

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, October 20, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:19)

According to an old Norwegian proverb, "That which is loved is always beautiful." If you give the proper care to a flower, it becomes what it's supposed to be—beautiful. If you show love to a person who hasn't known much love, that person can become more like they were meant to be—more generous, more patient, more kind. For the ideal of beauty isn't so much on the outside of us as on the inside. It's not about what we have or what we know but who we are.

That kind of beauty is what Paul wanted to foster through the prayer in today's second reading. The first thing he prayed for was that his readers be empowered so that they could start feeding the poor, caring for the sick, or evangelizing the lost. He then prayed that they would be filled to overflowing with God's love. He knew that those who were "rooted and grounded" in Christ would have the right foundation on which to build the new Church (Ephesians 3:17).

This is a vital point for us to learn. Jesus wants us to build the Church, but he wants us to do it with his power, not just our effort. He wants us to learn how to minister out of his love and not just our own good intentions. To this end, He offers us deep experiences of his love so that we don't have to settle for an intellectual grasp of it or a theoretical understanding. His goal is that we would know his love in our deepest part, our "inner self" (Ephesians 3:16).

As you pray today, try to see yourself as a child of your heavenly Father. Perhaps using the psalms, reflect on his greatness and love. He created everything; even your next breath comes from him. His Son redeemed you on the cross with a love beyond all telling. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a glimpse of how great that love is. Let his peace fill you as you enter his presence. Know that he doesn't just "like" you. He actually delights in you!

"Father, help me experience the depths of your mercy so that I can live in the fullness of faith. Lord, set my heart aflame with your love."

Today's Announcements:

- Today, we will be on the liturgy bell schedule. We will celebrate Mass this morning at 9:40 a.m.
- As we begin to see cooler temperatures, students are reminded about the outerwear policies of the dress code. Remember that only school-approved jackets and sweaters are allowed to be worn at school.
- If you have any Irish raffle tickets and money with you, please turn it into Ms Dapremont in the office. Keep selling your tickets! All students who sell ten tickets by this Friday will receive a free dress day and ice cream party on Tuesday, October 25.

- 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.
- AP exam fees are due by tomorrow..
- Senior yearbook ad forms, money, and pictures are due tomorrow.
- Students who are interested in trying out for the quiz bowl team need to pick up an application from Ms. Ladner in the library.
- Our Lady of Fatima needs volunteers for their Halloween Carnival this Saturday, October 22, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet at Ms. Dapremont's desk broken into shifts. Fatima has a much smaller CYO this year and they really need our help. This is also a great opportunity for service hours which are part of your religion class requirements.
- There will be a Youth Leg. meeting tomorrow after school in room 103. We will be reviewing procedures for the conference. If you are unable to attend, you must write Mr. DeSalvo a note or an email explaining why. If you miss the meeting without contacting Mr. DeSalvo prior to Friday afternoon, you will not be permitted to attend the conference.
- Tomorrow, our Students for Life club is sponsoring a Pink Accessory Day. Students may wear pink accessories (such as pink socks, pink bowties, pink necklaces, pink ties, etc.) in addition to their regular school uniform.
- There will be a Students for Life meeting tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. in Ms Cloud's room.