

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Lead me in the path of your commands, for in it I delight. (Psalm 119:35)

We've all been in situations in which we were being trained for something. Perhaps it was a new job or a lesson in school. In the course of our training, some commands became so internalized that we still follow them years later: "Say please and thank you." "Stand up straight." "Look both ways before you cross the street." They become second nature to us.

This is how most commands work. Whether to teach us manners, good habits, or independent living skills, rules are drilled into us so that we won't break them. We probably become thankful for them over time, but rarely would people say that they delight in commands at the moment they are given. But there's one possible exception: guidance given by a revered mentor.

This is what makes today's psalm so compelling. The psalmist recognizes that God is the perfect mentor, the perfect parent. He understands that this divine teacher knows his strengths and weaknesses and knows how to help him along. He sees that God's plans are only for his good, that they are lovingly designed to put him on the right path to happiness. It's a path that he can truly delight in.

What about you? Can you see God's love in the commands he has given? You don't have an absentee father! Almighty God walks beside you every day; he is always ready to help and teach you and to mold you into his image. He is committed to keeping you on the right path and to showing you how to find delight in his ways.

Why does God do all of this? Because he loves you. It's that simple. He considers you worth the time and effort.

Today, spend time thanking God for his faithfulness to you. Ask him to show you just one "command" that he wants you to delight in. Is it to serve your family? To spend time with him in prayer? To forgive someone who has hurt you? Embrace this command, confident in your Father's power to transform you.

"Father, thank you for never giving up on me! I place myself on the path of your commands today. Teach me, mold me, and empower me so that I can find delight in your will."

Today's Announcements:

- NHS Members: Please remember to bring items for the homeless. You will fill the bags Wednesday and Thursday after school.
- Spanish Honor Society and Spanish Club will have their first meeting Wednesday, September 21, at EL Saltillo on Cedar Lake at 6:00 p.m. If you want to join, see Coach Camps in room 208 or Sofia Copper. Dues are \$20 for Spanish Honor Society, \$10 for Spanish Club, and \$11 for Spanish III students.

- Senior men who are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please submit your application to Mr. Creel or Ms. Previto by Friday, September 23.
- The Key Club meeting is today. We have the Walk for the Poor this Saturday at 7:00 a.m. on the Ocean Springs side of the bridge.
- Interact Club 'Cruisin the Coast' signups for students in grades 9-12 start tomorrow at 7:45 a.m. in Ms. Lawson's room. See Ms. Lawson anytime after 7:45 to sign up. First come, first serve.
- Ms. Moon needs to see the following students right after school today:

Science Olympiad team B (junior high):

Sawyer Stone, George Weatherly, Anthony Bui, Diego Riojas, Jacob Roberts, Beyla Bleichner, Scarlet Nation, Joseph Hebert, Joseph Agler, Claire Wingfield, Kelsey Descher, Gavriella Persing, Jasmine Stawarski.

Science Olympiad Team C (high School):

Stephen Azar, Tyler Jackson, Matthew Bisner, JR Riojas, Amelie Million, Natallie Noel, Lauren Skinner, Will McMackin, Tyler Fulmer, Spencer Wingfield, Christina Parry, Max Gill, Richard Springer, Ryan Adderholdt, Raven Gonsoulin.

Alternates: Sarah Janus, Madison Gee