

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

They set out. (Luke 9:6)

Pause for a few minutes right now and imagine that you are among the Twelve as Jesus is giving them power and authority to set out and perform healings. Picture him looking you right in the eye and saying, "Go. Proclaim the kingdom of God. Heal the sick. Don't take any food or drink, clothes or money, along with you." A few of you might be raring to go right now. Many, however, are probably contemplating a single word: How?

Look at the Twelve. They didn't have provisions; they probably had no idea how to do what Jesus told them. But they took the first step. They shared about their experience of God's love or reached out to a sick person. For his part, God supplied them with what they needed in their particular situation: words, wisdom, power.

Jesus is sending you out today, just as he sent the apostles. Are you ill-equipped? Yes; but knowing that is a good place to start! The apostles were not well-equipped, but they started out when Jesus said "Go!" Like them, you can take that first step and watch as God gives you exactly what you need to complete

your task.

This can happen in many ways, but here's one example: you hear that one of your friends has been down. You are surprised and feel sad for him, so you decide to pray for him. That's your first step. Then, while you're at the grocery store, you run into him. You ask him about the situation and he seems discouraged. A thought comes into your head: pray with him. So you ask him if he'd like to pray with you. He says yes, and the two of you say a prayer together.

At the beginning, you might never have imagined praying with your friend in the grocery store. But you took the first step, and God equipped you for the rest of the job.

Don't worry about whether or not you have what it takes. Just step out. Take that first step. Jesus will give you what you need.

"Jesus, I don't know how to be your messenger, but I trust you to be with me as I take the first step in faith today."

Today's Announcements:

- Volunteer opportunities are needed for the OLF Halloween Carnival on October 21. Contact Ashley Ross at 228-424-5540 or ashleyross2016@yahoo.com to sign up or for more information.
- Volunteer opportunities are available for St. Patrick students to help at the St. James Fall Festival on October 7-8.

St. James Cafe!: Prefer those with fast-food/restaurant experience, but we will train. Work preparing po-boys and serving other food. Contact John Fitzhugh at 228-860-8270 (okay to text) or jcfitzhugh@bellsouth.net. Please contact ASAP to schedule times.

Sweet Booth: Help set up Saturday and Sunday mornings and man the booth during the day. Contact Rachelle Cleveland at 228-731-0085 or rachelle.cleveland@yahoo.com.

St. James is also in need to volunteers to assist with miscellaneous services. Contact Justin Skinner at 228-313-5828 or justinskinner@yahoo.com.

- This week is the last chance to sign up for the Interact Club Heart Walk and Cruisin' the Coast.
- Congratulations to your Lady Irish volleyball team for their victory last night against Sacred Heart!
- Tomorrow, the arts and crafts club, Bible study, and National Honor Society will take club pictures after mass.
- FCA Officers will meet tomorrow at 7:45 a.m. in room 108 - this meeting is for officers.
- Ms. Ladner needs to see all the Quiz Bowl team members briefly today.