

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The bearers halted. (Luke 7:14)

It was her only son, and now he was gone, just as her husband had died a few years earlier. As she proceeded to the burial place, a large crowd of mourners walked with her. Loud sobbing and prayers could be heard all around her. There was so much commotion that few noticed Jesus as he approached the procession. When he reached the coffin, Jesus touched it—and everything stopped. Everything changed.

As he did for this widow, Jesus reaches out to touch you too. How will you respond? Be open to something unexpected, and don't ignore the possibility that it might stop you in your tracks. Be still and pay attention. Let Jesus show you he is with you. Stop and listen: what is he saying to you? The more you practice this type of attention, the more you'll recognize how often Jesus reaches out to touch you. And the more you'll be able to say, Okay, I'm going to put aside what I'm doing right now and see what Jesus wants to do.

He may wake you up in the middle of the night. Right then and there, in the dark, turn your heart to him. He may lead you to pray for a particular person or situation. Or he may simply remind you of how much he loves you. At Mass, perhaps a Scripture passage will suddenly bring clarity to a thorny issue in your family. Stop and thank him, asking for help in holding on to his word. In the middle of swirling fears about an issue, Jesus may bring a burst of his peace into your heart and mind. Stop and receive it. Sit quietly with him, and let him calm you. He is reaching out to you, offering a message, an insight, a touch that will change you. Don't miss out.

The woman in today's Gospel didn't know what to expect when the coffin halted and she saw Jesus. But she would never regret stopping. She received her son back from the dead! Let her example lead you to watch for Jesus breaking into your life in an unexpected way. Then see what he does.

"Jesus, thank you for reaching into my busy day and touching me. Help me to stop and pay attention. I want to receive all you have for me."

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Today's Announcements:

- Today is day 5 of the advisement rotation.
- Homecoming dance tickets are now on sale - tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from the front office or the spirit store on the St. Patrick website. Students must be in 9th through 12th grades to attend, and any high school guest from another school must have a completed and approved guest form. Those forms are due to the front office by September 20.

- Homecoming shirts are now on sale. They are \$15 and may be ordered through the school store or through the front office. All orders must be submitted by this Thursday, September 19, at 8:30 a.m. This is a presale and we will not have extra shirts. Order by Thursday to get your 2019 Homecoming shirt.
- The junior high math club will hold its first meeting tomorrow morning at 7:40 in room 118.
- Coach Dellenger will have FCA chapter sign ups for three days this week. FCA is for students in grades 9-12 who are in a varsity sport, cheer, band, or dance teams.
- There will be a Youth Legislature meeting in Mr. Eleuterius' room 116 today at 3:05pm and a Mock Trial meeting in Mr. Eleuterius' room at 7:45am tomorrow.
- All National English Honor Society applications must be turned in to your English teacher by 3:00 tomorrow.
- Choir rehearsal Wednesday after school in the band hall.
- All actors in the Fall Production of *I Don't Have a Clue* need to be in the auditorium at 3:05.
- Here are the results from this past weekend Olan Welch Cross Country Meet:
 - Men's Varsity - 2nd Place Team Finish paced by the top ten placement of Mason McCullough (5th overall) and Dominic Patino (7th overall)
 - Women's Varsity - 3rd Place Team Finish paced by the top ten placement of Isabel Leatherman (4th overall) and Olivia Leatherman (5th overall)
 - Boy's Junior High - 4th Place Team Finish paced by the top ten placement of Luke Meyers (7th place overall)
 - Girl's Junior High - Isabella Patino won the Girls Junior High Race with Anna Katherine Thriffiley placing 5th overall