

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 22, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

You lock the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 23:13)

When you were a child, did you ever beg your older brothers or sisters to let you play with them, only to find yourself pushed away and locked out of the room? Eventually, Mom or Dad comes along and tells them to open the door and let you play. In this passage, Jesus is intervening just like that parent, and for something much more important. Through their teachings and actions, many of Israel's religious leaders were locking the door to the kingdom of heaven.

We may not be religious leaders, but we, too, have the ability to lock or unlock the door through which people can meet Jesus. When we are unkind or short-tempered, we close the door; when we are gracious and welcoming, we open it. When we sacrifice our time to be with someone who needs us, we open the door even wider. When we walk past someone who is hurting, we close it.

It's not always easy to identify ways that we close and open heaven's door, especially since we all live very different lives in very different situations. So try this to help you think in terms of your own life.

First, write down three of the most moving, convicting aspects of Jesus that you have learned about over time. It could be his mercy, his patience, his faithfulness, or any number of other things.

Next, write the names of three people whom you would say have most demonstrated these attributes of Christ to you. How did they make you feel? How did their words and actions help open the door for you?

Finally, write the names of three people for whom you want to help unlock the door to the kingdom of heaven. Using what you have already written, think of how you can do for them what the other people did for you. You can use the same strategies that they used, or you can develop your own approach—one best suited to the people you want to reach. Whatever you choose to do, let these role models be your inspiration, and ask the Spirit to help you be creative.

Let's be known as those who throw the doors wide open for people to come and meet Jesus!

"Lord, help me to unlock the door of the kingdom of heaven."

Today's Announcements:

- There will be an Arts and Crafts Club meeting this Wednesday, August 24, at 3:05 p.m. Juniors and seniors need to see Ms. Cody if you are interested in running for an office.

- Monday through Thursday of this week, any student (grades 9-12) who participates in a varsity sport and is interested in being an FCA officer, see Coach Dellenger in room 108 for an application form.
- This Friday we are celebrating our first pep rally in preparation for our first home football game against Columbia Academy. The theme for the pep rally is "Fly the Cougars to Outer Space!" Friday will be a free dress for those that want to support the football team and show school spirit. Come dressed as aliens, stars, astronauts, planets, or anything futuristic. Details about attire was sent in this morning's "This Week at St. Patrick" email and is posted on the school website. If you have a question about what to wear, please ask Mrs. Mullen. No jogging pants, nothing above the knee, and no spaghetti strap shirts.
- There will be a Key Club meeting this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in Mrs. Sutherlin's room 210. We will have sign ups then. Our first project is the bridge walk this Saturday at 7:00 a.m. on the Ocean Springs side of the bridge.
- Seventh grade class officer applications are due by this afternoon. There will be a campaign meeting this afternoon in room 200 and campaigning will be tomorrow.
- Students who were unable to make the drama guild meeting last week need to go by Mrs. Trahan's room and fill out the application. Election for officers will be later this week.
- Starting today, students may begin earning spirit points. Also, all office detentions and suspensions will count against a classes spirit points. Every class will begin with 200 points.