

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

We too give thanks to God unceasingly. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Let's face it: we all have good days and bad days. Sometimes we are filled with thanksgiving and joy, and other times, we aren't. Some days we may lack joy because of how we are feeling, and at other times, we may really be having a difficult day or even a difficult month or year. In these more challenging times, when it is difficult to be thankful ourselves, it is helpful to be reminded that others are very thankful for us. In this letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul is expressing his gratitude for their faithfulness to Christ, even amid pressure to leave their faith. This thankfulness doesn't stop with the Thessalonians however. If St. Paul were talking to you today, he would be giving thanks for you.

He would be telling you how well you are doing, how he is proud of the way you are pursuing the Lord. He would encourage you in how you are reaching out to your family, cheering you on in how you are teaching others about the Lord. He would be so happy about the way you try to share your faith. He is not the only one who is thankful for you though. All of the believers who have gone before you are so grateful that you are holding onto the gospel. The saints and martyrs are seeing the fruit of their sacrifice in your faith. They are so delighted that you are following Jesus.

There's still more! Your family and friends, the people around you at Mass, your priest, and your fellow believers—they are all grateful for your perseverance. Maybe they don't always say it, but just by being there, you are a support to them. Just seeing how you try to do your best is an encouragement.

Take today to simply recognize how many people are grateful for you. It is not prideful to think this way because it will help you to know how much you matter in the body of Christ. You are so precious to the Lord and to the Church. You are indispensable to the believers around you. As you pursue the Lord, even every small step, your life is touching someone else's. Keep on keeping on!

"Lord, thank you for all the people who have gone before me and all those around me. Thank you for their support and their prayers."

Today's Announcements:

- Today we are on the testing bell schedule. Lunch will be during fifth period. Teachers, please review the lunch schedule that was emailed out with your students.
- Happy Birthday to Grace Hawkins today!

- Please keep the victims of Hurricane Harvey in your prayers. We will be collecting items for the victims of Hurricane Harvey beginning tomorrow. Nativity's disaster relief group will be traveling to Rockport, Texas (the former home of Bishop Kihneman) next Wednesday. Items needed are cleaning supplies, mops, bleach, Walmart gift cards, and all hygiene products. You may drop any donations off at the front office. These will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5.
- We are excited to have our college and career fair on campus this morning. We welcome representatives from our local colleges, university, and businesses to St. Patrick today. We will call for students to the cafeteria at the respective times. Teachers, please be sure to escort your classes quietly to the cafeteria when called.
- Art Club will meet next Wednesday, September 6. Anyone interested in being part of Art Club should sign up with Ms. Benoit in room 101.
- Student Council Representative applications for seventh graders are due today at 3:30 to Ms. Hebert in room 102. There will be a campaign rules meeting after school.
- Our PTO meeting and dinner that was scheduled for this evening has been rescheduled to next Wednesday night due to severe weather forecast for this evening.
- Juniors, class ring orders will be taken today during lunch. Please bring your deposit of \$60. Extra brochures may be picked up in the front office. The Herff Jones representative will also be in the cafeteria after school for those who are unable to place orders during lunch.
- Drama applications and dues need to be turned in as soon as possible. Students wishing to run for office must turn in dues and applications by Wed afternoon. Drama students who have paid dues will vote for officers tomorrow.
- The French club will host officer elections this Friday before school at 7:45. Anyone interested in running should see Ms. Alexander in room 206 to get information about positions and register for the elections. Everyone must pay \$5 dues by Friday in order to vote or run.
- All cross country runners should turn in concussion forms to Ms. Alexander in room 206 no later than Friday.
- Students interested in running for an officer position on FCA should pick up an application from room 108. FCA general membership will begin soon.
- Chess Club will have its first meeting this Thursday, August 31, in room 104 after school. If you are interested in chess, please come get information.
- We will celebrate mass tomorrow morning at 9:40. Students should follow the liturgy dress code with blazers and ties. Invite your parents and family members to join us for mass tomorrow.
- Students for Life will have its first meeting this Friday at 7:45 in room 110. Students for Life are for grades 9-12 and dues are \$5.00. We will also accept nominations for officers. Dues must be paid to run for office or to be eligible to attend the March for Life in January.