

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Stand firm and hold fast. (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

Legend tells us that St. Francis of Assisi was working in his garden one day when one of his fellow friars asked, "What would you do if you knew Christ were coming back today?" Francis answered, "I would keep right on gardening." Nothing special. No anxious preparations or fretful trips to the confessional. He would live that day like any other, ready for Christ.

This is what St. Paul tells the Thessalonians as well: don't get caught up in predictions about the Second Coming. Just "stand firm and hold fast" to what you have believed (2 Thessalonians 2:15). This two-part advice can help us too. Current events, speculation about the end-time, or thoughts of our own last days can unsettle us. How should we respond?

First, we stand firm, trying our best to live the life God has given us and not worrying about the future. God's kingdom is at hand, whether we're scrubbing pots or writing reports, driving carpools or hauling trash. We stand firm by being faithful to what we've been called to do, making the most of God's presence in our daily activities.

Are you anxious about unresolved relationships? Worried that you aren't ready to meet Jesus? Each day offers the chance to draw closer to him, to mend broken relationships, and to care for his people. If you're trying to do this each day, your fears will slowly dissolve. You'll grow in confidence that you're living each day to its fullest. You'll be more peaceful.

Second, we hold fast. We know the Lord. We have been taught so much about him. Not only that, but he has touched our lives in so many ways. So we hold fast to that truth in the face of anxiety. God is our everlasting, almighty, and faithful Father!

If you're feeling "shaky," pick a Scripture from the day's Mass readings, and keep it close by. Type it into your computer, or write it on paper; and put it in your pocket so that you can go back to it during the day when you start to feel anxious. Let it become part of your solid foundation in the faith.

"Father, I believe you want me to walk in your peace. Help me to stand firm in the life you've given me and hold fast to your truth!"

Today's Announcements:

- National Science Honor Society will meet today after school in room 202. You will vote for officers and fill out applications to join.
- The last day to join Interact Club for students in grades 9-12 is Friday. See Ms. Lawson to sign up.

- There will be an Arts and Crafts Club meeting tomorrow at 3:05 p.m. Juniors and seniors need to see Ms. Cody if you are interested in running for an office.
- Seniors, this is a reminder to begin turning in your yearbook quotes and baby pictures to Mrs. Farragut in room 214.
- NHS Members - there will be a meeting at 7:45 a.m. tomorrow morning in the auditorium. The meeting is for last year's members only, and you will elect officers.
- Teachers, the Colonial Life Representative is back on campus today for those who have not meet with and signed off.
- 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.