

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside? (Luke 11:40)

Imagine you have a grandfather clock that has been in your family for generations—only now it has stopped working. You wouldn't take it to just anyone to have it repaired. You'd search out a genuine clock maker, an expert who understands the intricate gears and machinery that make the clock tick. It's the clock maker who knows what the inside of a clock is supposed to look like.

In a similar way, Jesus is an expert on our own inner workings. He doesn't need a manual to understand where our hearts are "out of order." He designed us; he made us!

For an illustration of this truth, look at how Jesus approached the Pharisee who had invited him to dinner in today's Gospel reading. Clearly, he was deeply offended; why else would he rail against not only this one Pharisee, but all the other Pharisees who were just as closed minded? And yet, as angry as he was, he still showed this man the way to freedom. He told him to "give alms" in order to purify his heart (Luke 11:41). Maybe Jesus saw greed or disdain for the poor in this man. Maybe he saw selfishness. Whatever he saw, the solution he offered was not something he said to everyone. It's something he emphasized with this one person.

Jesus can help us in the same way. Out of love, he sheds light on our personal sins and weaknesses, but he doesn't just pronounce judgment. He helps us discover ways to set ourselves right. He has a personal solution set aside for you, just as the clock maker knows exactly what that heirloom needs. It may not be the solution you would have chosen, but you can trust that it's the best answer possible.

Jesus hates sin. He hates the way it separates us from himself and from each other. He hates the way it offends his Father. He hates the darkness it brings into our lives. But he also loves each of us deeply, sinners though we are. This is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is such a blessed gift. In it we find, not only pardon for our sins, but Jesus' handcrafted answers to our needs.

"Open my eyes, Lord, to the inner obstacles that I have a hard time recognizing. In your expert way, lead me along my own path to holiness."

Today's Announcements:

- 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.

- 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.
- Senior sibling pictures are due to Mrs. Farragut by this Friday, October 14. Senior ad forms, pictures, and money are due by next Friday, October 21.
- The Lady Irish Cross Country Team came in second place in the Mississippi College Division II Cross Country Invitational this past Saturday. Leading the Irish team on the podium was overall individual champion Isabel Leatherman. The Lady Irish placed three additional girls on the top fifteen champions podium: they were Gabriela Patino, Jordan Pete, and Anna Clare Colson. Rounding out the Irish finishers were Amelie Million, Julia Hancock, and Beyla Bleichner.

The varsity boys were led by eighth grader Cade Meyers 5K Personal Record of 18:24 to place him ninth place on the champions podium. Rounding out the finishers for the Irish were Austin Dossett, Dylan Middleton, Griffen Broussard, Jack McKee, and Spencer Wingfield.

Quinlan Prisciotta made it to the champions podium by placing seventh overall in the junior high girls race. In the junior high boys race, the Irish placed ninth overall and were led by Dominic Patino's twelfth place finish. He was followed by Jack Dent, Jameson Thriffley, Robbie Clisby, and Marshall Eleuterius.

- An FCA chapter meeting for all members will be held tomorrow morning at 7:45 in the auditorium.
- The PSAT workshop will begin during second period today.
- Students in grades 10-12 who are interested in trying out for quiz bowl please Ms. Ladner in the library for information. 2015-2016 Quiz bowl members see Ms. Ladner before Thursday.