

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Lord is with you, O champion! (Judges 6:12)

The Bible is filled with stories about the amazing things that happen when God speaks. He said, "Let there be light," and there was light (Genesis 1:3). He spoke the heavens and the earth into being, and they were created. He commanded vegetation to grow and creatures to fill the world, and they did. There is nothing he can't do with the words of his mouth!

But God's words are not just for cosmic events like creation. In today's first reading, for instance, an angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and called him a mighty warrior. At the time, Gideon was nothing special. "My family is the lowliest in Manasseh," he protested, "and I am the most insignificant in my father's house" (Judges 6:15). But that didn't matter. God had given him a new title, and with that title came the grace to fulfill his new role. Gideon went on, in the strength of the Lord, to lead a ragtag army that rescued Israel from the Midianites.

Do you want other examples of new names from God that imparted his grace and power? Abram, who had no children, became Abraham, the father of many nations. Jacob, the supplanter, became Israel, one who prevails with God. Simon, the reed, became Peter, the rock. There's a pattern here, isn't there? Each of these people went from ordinary to extraordinary, from a position of weakness to a position of authority and influence, for the sake of God's people. Each grew into their new name and made a difference for the kingdom of God.

At their confirmation, many people take the name of a saint who inspires them. What name did you choose? What qualities about that saint made an impression on you? Perhaps this saint set an example that you want to follow. Perhaps the saint's name itself captures your hopes and dreams for your life in the Lord. Well, no matter why you chose that name, know that God has honored your choice. He has heard you speak, and he is breathing his power into you so that you can take on that saint's likeness. He is speaking that name over you right now, calling forth the new creation he has placed in you.

"Lord, let me hear you call me by name. Jesus, I want to make a difference in the world for you."

Today's Announcements:

- Attention seventh graders - Class officer election applications are now available in the front office. Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Applications are due tomorrow by 3:30 to Mrs. Buckley in room 200 and a meeting for all those running will be immediately after school tomorrow in room 200. Student Council is looking forward to welcoming seventh grade leaders into our organization!

- Interact Club sign ups and voting for officers for students in grades 9-12 will take place tomorrow after school in the auditorium. Please bring \$5.00 for the fee to sign up. Sign up for students in seventh and eighth grades will take place tomorrow in room 215; there are no fees for junior high students.
- Cafeteria - students who have purchased the yearly meal plan are awarded \$5 credit per day. If you spend more than \$5, you will be responsible for paying for the rest. We will be sending out cafeteria notices later this week. Students may not charge more than \$25 on their account.
- Students who are interested in attending Red Stick Rumble with the Robotics Team in Baton Rouge this weekend, permission slips are available in room 202 with Mrs. Worrel. They must be returned by Thursday... details about the trip and transportation are on the permission slip.
- Today is the day! First drama guild meeting from 3:05 until 3:30 in the auditorium. Drama Guild is open to all students grades 7-12. No experience is necessary - come to the meeting and find out how you may be involved.
- Make sure that all food and drinks stay in the cafeteria (other than senior privilege). We want to keep our courtyards looking as good as they look now, so make sure there is no trash left on the ground around campus. If you see trash on the ground, please pick it up.