

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

By faith he sojourned. (Hebrews 11:9)

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco has been described as possibly the most beautiful, certainly the most photographed, bridge in the world. Yet much of the time, this majestic structure is shrouded in fog. Driving across it takes a small leap of faith because you may not be able to see the road ahead of you!

Similarly, Abraham kept going forward, even when he couldn't exactly see the path ahead. When he heard God say, "Go forth from your land . . . and I will bless you," he had no idea where God was leading him (Genesis 12:1, 2). He could only travel by faith. It was only by faith that he was able to leave his home and make such a long journey—faith that God had a good plan for his life.

Though most of us will not be called to leave our homes behind, God wants to give us the same kind of faith that Abraham had. To receive it, we have to both ask for it and then put it into practice. Like many gifts we receive—a new appliance, a new computer, or a new phone—it won't do us much good unless we learn how to use it.

All of us have times when we are confused. We don't know where to go. We fear what lies ahead of us. At times like that, we can put our faith into practice by continuing on the path before us. With each step we can say, "Jesus, I know you are with me. I believe you have good things in store for me. I know that you have not abandoned me." As we move forward, our stride will become more confident, and our view will become clearer. That's because each step forward is a yes to God, and he always responds to our faith.

It's not always easy to walk in faith, just as it's not always easy to cross the Golden Gate Bridge. But as we take one step and then another and then another, we'll find our faith growing stronger. We'll also find the joy that can come only from following the Lord. And we'll find God supporting and leading us into a future that is more beautiful than we could ever imagine.

"Father, thank you for the gift of faith! Help me to take one more step forward today."

Today's Announcements:

- Coach Dellenger is having "No More" sign ups for either Jr. high or Varsity track as of yesterday. Jr. High track- if you have not received Coaches handout see him at lunch this week.
- Students for Life will continue to sell t-shirts as a fundraiser for the Farragut family. Orders are due by next Friday. Money and orders forms should be turned into Ms. Dapremont.

- Applications for the National English Honor Society are now available in Mrs. Buckley's room. Membership is open for any sophomores to seniors who currently have a 3.0 GPA overall and in English. The list of current members is posted on Mrs. Buckley's door. Applications are due on Tuesday, January 24.
- We would like to congratulate the following students for being selected to attend the William Carey University Honor Band: Tyler Jackson, Raven Gonsoulin, Richard Springer and Will McMackin.
- Also, we would like to congratulate the following students who were selected for the GCBDA Honor Band Clinic during auditions this past weekend: Tyler Jackson, Zach Wagner and TJ Zbysinski.
- There will be a March for Life meeting for parents and participants tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. It is very important that all who are attending March for Life attend this meeting.
- French Honor Society dues are due today to Ms. Alexander, room 206.
- Quiz Bowl will practice before and after school today in the library.
- Congratulations to the girls and boys varsity soccer teams for their win over Gautier last night.
- We would like to congratulate the girls varsity basketball team on their victory last night against Seminary. We won 44 to 13. Players of the game were Lindsey Hoye, Cassie Swetman, Anna Clare Colson, and Gabby Patino. Congratulations, girls!
- There will be a junior high Science Olympiad meeting Friday morning at 7:45 a.m. in room 215.