

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

In my name . . . (Mark 9:39)

John and the other disciples were missing the point. Alarmed that a stranger was using Jesus' name to cast out demons, they tried to stop him. Why wasn't their first reaction gratitude? Or joy? Or awe and wonder? Jesus' power is so great that even someone who didn't belong to their band of followers could perform a mighty deed just by calling on his name!

Sometimes we miss the point as well—but in a slightly different way. We miss out on the grace available to us when we pray in the name of Jesus. God has given Jesus authority over all of heaven and earth, and Jesus promised that in the authority of his name all of his followers can work wonders (Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:17-18). He even promised, "Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you" (John 16:23).

Just like the man in today's Gospel, you can pray in the name of Jesus when you sense the presence of evil. Remember, the evil one loves to harass those who belong to Christ. As the father of lies, he can cause us to feel guilt and

shame when we have already been forgiven. As the accuser, he is often behind our self-condemning thoughts. And as the enemy of everyone, he loves to cause division in relationships. So don't underestimate his desire to wreak havoc.

When the seventy-two returned from their missionary journey, they told Jesus, "Even the demons are subject to us because of your name" (Luke 10:17). Evil quakes at the name of Jesus. Believe that demons flee at the mention of Jesus' name, even when you're the one speaking it!

So when you sense the evil one at work, go ahead and pray. You don't need a lot of words. Just say, "Jesus, I come against this darkness in your name."

Jesus' name is truly "the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9). His authority to dispel evil and darkness is not just reserved for him alone. You have been baptized into his name, and that means you can call on that name. He has placed his name in your heart, so call on it!

"Jesus, may your name be ever on my heart and lips."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Bronwyn Galbraith and Ms. Norton!
- ★ The pizza luncheon for the Class of 2023 - the winning class of the Catholic Schools Week Quarter Challenge - will be held today. We will call for students to be dismissed when it's ready.
- ★ We will be having a St. Patrick's Day Dance for our junior high students (grades 7-8) on Saturday, March 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$5. There will also be a parent social for parents of junior high students.

- ★ Cheer tryouts are quickly approaching. Tryouts will be held on March 15th. Please be sure to get your paperwork and packet information turned in to Ms. Hebert no later than March 13th. For any questions regarding this, please reach out to Ms. Hebert in room 102.
- ★ Mrs. Rosetti will host a resume workshop for students in grades 9-12 on Wednesday, March 6, at 3:15 p.m. The workshop will last until 5 p.m. and will include tips on how to create your strongest resume yet. To RSVP, please email your current resume to erosetti@stpatrickhighschool.net.
- ★ Juniors, please check your email and let Ms. Wilkinson know by the end of the day if you are interested in applying to the APEX summer program at the University of Mississippi. We can only nominate four students.
- ★ The Fighting Irish ended their season last night at North Forrest. The Irish completed the most successful season in school history recording 23 wins with 7 losses and advancing to the third round of South State. There were many honors for the team, Jay Parker was selected Region 8 Most Valuable Offensive Player. Windfield Swetman and Drew Roth were selected All Region 8. Michael Moeller, Parker Frame, Nick Krass, and Michael Fitzpatrick received Honorable Mention All Region. Coach Robinson says, "It has been an honor to coach the Fighting Irish team. They are not only good players and teammates but they are a classy group of young men."
- ★ All robotics members are asked to be in Room 202 by 7:50 Thursday morning for a short video for the chairman's presentation. Please be prompt as this will only take five minutes.