

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.  
(Mark 1:27)*

People living in First World countries have all but completely dismissed the idea that evil spirits are real. But as numerous saints have emphasized over and over again, that's a big mistake. Demons are real, and they are constantly trying to tempt us to commit sins.

Before we go any further, however, we need to make one important distinction. While very few people are actually possessed by evil spirits, most of us have been harassed by them. One story from the Bible can help us out here. It's the story of Peter telling Jesus, "You don't really have to die, do you?" In response, Jesus told Peter, "Get behind me, Satan" (Mark 8:33).

Here Jesus was not saying that Peter was possessed by Satan. He was saying that the devil was using Peter to tempt Jesus. Here's the difference. It was Peter's mind that came up with the idea. It was his good intentions that moved him to speak. And it was Peter's voice that did the speaking. But it was the influence of Satan that moved Peter to say what he said.

What Satan did to Peter, he still does to us today. So how can we guard against his tactics? First, we should try our best to agree with Jesus. Of course, we can always ask him to help us understand or follow his commands, but we should continually try to keep an attitude of trust and humility. When we think we know better than Jesus, as Peter did, we open ourselves up to the devil's harassment.

Second, we need to put on the "armor of God" (Ephesians 6:11). When you wake up each morning, ask the Lord to protect your whole family. Pray, "In the name of Jesus, I command you, Satan, to go to the cross where Jesus defeated you."

Third, soak yourself in the word of God and the Eucharist. Read the Scriptures and meditate on them for at least five minutes each day. Go to Mass, and receive Jesus in Holy Communion as often as you can.

Finally, always remember that Jesus, who lives in you, is stronger than the devil (1 John 4:4).

*"Jesus, teach me how to stand firm and resist all the temptations of the evil one."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy birthday to Cathryn Otero and Emily Otero!
- ★ Sign ups for both varsity and junior high track are ongoing - see Coach Dellenger in room 108 if you are interested.
- ★ There will be an Ambassadors meeting in the library directly after school on Wednesday. Please make plans to attend!

- ★ Students attending the March for Life event in Washington who are not traveling with St. Patrick will need to see Mrs. Collier in the front office.
- ★ Make up tennis tryouts will be held on Wednesday, January 23, at Bayou Bluff. They will be from 3:30 to 4:30. Please sign up with Coach Villarrubia in room 217, if you plan on attending make up tryouts.
- ★ National Honor Society, there will be a meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, January 16, at 7:45 in the auditorium.
- ★ The Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus is seeking volunteers to help serve food for their annual 50 years of marriage dinner on Sunday, February 10 at 2 pm. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Collier in the front office.
- ★ The Junior High Lady Irish soccer team defeated Bay High 4 to 3 in penalty kicks after a 3 to 3 tie in regulation.
- ★ Our Quiz Bowl team, David Alexander, Stephen Azar, Max Grill, Hayden Miller and Connor Sutton, dominated at the Biloxi Match last night winning all three rounds and the lightning round with standout scores. Ms. Ladner wants to thank "the fellows" for their dedication.
- ★ The varsity women's soccer team will be hosting the OLA Crescents tonight at 5:30 p.m. The first 75 students to come to the varsity game will receive a coupon for a free ice cream from the cafeteria. Come out and support our Fighting Irish women's soccer team.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish varsity basketball team for their victory last night against OLA. We won 63-21. Players of the game were Gabby Patino, Makenzie Stenum, Quinlan Pisciotta, and Alayna Miller. Congratulations ladies!