

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Follow the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25)

Skilled sailors know that in order to change course, all they need to do is nudge the boat forward in a series of small, gentle turns. While new sailors have a tendency to jerk the helm in one direction or another, seasoned sailors know that slight movements allow the wind to fill the sails and to do the bulk of the work.

You might say that the Galatians in today's first reading were like heavy-handed new sailors. They had turned away from paganism and were lurching toward full compliance with Jewish law and observances. But Paul showed them a better way. He reminded them they had received the Holy Spirit, who is a gentle guide. They could trust him to teach them and lead them in God's ways.

We could all do with more of the wind of the Holy Spirit. We could all benefit from a bit of "course correction" every now and then. So how do we adjust our helm to take advantage of the Holy Spirit's promptings?

First, listen. Try to notice the Spirit's voice. If you feel like you should offer someone an apology, that might be the Spirit's soft nudge. If you are curious about some aspect of the Bible and want to study it, go ahead! That could be the Spirit's movement. Maybe a fellow parishioner will ask you to get involved in a new way at your church. The Spirit might be showing you a new direction.

Then, respond. Say yes to the Spirit's direction, and you'll start seeing changes. The evidence of his guidance will come: you may find it easier to be patient with a child. You may find yourself able to keep your peace when you're upset with someone. You may catch a judgmental thought about someone you don't like—and you may find it easier to change your thinking.

Never doubt that the Holy Spirit is at work in you. Follow his promptings. Adjust yourself a little bit, and see what the wind of the Spirit can do!

"Come, Holy Spirit! Fill me, guide me, and blow through every area of my life!"

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.
- 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.
- There is an Interact Club meeting immediately after school in the auditorium today.

- The SAVE/SADD club elected the following officers: president, Chloe Rizk; vice president, Hannah Gautier; secretary, Anna Broadus; and treasurer, Shannon Kirkpatrick. Today, the SAVE club will be distributing pledges and pencils as a reminder of making smart choices. We also we will have a bake sale at lunch today.
- Lynn Meadows Discovery Center is in need of volunteers for their American Girl Fashion Show to be held at the Wings Performing Arts and Education Center on October 15 and 16. See Ms. Dapremont for more information if you are interested.
- Our Students for Life group is advocating a theme of anti-suicide this week. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 12-18. "Know that you are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwells in you."
- Auditions for the fall drama production are this Friday, October 12. There is a sign-up sheet outside Ms. Trahan's door.