

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 13, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin. (Matthew 17:27)

Wouldn't we all like to find the money for our taxes in the mouth of a fish! Jesus certainly surprised Peter with this unconventional tax plan. How easy it would be if Jesus stood beside us all day, visibly present and explaining how to meet every challenge that came along. How to appease the tax collector would be just the start!

The truth is, Jesus loves to share his thoughts. He is always speaking to us. Or to put it in a more immediate personal way, he is always speaking to you.

Sometimes Jesus speaks matter-of-factly about practical needs. He offered Peter a simple concrete (unusual) way to solve a problem. He can do that for you too. Try to lean into his presence and listen at different points during your day. Perhaps an idea will pop into your thoughts as you ask about an issue or need. Or maybe a friend will give you a suggestion that seems just right. Jesus might be speaking to you through him or her!

Other times, Jesus speaks in more mystical ways, as he spoke to Ezekiel in today's first reading. Ezekiel recognized that God was speaking to him in the violent winds, the flashing fire, the flapping wings, and the roaring waters—even if he wasn't exactly sure of what the message was. It's like that sometimes, almost like learning a foreign language.

More often than not, God speaks in more commonplace ways. He may make a line from Scripture strike a chord in your heart. A homily at Mass may seem to have been written exactly to help you. Or a conversation gives you direction, encouragement, or wisdom when you need it most and expect it least.

God can use anything. He is speaking always, everywhere. Little by little you can learn to hear his voice. Then, with practice, you will grow in understanding what God is saying and how he wants you to respond.

"Father, you know my needs and desires. Open my ears today to hear what you are saying to me!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ For those of you who are driving to school, we will begin checking for parking decals starting today. Please make sure you have a new parking decal and parking permit paper submitted to Mrs. Edwards in the front office. Your decal just needs to be visible - it does not necessarily have to be on the back window.
- ★ Students that are dropped off in the morning, this is a reminder you should be getting dropped off on the south side of the building by the cafeteria not at the front office.
- ★ The first interest meeting for Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) will be held this Tuesday after school in room 100.

- ★ The drama guild will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, August 15, from 3:05 until 3:30. Please pick up an application in advance. Students who wish to run for office must turn in their applications by Wednesday morning.
- ★ Cross Country team members need to meet at concession stand at 3:20 p.m. today for a 35-40 minute run. If you have any questions or conflicts, please see Mrs. Rosetti.
- ★ The high school back to school dance is this Saturday in the cafeteria. The theme is “We Go Together” and entrance is \$5. This dance is only for St. Patrick students in grades 9-12.
- ★ Seniors and seventh graders will meet their buddies tomorrow morning at 7:45 in the South Courtyard. Please come and enjoy!