

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, November 12 2018

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*"Things that cause sin will inevitably occur, but woe to the one through whom they occur. (Luke 17:1)*

Have you ever noticed how closely many young children watch adults? They are always absorbing and learning from what they see—the bad and the good. It's reminiscent of the phrase "Children learn what they live." They learn to do what they see their parents doing and not necessarily what their parents tell them to do.

It's not just children either. We all know how hard it is to avoid joining in gossip when we hear it, or how tempting it can be to chime in with hurtful comments on social media.

This is why Jesus warns us about leading other people to sin through our example. People watch us. Our witness matters. Just one negative example from us may be all someone needs to justify his or her own sin. But if a bad example has a powerful effect, imagine how much more powerful a good example can be!

The important issue, then, is not just that we avoid behaviors that could cause people to sin. It is also that we become good examples who help inspire people to holiness.

Isn't this what Jesus did? His prayer life was so attractive that his disciples asked, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). When he drove the money changers out of the Temple, the people were "hanging on his words" (19:48). And when he refused to condemn a woman caught in adultery, her accusers walked away "one by one," humbled by their own sins (John 8:9).

St. Paul once wrote, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). That's your goal as well. When you imitate Jesus, your example will whet people's appetite for God. They will see a reflection of Christ in your actions and your demeanor, and it will move them to seek the Lord for themselves. When you set aside time to pray in the morning, your faithfulness will inspire other family members. When you let a negative comment slide off your back, your peace will make your classmate or coworker take notice. When you reach out to someone who is hurting, your compassion will melt that person's heart.

How can you imitate Jesus today? Simply by living in love.

*"Lord, make me like you so that other people can see you in me."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Logan Borgstede!
- ★ National Junior Honor Society will meet tomorrow morning at 7:45 am in the auditorium.
- ★ Congratulations to the junior varsity boys soccer team for their 1 to 0 win against Bay St. Louis. The goal score was made by Landon Stringer. The varsity boys soccer team also won 2 to 0 against Bay St. Louis. Goals were scored by Ricardo Quintana and Chris Collins.

- ★ There is a scheduled robotics meeting today after school in room 202. This is a very important meeting where we will discuss our upcoming LEGO tournament in December and the FTC work schedule. All members should attend this meeting.
- ★ The Lady Irish varsity soccer team defeated Bay High 4 to 1 in an impressive performance. Jessica Harrison led the scoring with two goals. Abby Badurak and Mary Cate Sliman also added a goal in the victory. The junior varsity also won their game with a score of 1 to 0 with the goal coming from Braleigh Moak.
- ★ The first practice for the Christmas Cantata is today from 3:05 to 4:00 in the auditorium.