

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 29, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

... so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:5)

The apostle Paul was a bright, persuasive and well-read expert in Jewish theology. He may have had his flaws, but he was still one of the most influential men in the early Church. The Corinthian church, a growing and thriving community, testified to the work of this great "apostle to the Gentiles" (Roman 11:13). Yet Paul was always careful to emphasize that the Church was built "on the power of God," not on his wisdom or the wisdom of any other apostle.

Like St. Paul, we, too, are called to build the Church. And like St. Paul, we are called to build on the foundation of God's wisdom and power, not our own. Does that mean that we shouldn't try to be dynamic and engaging as we spread the good news? Of course not! We should do whatever it takes and use whatever tools are available to us to present the gospel. That's what it means to become "all things to all, to save at least some" (1 Corinthians 9:22).

The point isn't what you can or cannot do. You don't need a particular skill set to succeed as a witness to the Lord. You don't have to look impressive or feel strong and energetic. All you have to do is listen to the Holy Spirit and try your best to follow his guidance.

The best way to become an effective sharer of the gospel is to sit quietly with the Lord in prayer every day. Set aside your concerns; focus on Jesus, his kingdom, and his goal of bringing people to heaven. Ask the Spirit to teach you the best ways to witness and share your faith. Then, take some steps during the day to act on what you think God has said. Remember: the most important thing is not what we do, but how we put our hope in the power of God to work through us.

"Holy Spirit, I want to follow your lead. Show me what you want me to do today, so that I might make way for your power to be seen in this world."

Today's Announcements:

- Students (grades 9-12) who are attending the Homecoming Dance and want to request an out-of-school date must have the out-of-school guest form submitted to Mr. Buckley for approval by this Friday, September 2. Forms may be picked up from Ms. Dapremont or downloaded from the "Student Life" section of the school website.
- Seventh grade student council representative applications are to Mrs. Buckley in room 200 by 3:30 today. There is a campaign meeting after school today in room 200.
- National Honor Society officers, please see Ms. Wilkinson today.
- Drama guild officer elections are tomorrow. Your dues must be paid in order to vote.

- There will be volleyball practice as usual this afternoon.
- Coach Dellenger needs all those who took an FCA officer application to have them turned in by tomorrow.
- The Fighting Irish Swim team competed at the Coastal Invitational on Saturday at the Biloxi Natatorium. Both girls and boys teams finished in fourth place among 17 schools. Both teams finished second behind OLA and St. Stanislaus among Class 1 competitors. Check out all the stats from the meet on our website. Our next competition is this Wednesday at St. Stanislaus/OLA.