

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, October 9, 2018

## **Today's Prayer and Reflection:**

God... was pleased to reveal his Son to me. (Galatians 1:15-16)

Relationships are built on communication. Friendships, marriages, and even business partnerships grow when we share our thoughts and ideas with each other.

St. Paul's relationship with Jesus began with a question: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" (Acts 9:4). That encounter changed everything. Paul had been a zealous persecutor of the Church, but now he realized he was on the wrong side of God's plan. He needed time so that he could grow into his new relationship with Christ. So instead of "consulting flesh and blood," he spent three years studying the Hebrew Scriptures again and learning to find Jesus in them (Galatians 1:16, 18).

God wants to build a relationship with you too. He wants to reveal his Son to you in a way that is unique to you. Whether you have been close to him for years or only came to know him yesterday, he wants to deepen and increase the bond between you and him.

You probably can't dedicate three years to be alone with God. But you can step aside from your ordinary activities each day to spend time alone with him. You can get into the habit of talking to Jesus about the things that interest you or matter to you. You can ask him how he thinks, how he sees you, or what he wants to do in your life. As you do, pay attention to what stirs in your heart and mind. Pay attention to the thoughts that stir in your memory, imagination, or emotions. Write down what you think God may be saying to you so that you can go back and reflect on it later.

It's not just in this special alone time with the Lord that you can deepen your relationship with him. Look for moments throughout your day when you can have short heart-to-heart conversations with him—maybe in the car as you're driving, during your lunch break, or before you close your eyes at night.

God knows the best way to reveal his Son to you, just as he did for Paul. So find the time to be alone with Jesus, and then listen. He has so much to tell you!

"Father, thank you for revealing your Son to me. Help me to know him more each day."

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## **Today's Announcements:**

- ★ Happy Birthday to Abigayle Baldwin today!
- ★ The National English Honor Society meeting that was scheduled for today has been moved to next Tuesday. All applicants and current members should attend. New members, there is a \$10 membership fee; you may pay this at the meeting if you wish.
- ★ Cross Country team members will need to meet directly after school for a 35 minute run.

★ Nativity BVM Elementary is looking for volunteers to dress up for its Haunted House on Saturday, October 13, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Students may work an hour shift or stay the entire time. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you would like to volunteer for service hours.

The robotics team will be hosting a booth with our robot to represent St. Patrick at the Nativity Carnival on October 13. Members should come by Mrs. Worrel's room to sign up for a shift at the carnival.

★ St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School is seeking volunteers for their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27, from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. See your email for more details.