

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Jesus answered him. (Luke 9:58)

As Jesus begins his final journey to Jerusalem, he is approached by three different would-be followers. Each of them wants to follow him, but their responsibilities and concerns seem to give them pause. In answer to their requests, Jesus makes it clear that following him isn't always easy. He offered them a reality check so that they could clarify their motivations and decide whether they really wanted to be his disciples. And so he cut below the surface of their words to address their real questions.

Notice how each of these people responds to Jesus' invitation by talking about their life circumstances—a funeral, a family farewell, a concern about housing. Jesus responds not only to what they say on the surface, but also to their deepest motivations, fears, and intentions. One of Jesus' answers reveals that the person approaching him probably has false expectations of comfort and ease. By another response, he helps a disciple face his unwillingness to make sacrifices.

Jesus is never unkind, but he is honest. He answered each

person who came to him in a way that showed them the next down-to-earth step they had to take in answering Jesus' radical call.

Jesus can help you to see yourself more clearly as well. He knows how faithfully you are following him. He knows how much you love him. He wants to show you not only how your walk with him is strong, but also where you need more of his grace. His goal is always to help you be realistic about his call to discipleship. But as costly as the journey may be, he also wants to assure you that he is walking with you every step of the way.

So talk with Jesus today. Tell him that you want to follow him. But also tell him about what's going on in your life right now and any hesitation you might have. Let him answer you as he answered the people in today's Gospel so that you can understand your motivations a little better. Then you'll be ready for the next step along the journey with Jesus.

"Jesus, I want to walk with you as the disciples did. Help me see the next realistic step I need to take today."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Caston Mestayer, Ryan Roth, and Coach Blakeney!
- ★ Youth legislature will have their first meeting of the year this afternoon directly after school in Mrs. Mays' room 103. If you are in grades 9-12 and are interested in participating, plan to attending this meeting.
- ★ Seniors, Herff Jones will be back to take Graduation Orders today during lunch. Please bring your deposit of \$60 at that time.

- ★ Senior Sibling pictures for the yearbook are due to Ana Patino by Friday, October 5, 2018! Please email them to her, or give her a printed copy. If you have any questions, see someone on the staff.
- ★ Students, if you are taking the PSAT workshop with Dr. Acosta, it is this Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. No one will be allowed to leave campus. Dr. Acosta is providing lunch, which will be pizza. He is also bringing water and drinks. You are allowed to bring snacks, extra water, and/or your own lunch. Please see Ms. Wilkinson if you have any questions. Also, there are a few openings for this workshop. Please see Ms. Wilkinson if you would like to register.
- ★ Students for Life will meet tomorrow morning at 7:45am in Ms. Cloud's room. We will be voting on officers and discuss our first project. Please make plans to attend.
- ★ The Fighting Irish Cross Country Team had a strong performance last weekend in the Ocean Springs Invitational, with several varsity members placing in the top 25 out of 700 registered runners including: Cade Meyers, Dylan Middleton, Dominic Patino, Jordan Pete, Isabel Leatherman, Amelie Million, Bryon Shepard, Luke Meyers and Isabella Patino. Of note, Isabella has now come in first place in the 4000 meter race for all meets she has competed in!
- ★ Students who have applied for science honor society need to by Mrs. Worrel's room today to vote for officers.