

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Almighty has done great things for me. (Luke 1:49)

Have you ever noticed how the world tries to convince us that nothing is ever good enough? If we're unhappy at work, we should leave and get another job. Even if we like our jobs, we should still be searching for better opportunities. If we're having problems with our marriage, we should simply call it a loss and go look for another spouse. If we're unhappy with our friends, we just end the friendship and find new friends. The problem with this approach is that we will never find contentment. What we're really looking for is something that can't be found on earth—godly perfection.

Mary certainly didn't find perfection on earth. She endured her neighbors' suspicions when she became pregnant and had to give birth to her child in a stable. She and Joseph certainly weren't the wealthiest couple in Nazareth, and life must have been a challenge after Joseph died. Yet from her words, we can see that Mary was as grateful as any human being ever has been. That's because her gratitude was for the work that God had promised to accomplish through her. By saying yes to God's plan, she had the privilege of participating in the salvation of the entire human race!

We can achieve much in this life, and of course, God wants us to aim high. But like Mary, we also have to recognize when God has given us something great and thank him for it. As Paul said, "What do you possess that you have not received?" (1 Corinthians 4:7). The most precious of God's gifts is eternal life. At least once a day, we should stop and think about the fact that Jesus died for us so that we could live with him forever.

Today, try to make Mary's words your own: "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Luke 1:47). If you are angry at someone or if you are unhappy with your situation or if someone has hurt you recently, believe that Jesus is still with you, offering you divine wisdom. Remember that he has secured a place in his eternal kingdom just for you. Ask him to help you see your situation through his eyes of mercy, kindness, and grace.

"Lord, I put aside my worries, and I rejoice in you. Help me to praise you for all that you have done for me."

Today's Announcements:

- Today, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will follow the liturgy bell schedule today and will have our first school wide mass at 9:40 this morning. We welcome our chaplain, Fr. Ryan McCoy, to campus today.
- Lost and found - if anyone is missing a lunch box please come see Mrs. Collier to claim it.

- Our varsity football team is looking for three football manager volunteers and one videographer; see Coach Bloomfield if you are interested.
- Our Campus Ministry Team will take a photo in the south courtyard following mass today.
- 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.
- 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.
- Key Club is open to all ninth through twelfth grade students. Our sign up meeting is Monday, August 21, at 3:05 p.m. in room 110. The first service project is the Bridge Walk on Saturday, August 26, on the Ocean Springs side of the bridge at 7:00 a.m. We will walk with the Interact Club. Please bring a couple of dollars or canned food item for St. Vincent de Paul.
- Attention all eleventh and twelfth grade students interested in being a Big Buddy should see Hannah Gautier at lunch today to get the names of your Little Buddy. Our first function is Thursday morning at 7:45 in the South Courtyard. All seventh grade students are invited to attend.
- Student Council welcomes the new seventh grade students to our Catholic school family. In your first period classes, we've left gifts for each seventh grader.