

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, January 7, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ. (1 John 3:23)*

In a recent study, researchers interviewed American Christian youth, both Catholic and non-Catholic. The data indicated that although they called themselves Christians, many of the young people didn't really grasp the essential truths of Christianity. They believed that God exists, but that he is far off and removed from their daily lives. They believed that God exists mainly to help them to become "better people." In short, their answers revealed great confusion about their faith—almost like a cloud over their minds.

The First Letter of John was written in a time of a similar lack of clarity. Christians from many different backgrounds held different views about the identity of Jesus. Many disputed whether he could be both fully human and fully divine. Some wanted to place more of an emphasis on Jesus' spiritual nature, hoping to avoid having to change the way they lived in this physical world. The author of 1 John wrote this letter to address these disagreements. He

reminded them of the simple heart of Christianity: to believe that Jesus, the Son of God, became man for our salvation.

Similar to the first-century Christians, young people today can find themselves adrift. They may have gotten out of the habit of going to Sunday Mass. They may feel disillusioned and doubt that there is a place for them in the Church. Or perhaps their pursuit of career or family crowds out time for God. Still, God loves them, and he is always ready to welcome them and embrace them. But who will be his ambassadors?

Maybe it's you. Every one of us can help, even if it's in just a small way. You can point your friends and loved ones toward Jesus by the way you love and care for them. Also, never underestimate the power of intercessory prayer.

Who knows? You just may be the one whose prayers help part the clouds of confusion and encourage someone to take a step closer to Jesus!

*"Lord, pour out your grace on all young people."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with your family and loved ones. We look forward to an excellent start of the second semester.
- ★ May we continue to keep the students and families of Nativity BVM Elementary School in our thoughts and prayers today and this week.
- ★ Students will receive first semester report cards on Friday of this week.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish Varsity Basketball Team on their victory Friday night against Perry Central - we won 72-6. Players of the game were Emily Nolte, Quinlan Pisciotta, Alayna Miller, Chandler Wheeler, and Makenzie Stenum.

- ★ The Fighting Irish Men's Basketball Team won the Lamar Christmas Bash in Meridian December 27-29. The Irish defeated Clarkdale 87-25, Tuscaloosa Academy 55-46, and Lamar Academy 59-34 in the Championship game.

The Irish took the court Friday night and defeated Perry Central 88-37 to improve to 16-0 on the season.

Coach Robinson quotes, "I am very proud of this team... not only their accomplishments on the court, but also the way they carry themselves and represent St. Patrick."

The team will be in action Tuesday night at Collins and return home Friday night to host Richton.

- ★ Sign ups for both varsity and junior high track will start this Wednesday. See Coach Dellenger in room 108 if you are interested.
- ★ Coach Dellenger would like to thank those FCA members who participated in the FCA Christmas Kids Toy Project.
- ★ The following clubs will be photographed Thursday. There will not be a makeup picture day.
  - Arts and Crafts 12:51-12:56
  - Sailing 12:57-1:02
  - Mock Trial 1:03-1:08
  - Interact 1:09-1:19
  - Key Club 1:20-1:30
  - Robotics 1:31-1:41
  - Campus Ministry 1:42-1:52
  - Quiz Bowl 1:53-1:58
  - Students for Life 1:59-2:09