

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

If one of you has a word of exhortation for the people, please speak. (Acts 13:15)

Many times in Acts, Paul had opportunities like this one to share the gospel, often in a synagogue. He always told the story of salvation, but he didn't always tell it in exactly the same way. In today's reading, the story focuses on David: Paul presents Jesus as the "Son of David" fulfilling God's promises to Israel's beloved king. In other places, he emphasizes Moses the Lawgiver or Abraham, the man of faith.

In all these tellings to Jewish hearers, Paul portrays God preparing his people for the Messiah. But when he preached to Gentiles or mixed audiences, he tended to stress the way the chosen people rejected Jesus, opening the way for God to fulfill his plan to bring salvation to the whole world.

Then again, on several occasions Paul told his own conversion story (Acts 22:1-21; 26:12-23; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Galatians 1:11-2:14). Again, he shaped the story in a way that would benefit his readers or listeners.

We have all experienced God working in our lives, but there are many different ways to shape our stories, depending on the situation and our audience. We should always be asking: "What is God asking me to say to this person?" and make that a central focus when we share about our lives. Should we share about a time when God brought us to repentance, comforted us in a difficult time, or filled us with his love?

Sometimes it is also good to tell ourselves stories about what God has done for us. How quickly we forget how far we have come, how clearly we have experienced the Lord! We can never wear out such stories.

Whenever you tell your story, be sure to start with this one unshakeable truth: "God loves me and has always acted in love toward me." And be sure to tell your story—whether to yourself or someone else—with the assurance that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28). So follow St. Paul's example and his own advice: "Do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord" (2 Timothy 1:8).

"Jesus, I love to tell the story of what you have done for me. Give me fresh eyes to see how you have been pursuing me, protecting me, and supporting me throughout my life."

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Today's Announcements:

- Today we will celebrate the class of 2017 at our Senior Farewell Mass.
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- The Library will not be open after school today.

- This Saturday is our Spring Blood Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The theme is "Hope Begins with You." We encourage students to make an appointment and come donate blood. Students who are sixteen years old and older may donate. We encourage you to speak with family and friends about making a blood donation. Every pint of blood is able to help save three lives. Let's give hope and save lives. Please see Baylee Hodge, Mrs. Lawson or Mrs. Worrel to make an appointment.
- Seniors may begin returning their textbooks to the library. Please return textbooks after you have completed the preparation for exams. Textbooks may be returned before school, after school, during lunch or between classes without excused tardy. All Senior textbooks must be returned by Tuesday, May 16.
- Senior Mu Alpha Theta Members: In order for you to receive your Mu Alpha Theta cords for graduation, you must have completed the four tutoring sessions that were required. If you have not done so, or if you do not know if you have done so, you must see Mrs. Tavel this week. There will be a requirement from you to compensate for not fulfilling this obligation.
- There will be a drama guild meeting on Monday at 3:05 in the auditorium for awards for both productions.
- There will be a meeting for next years girls varsity basketball players at 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning in the girls locker room. Please make plans to attend.
- Track uniforms need to be turned into Coach Dell in room 108.
- Evan Chubb and Luke Seicshnaydre are the boys doubles state champions. Meg Weatherly and Logan Ward are the mixed doubles state champions. Lillie Guida and Anthony Schloegel both came in second in boys and girls singles. Way to go Irish for bringing home gold and silver!