

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, January 25, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? (Acts 22:7)*

Don't you find it odd that these would be Jesus' first words to Paul? He could have thundered against Paul's violent campaign. He could have urged Paul to repent. He could have even opened with one of his many parables! But Jesus chose instead to ask Paul a probing question—Why are you doing this? What do you think you are accomplishing?

This isn't the first time God has questioned one of his people. When Elijah fled the wrath of Queen Jezebel and took refuge in a cave, God asked him, "Why are you here?" (1 Kings 19:9). Appearing in disguise to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the risen Jesus asked, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" (Luke 24:17). And speaking to Adam and Eve after they had eaten the forbidden fruit, God asked a number of questions: "Where are you? . . . Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree?" (Genesis 3:9, 11).

Of course, God knew the answers to all of these questions—just as he knew why Paul was persecuting him.

But he chose a humble approach rather than an overpowering one. He invited these individuals to speak for themselves. He opened a conversation with them so that they would examine their actions and come face-to-face with their sin, their fears, or their needs.

Jesus wants to ask you some questions today too. What one thing can you do today to build my kingdom? Who can you love a little more today? He never imposes himself on you. Instead, he leads you step-by-step along the path he has marked out for you. And when you step off of that path, he has the right questions to help get you back on track.

So try to spend a little time in prayer listening. Let Jesus ask his questions, and don't be afraid to answer. Adam and Eve found the promise of restoration, Elijah found the courage to press on, the Emmaus disciples' eyes were opened to see Jesus, and Saul of Tarsus became the great St. Paul. Imagine what can happen to you as you hear and answer!

*"Thank you, Jesus, for caring enough to ask me how I'm doing."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Jacob Futch!
- ★ This Friday will close track sign ups for varsity and junior high track teams. See Coach Dellenger by Friday to sign up.
- ★ Starting today we will have ice cream for sell in the cafeteria for \$2.

- ★ The Lady Irish soccer team defeated Resurrection 2-0 last night! Both goals were scored by Svannah Croal with assists by Maddie Moak and Mary Cate Sliman. Nora Nimmo played a vital role in the win by keeping a shutout in goal. Sydney Biggs, Makayla Pfarrer, and Marie Seicshnaydre also played important roles in the victory.
- ★ Tennis practice will start on Monday at Bayou Bluff from 3:34 - 5:00. The official roster will be announced on Saturday.
- ★ Mr. Lee's second and third period classes will meet in the library today.
- ★ We need everyone to make sure that no trash is left on ground in courtyards or on sidewalks.
- ★ Calling all current and future cheerleaders - SPCHS will be hosting a pre-tryout cheer clinic for any potential 2018-2019 cheerleaders. This clinic is open to girls in grades 6-11. For sign up information, please contact Ms. Hebert (room 102) or Ms. Norton (room 104).
- ★ All soccer players (except seniors) need to go to Mrs. Williams' room right after school today.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the varsity girls basketball team on their victory last night against OLA. We won 59 to 14. Players of the game were Savannah Smith, Jazzie Stawarski, Chandler Wheeler, and Taylor Ibele. Congratulations, girls!
- ★ We'd like to wish the eighth grade boys basketball team good luck as they travel to Poplarville to play in the first round of postseason playoffs tonight!