

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*... that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
(Colossians 1:9)*

What do you think when you hear the phrase “God’s will”? Often enough, we think of it as a predetermined script that we are handed. Our role is spelled out—married or religious, teacher or homemaker—and all we have to do is memorize our lines and deliver them.

But experience shows us that this way of thinking can fall short. God’s will isn’t a hard-and-fast script that we act out. It’s more like an unfolding collaboration, in which God is the playwright and we are the actors—and we’re working together to make the show as successful as possible. God doesn’t limit our creativity. He loves it when we improvise and try to move the story forward.

So what is one way that we can cooperate with our divine Author? According to St. Paul, it comes as we develop “spiritual wisdom and understanding” (Colossians 1:9). That sounds like another big concept, but again, it’s not so intimidating. “Spiritual” wisdom and understanding come in the same way that “natural”

wisdom and understanding do: it’s what we learn as we reflect on our lives with the help of the Lord.

We become more wise and understanding as we take a few minutes in prayer every evening to review the day and ask where we saw God at work in and around us. Maybe he prompted us to enjoy a beautiful sunrise and to lift our hearts to him in praise. Maybe he moved us to reach out to a family whose father had just lost his job. Maybe he helped us treat an unruly child with gentle firmness.

Of course, these are just a few examples. The possibilities are endless. But if you can get in the habit of reviewing your day, you’ll slowly begin to see how God is leading and guiding you. You’ll begin to understand what he is asking of you—what his “will” is for you day by day.

You don’t have to have all the answers right away. You don’t need to know the whole script. You just need to work with your Author one day at a time. And you need to trust that he is working with you.

“Father, help me be more attentive to your presence every day.”

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Braden Fayard!
- Today we are on liturgy schedule and we will have our first adoration service. This will be a little different than in the past. Fr. Ryan is going to bless each classroom in the school. He will start on the first floor south side and will end with the gym. When he enters each classroom, all students will kneel for the blessing. As he leaves each room, the students will follow him in silence until all classrooms have been blessed. Once he finishes each hallway, those students will report to the cafeteria for adoration. Everyone will remain silent during the entire

process. By the end, everyone will be in the cafeteria, and we will finish out adoration service followed by benediction in the cafeteria.

- First quarter progress reports will be issued on tomorrow.
- 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 all this week for Sacred Heart Catholic School. Please turn in your donation to your first period class by tomorrow morning.
- All students should now have an official St. Patrick email address. Students, you will use the email address to communicate with your teachers and for school business. Each email account also comes with unlimited storage on Google Drive including docs, spreadsheets, etc. Be sure to check your email at least once per day.
- Tomorrow we will be on pep rally schedule, and tomorrow is a free dress day. The theme for tomorrow's pep rally is "Welcome to the Jungle!" Students may dress in accordance with the theme by wearing jungle or safari attire, or students may 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.
- The cross country team competed well at their opening meet this weekend in Foley, AL. The varsity girls cross country came in 1st place. Running for the lady Irish was Jordan Pete, 1st place, Amelie Million, 2nd place, Gabriela Patino, 3rd place, Carmen DeStazio, and Beyla Bleichner. Dominic Patino won 1st place in the junior high boys' race. Juliana Sabagh, Lindsey McClure, Dylan Middleton, and Mason McCullough were all top 10 finishers in their races. Congrats to the Irish cross country and good luck as they travel to Pascagoula this weekend for the Pascagoula/Gautier Invitational!
- Congratulations to the newly elected French club officers! President - Mallory Edwards, Vice President - Braden Barton, and Secretary - Mary Catherine Kalil. The officers should report to Ms. Alexander's room 206 for a brief officers' meeting tomorrow (Friday) morning at 8am.
- Drama Guild will meet in the Auditorium today at 3:05
- Soccer Conditioning: Soccer Conditioning for Boys Soccer will begin next week on Tuesday, September 12 at 3:20. Please bring your own water and meet at the track. All Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Junior High players are expected to be at conditioning unless competing in a fall sport with St. Patrick. If you have questions, please see Mr. DeSalvo room 103.
- Chess Club Meeting will be this afternoon in room 104 Ms. Norton.