

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, October 7, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Through you shall all the nations be blessed. (Galatians 3:8)

Paul recounts today how God promised Abraham, a "barren," or childless, man, that he would become a source of blessing for all people. By faith, Abraham believed the Lord, and the blessings flowed from generation to generation, right down to the present day. So here's a question: How can I, a child of Abraham, continue his heritage by becoming a channel of blessing as well? Here's what one man did.

John Drake thought he was doing plenty. An executive at a Fortune 500 company, he was a devout Catholic and a generous donor to charities. But then he started losing sleep. He was haunted by memories of unfortunate kids he had met over ten years of business trips to the Philippines and other third-world countries.

Drake would wake up tormented, crying, and wrestling with God. That's because, unexpectedly, a Filipino mayor had asked him to take over a shelter where twenty-six children were living in appalling conditions. God was calling, Drake realized. But he had a family and a dream job. The call was insistent, though, so Drake took a first step in 2003 by raising funds for the shelter. To his astonishment, seemingly insurmountable obstacles melted away. He ended up retiring from his executive position to oversee a center and foundation that are making a life-saving difference for thousands of Filipino children.

John Drake's secret was that he listened to God. He pondered the mayor's request and the horrors he had seen. And by listening and obeying, slowly and tentatively at first, he ended up being a source of blessing for thousands of children.

God wants you to be a source of blessing as well. That's where your listening comes in. But how can you listen to God? Try keeping a prayer journal and writing down what you think God is saying to you each day. Listening takes practice. You may not get it right from the start. But over time you'll find yourself hearing, as well as writing, more and more. So listen to God, and let the blessings flow.

"Lord, I'm listening. How can I bring your life into my world?"

Today's Announcements:

- Monday, October 10 is our Fall Holiday - classes will resume and the second quarter begins on Tuesday morning.
- Attention Seniors: All Senior ad forms, pictures, and money are due to Mrs. Farragut by Friday, October 21. Also, senior sibling pictures must be turned into Mrs. Farragut by next Friday, October 14. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Farragut before or after school.

- St. Vincent de Paul School is seeking volunteers on Oct. 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 to assist with their fall festival. Any students who are interested in helping for service hours, please see Ms. Dapremont for more information.
- The St. James Fall Festival is this weekend, and they are looking for as many volunteers as possible. Any students who are interested in helping for service hours, please see Ms. Dapremont for more information.
- St. Patrick will be taking a group to March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 25 to 28. Students for Life members who are interested in attending may begin signing up with \$200 deposit and application as follows: juniors and seniors may sign up Wednesday; sophomores, Thursday; and freshmen, Friday. Sign ups will take place in the cafeteria beginning at 7:45 each morning. Please see Ms. Cloud for more information and an application if you are interested in attending.
- Twenty percent of young people are experiencing extreme cyber bullying on a daily basis.
- Congratulations to the junior high volleyball team. They split the match last night with Bay High by winning the second game 26 to 24. Camille Seghers had 2 kills; Kelsey Descher served for 6 points. The JV and Varsity teams played excellent games, but Bay High took the wins. The JV scores were 23-25, 25-14, 17-15. Sydney Biggs had 2 service aces and Grace Hawkins had 3. Hall, Rosales, and Loftis each had a kill. For the varsity, Kirkpatrick had 2 services aces and 6 kills. Tubb had 2 aces, 2 kills, Ladner 1 ace, 2 kills, and 1 block for point. Good games, Lady Irish!
- Congratulations to the Fighting Irish junior high football team for their win last night.
- Come out tonight and support the varsity football team in their game against Perry Central. Gametime is 7:00 p.m.