

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, August 31, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

We now live, if you stand firm in the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 3:8)

In today's first reading, Paul thanks his followers in Thessalonica for being faithful. He has been through a lot since he left them: he has been falsely accused, beaten, and thrown in jail. As he yearns to be released and return to his followers, he is comforted by their faith and their prayers for him. Even though his life sparked their faith in Christ, their faith in turn has helped sustain him.

In our daily lives, our faith may seem internal, personal, and hidden, so we don't readily see the effect that we have on the world around us. We may not directly see it or get letters from the people who rejoice in our faithfulness as Paul did, but our faith truly does have an impact on other people. Consider your presence in church during Mass. You may feel like one in a crowd, but you are lifting up your fellow churchgoers.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, "The renewal of the Church

is also achieved through the witness offered by the lives of believers."

You are a witness just by being yourself. Consider this: with the Holy Spirit guiding you and Christ in you, you probably already radiate the truth just by the way you are living right now. Your walk, your light, and your faith encourage and sustain the people who are around you just as the Thessalonians encouraged Paul.

Today, spend some time reflecting on the effect of your witness of faith on the world around you. Think about ways that your faith already affects those around you. Ask God to open your eyes so that you can see how your witness goes out. Most of all, recognize that you do indeed play a vital role in the renewal of the Church. Rejoice in this, and continue to renew the Church simply by being who you are in Christ and where Christ has put you.

Lord, thank you for this faith that you have given me. Help me continue to live in a way that renews your Church.

Today's Announcements:

- Today we are on the liturgy bell schedule. We will celebrate mass this morning at 9:40 a.m.
- Happy Birthday to Emma Marsland and Grace McLoughlin today!
- Please keep the victims of Hurricane Harvey in your prayers. 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.

Also, all of the Catholic schools within the Diocese of Biloxi are working together to adopt Sacred Heart Catholic School in Rockport, Texas. We will be collecting donations next week for Sacred Heart Catholic School.

- 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.
- Students interested in running for an officer position on FCA should return their applications no later than Wednesday of next week.
- The Irish swimmers made a very strong showing yesterday in a five-way meet at the Biloxi Natatorium. Both girls and boys teams came in second place, and finished ahead of Pascagoula, Pass Christian, and Harrison Central High Schools by a wide margin. On Saturday, our Irish swimmers swam very well at the Coastal Invitational meet. Our boys finished fourth place overall and girls finished seventh. Come out and support your swim team at their meet next Wednesday, September 6, at the Ocean Springs YMCA as we face Vancleave High School.
- Chess Club will have its first meeting today in room 104 after school. If you are interested in chess, please come get information from Ms. Norton.
- 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.
- Drama guild students who have paid their dues may come see Ms. Trahan in room 204 today to vote or come by during lunch.
- Tomorrow we will have our first pep rally as we all rally in spirit to support our varsity football team in our first home game of the season. Tomorrow will be a free dress day. The theme for the pep rally is "Proud to be American." Students may dress in accordance with the theme or wear jeans with any St. Patrick t-shirt. Students should follow the requirements of free dress days as outlined in the student handbook: *On free dress days, students may wear jeans, capri pants, shorts (knee-length), skirts (knee-length) with an appropriate shirt and any closed-toe shoes. No spaghetti straps or sweat pants, and no torn clothing is allowed.*
- Good luck to the Fighting Irish junior high football team as they travel to Perry County this evening. Game time is 6:00 p.m.
- The junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams will compete against Lumberton this evening at home. Game times are 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.