practice and experience, we can become better at sensing when Jesus is speaking to us.

Practice listening to the Lord during the day today—you may be surprised at how available he is! In fact, a good foundation of prayer and Scripture reading can prepare you to recognize his presence in the people around you and in his creation. Gradually, the question shifts from if God will speak to you to how he will speak and what he will say.

So listen for God's voice in the child crying for his father's attention. Be ready as he whispers to your heart the words to say to a friend who is sick. Hear his encouragement in the little successes and failures of life. Don't worry if you don't "hear" anything right away. The more you practice, the more you will recognize when Jesus is moving in you. The more you spend time with him, the stronger your spiritual instincts will become.

"Jesus, you love me so much that you are always with me. Thank you for letting me hear you in so many ways."

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Today's Announcements:

- 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.

- Anyone interested in running cross country next year needs to sign up in Ms. Alexander's room, room 206.
- Varsity girls basketball tryouts will be today from 3:15 until 4:30 p.m.
- Soccer tryouts for both boys and girls are tomorrow May 9th after school from 3:15 until 4:30 p.m.
- This Saturday is our Spring Blood Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The theme is "Hope Begins with You". We encourage students to make an appointment and come donate blood. Students who are sixteen years old and older may donate. We encourage you to speak with family and friends about making a blood donation. Every pint of blood is able to help save three lives. Let's give hope and save lives. Please see Baylee Hodge, Mrs. Lawson or Mrs. Worrel to make an appointment.
- Robotics will meet today in room 202 for the final meeting of this school year. If you are interested in joining for 2017-2018 year, please attend this short meeting for information about upcoming events. This is a meeting to inform you about all of the areas of robotics that are possible to participate in. Hope to see you there. If interested at all, please come see what areas are available to you.
- Results from volleyball tryouts will be posted on the website later this week.
- In Friday's 3A State Track and Field Championship, the St. Patrick track team finished fourth place honors out of 23 teams with 74 points.
 - The 800m relay team of Quin Pisciotta, Gabbi Patino, Isabel Leatherman, and Anna Clare Colson took second place.
 - Kendall Pitre, first place in pole vault.
 - Isabel Leatherman, second place in 3200m run.
 - Jordan Pete, third place in 3200m run.
 - Gabbi Patino second place in 800m run
 - Isabel Leatherman, third place in 800m run.
 - Cade Meyers, fifth place in 3200m run.
 - Tayler Ibele, fifth place in discus.
 - Amelie Million, sixth place in 3200m run.
- Good luck to the boys and girls golf teams and the tennis team as they are all competing today for the state championship.
- We would like to wish Mrs. Williams a Happy Birthday today.
- Congratulations to the students who were elected as student council representatives for the 2017-2018 school year. Elected class officers and representatives will meet on Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 a.m. in room 211. Student council representatives who are interested in running for an executive office should speak with Ms. Gryder by Wednesday afternoon.