

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, January 13, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

They left their father . . . and followed him. (Mark 1:20)

Teachers, do you remember your teenage years, when you used to be able to sleep through a blaring alarm clock? Students, as you were very young, your parents can probably relate that the slightest noise from you made them jump out of bed to check on them. What made the difference? Simply this: at his birth, that little baby found his way into our hearts and has been there ever since. Ask any parent, and they will tell you that a day doesn't go by without them thinking of their children—and often worrying about them.

In today's Gospel, we see Peter, James, John, and Andrew all drop what they were doing to follow Jesus. One invitation from him, and they spring into action, much like the way parents spring into action at the sound of their children. How did that happen?

Well, it wasn't magic. It probably wasn't even the first time they had encountered Jesus. As he usually did, Mark used as few words as possible to describe a much longer process: "Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God" (1:14). He could well have been in Galilee for quite a while

before he called these disciples. He could have spent days or even weeks talking about the mercy and salvation of God. He could have spent hours with them, preparing them to make a decision. So he could have already found his way into their hearts by the time he called them to follow him.

Of course, we don't know what made the disciples so responsive to Jesus' call. But we do know that they were willing to follow him, haltingly at first, but more and more faithfully as the years went by. This mirrors our own experience. The more time we spend with Jesus, the more he finds his way into our hearts. Our bond with him deepens. We become more convinced of his love for us, and his will for us becomes sweeter and more attractive. Most important, we begin to love him back. We find that he has captivated our hearts, and we become more willing to move when he calls us.

Jesus has a beautiful plan for you; come close to him today and let him help you embrace it more deeply.

"Lord, give me a willing heart so that I can follow you more closely."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Richard Okoniewski!
- Today is day 6 of the advisement schedule.
- There will be a diamond girls meeting Tuesday, January 14 at 7:45 in room 107.

- There will be a March for Life meeting today at 5:30pm in the auditorium. This meeting is for students attending the March with St. Patrick and your parents. Please make plans to attend to discuss the final details of the trip.
- There will not be a parent meeting for the golf team this Wednesday. However, any male or female grades 7-12 wanting to play golf this season needs to come to Coach Smiths room 217 Wednesday morning at 7:45.
- The Irish defeated East Marion 51-49 Friday night. Isaiah Jefferson scored the game winning basket, at the buzzer, to lead the team to a thrilling victory. Drew Roth, Nick Krass, Rhett Jones, Briggs Menendez, and Beau Muller played very well for the team. The Irish travel to North Forrest Tuesday night.
- There will not be an Interact Club meeting this week. The next meeting will take place on Feb 19th
- Track Trials will be this Friday, January 17 after school. Please meet at the stadium and you will be assigned to your area. New parents orientation will meet in the stadium with Coach Dellenger .
- The Junior High Math Club will meet in room 118 Wednesday morning at 7:40.
- Auditions for the spring drama production will begin tomorrow, January 14 at 3:05. There are sign up sheets at Mrs. Trahan's door. Join us for a fabulous, fun-filled show!