

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 14, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

O you of little faith. (Matthew 14:31)

Have you ever seen a toddler take a few wobbly steps and then tumble to the ground? You would probably be shocked if you saw his mother or father angrily rebuke him for falling. That's not what parents do. They bend down with a smile to lift the child up, embrace him, and encourage him to try again.

That's a great way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples in this weekend's Gospel. He loves them. He loves Peter's bold attempt to walk toward him on the waves. He knows that Peter is taking an important step toward a confident mature faith. He also knows that Peter's flop into the water won't be the end of the story. Far from being a failure or a disaster, it will become a milestone on his journey of discipleship. Yes, Peter had "little faith," but he did have faith!

Jesus looks at us with love when he sees our attempts to follow him. He applauds our successes, and he reaches out to help us when we fail. He is quick to come to our aid if we take a misstep or start to doubt. He knows that each step reflects our growth toward maturity.

Try something new today, just as Peter did. You probably won't want to step out onto your nearest body of water, but there are plenty of other things you can do. Just choose one. Think about something that might have arisen in your thoughts recently. Perhaps you would like to help the less fortunate; try it. You could set up one time to volunteer to serve meals to the homeless. You don't need to have the perfect words to say to the people you'll meet. Just take that first step. Jesus will be with you, ready to lift you up if you stumble.

You may be surprised to find that trying something new strengthens your "little faith" and brings you closer to Jesus.

"Thank you, Jesus, that you look at me with love. Make me bold to try to follow you in a new way today. I believe that you will be with me."

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to James Edwards and Marshall Eleuterius!
- This year each grade will cover a continent to help us all become more globally aware. Each week, we will have a fact about our current continent to announce. First up is the seventh grade covering Australia... Did you know that the Great Barrier Reef in eastern Australia is the biggest coral reef in the world?

- St. Patrick car tags are still on sale. Have your parents purchase one before August 18 and you will be able to wear jeans and your spirit t-shirt every Friday for the first semester. This will start next Friday.
- Anyone who did not get a spirit t-shirt at registration due to sizing issues should receive one by tomorrow. Also, anyone wanting to purchase an extra t-shirt, we have some sizes available at the front office for \$10.
- Student drivers, make sure you have a parking decal when parking on campus. They may be picked up at the front desk. Everyone who parks on campus must have a decal - we will begin checking these today and leaving a note on vehicles that do not have one.
- The Back to School Dance for students in ninth through twelfth grades is this Saturday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The theme for the dance is Luau and anyone attending who would like to bring an outside guest must fill out a form and return it by Thursday, August 17. Forms will not be accepted after Thursday. You may pick up one in the front office or download from the Student Life page of the website. Mahalo!
- Have you ever wondered what lawmakers in Mississippi's State Legislator do all day? If so, you should consider joining Youth Legislature. This four day conference in Jackson features debating bills that you have written with peers from all over the state and working to tackling some of Mississippi's most challenging issues. There will be a preliminary meeting to introduce the conference after school on Thursday, August 24, at 3:05 in room 103. Any senior leaders should meet with Mr. DeSalvo by this Friday to discuss this year's conference.
- Robotics will hold its first meeting today after school in room 202. This is a meeting for anyone who is interested in joining our robotics program. Applications will be available. If you cannot make this meeting see Mrs. Worrel Tuesday.
- There will be a French Club and French Honor Society meeting tomorrow morning in room 206 at 7:45 a.m. Anyone interested in running for office should attend. General information about joining the club will be given as well as information about officer elections.
- The textbook store in the library is finalizing student check outs. If you have not picked up your textbooks, please do so today. Also if you have dropped a class or added a class come by to turn in the unneeded textbook for the dropped class or pick up a textbook for your added class. Ms. Ladner thanks all the students that have come in to take care of the textbook business promptly.
- Bible study is back! All students are welcome - we will meet in the room 108 at 7:45 every Tuesday morning.
- Tomorrow, we will celebrate our first school wide mass in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is reminded to wear your blazers and ties to school tomorrow.