

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, November 14, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

We did not act in a disorderly way among you. (2 Thessalonians 3:7)

The Thessalonian church was in a state of confusion and losing their peace and joy. Evidently, false teachers had come in claiming that the Second Coming had already happened. According to them, the persecutions they were experiencing were signs of the apocalyptic upheaval that everyone was expecting.

To head off this confusion, Paul urged the people to focus on living simply. He wanted them to be content with what they had, to work diligently, and to remain faithful to the Lord. Everything else would work itself out in God's good timing.

Paul's message of simplicity is important for us as well. We can easily become preoccupied with the busyness of life or get swept up in the idle speculation that is always part of the world. But this only distracts us and makes it harder for us to hear the Lord and feel his presence.

Mind you, a simple life doesn't mean an inactive life. It's a life of balance. Here are two strategies that can help you live more simply.

First, think about limiting the number of activities you do in any given day. This may mean evaluating the time you spend watching television, surfing the Internet, or shopping. It may mean setting aside one night a week for spiritual reading or serving in your parish or community. Look for ways you can simplify your life so that Jesus has more opportunities to show you his love.

Second, whether you are cooking a meal, working, or taking a walk, try to do it in a way that brings glory to the Lord. This approach can help keep your mind more peaceful and more focused on living in the Spirit.

Over and over again, the saints have told us that a simple life helps us to keep our minds on the Lord. It gives Jesus opportunities to fill our hearts with his joy, his love, and his peace. Try it. Examine the results. See what happens.

"Jesus, teach me to live simply, humbly, and peacefully."

Today's Announcements:

- Seniors, Friday, November 18, will be your college t-shirt day. Seniors may wear jeans and a college t-shirt next Friday, and we will take a picture for the yearbook!
- The Scholastic Book Fair is taking place in the library all this week. It will be open from 7:45 until 3:30 each day.
- Congratulations to Grace Belk who placed second overall in math at the A.C.E competition.

- National Honor Society, please pay your dues, and there is a meeting this Wednesday morning at 7:45.
- Good luck to junior high boys and girls basketball teams as they travel to Vancleave to battle the Bulldogs this evening.
- We would like to congratulate the girls eighth grade basketball team on winning the Vancleave Invitational Tournament this past Saturday. We won 32 to 17 against Vancleave and 30 to 17 against OLA. Players of the games were Quinlan Pisciotta, Jessica Harrison, Lexi Lee, Emily Nolte, Kelsey Descher, and Jasmine Stawarski. Congratulations girls!