

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Beloved, I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh was vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:14)

If you look up today's reading (1 Timothy 3:14) in your Bible, and you won't find the word "beloved" there. The Church included this warm address in the Lectionary as a way of expressing Paul's relationship with his young disciple, Timothy. Timothy held a special place in Paul's heart, more like that of "a child with a father" than of a coworker or disciple (Philippians 2:22). Beloved, Paul calls him: dear one, precious, treasured, highly-regarded one. And that is how the Father sees you too: Beloved.

Look at how Paul addresses Timothy: he assures Timothy that he hopes to visit soon. Timothy is on his mind and heart, and Paul can't wait for the opportunity to share his thoughts and affection. He wants Timothy to know how to behave in the household of God, where to set his thoughts, and what to spend his energy on. And so Paul reminds and encourages Timothy in his efforts to

spread the gospel and shepherd the Church.

You can almost imagine Paul as a father advising a child who has already left home: remember who you are, he tells Timothy. Don't minimize what God has done in your life. Don't be intimidated, but teach and instruct as you have learned. Speak the truth; live a pure, holy life; and be kind and gentle with others. Refuse to listen to accusations. And take care of your health!

Paul's admonitions go beyond mere instruction; they speak of the love and affection he had for Timothy. Paul helped Timothy overcome challenges, inspired confidence in his calling, and imparted much-needed wisdom. Doesn't God do exactly that for us?

Your heavenly Father doesn't tell you, "Try harder" or "Just do it." He helps you. He reminds you. He speaks affectionately and gently. He wants to assure you every day that he likes to spend time with you. You are always in his thoughts, which are tender and full of encouragement for you. He has given you the Holy Spirit to impart wisdom, to lead and guide and remind you of everything he has said to you. He cares for your physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. He wants to speak just one word to you: "Beloved."

"Father, I want to live today in the full assurance that I am beloved. Help me to see it, feel it, believe it."

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Gia Alley and Abbie Colledge!
- Here is the rundown of other Homecoming events we have planned this week....
 - Tonight is our annual powder puff football game followed by the blackout pep rally.

- Tomorrow is our Homecoming Mass and Classic Luncheon. All students are reminded to follow the dress code for tomorrow. Ladies, skirts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee, and nothing sleeveless. Gentlemen, you will need to have a coat and tie with dress slacks. No jeans. Remember that we are joining in celebration of the Holy Eucharist, so everyone is expected to be dressed modestly. Also, we will have our Classic Luncheon tomorrow, and it is on Mr. Buckley - so lunch will be free for everyone.
 - On Friday, we will have our Homecoming Family Picnic starting at 1:00 followed by our gameday pep rally at 2:00. We are adding a new tradition this year with a pregame tailgate at 5:30, and the big game starts at 7:00. Our 2017 Homecoming Court will be presented at halftime.
 - On Saturday, our Homecoming Dance will take place at the D'Iberville Community Club from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The court will be presented at 8:30. This dance is a high school dance - for students in grades 9-12. Homecoming dance tickets are on sale in the front office and on the website for \$20 each. Tickets will be \$25 at the door.
- Congratulations to the lady Irish Volleyball team on their victory last night against Lumberton! Mary Tubb had 7 aces and 11 kills, Raven Gonsoulin had 14 aces, Sydney Biggs had 12 aces and 3 kills, Hallie Ladner with 10 aces and 3 kills, Carly Loftis had 6 aces and 3 kills, Makenzie Stenum had 2 aces and 8 kills, Hope Williams had 8 aces and 4 kills, Elizabeth Simmons had 4 aces and 2 kills, Camille Seghers had 8 aces and 3 kills, and Leila Ransonet had 6 aces and 5 kills, with additional contributions by: Kelsey Descher, Anne Simmons, Laney Barton, and Annie Broussard. Don't forget to come out and support your lady Irish as they take on OLA Thursday night at home!
 - Aisling, the school's new art and literary magazine is now accepting submissions for publications in the October issue. The theme for this month is water and we are accepting original artwork, photography, short stories, and poems from students 7th through 12th grade. Please submit your work to aisling@stpatrickhighschool.net . If you have any further questions please contact Mr. Hewes in room 105.
 - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS---Please pay your dues to Ms. Wilkinson or an officer during 3rd lunch. Also, please bring your items for the homeless this week. You will assemble the bags next Monday and Tuesday after school.
 - Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council---Grades 10, 11, and 12----If anyone is interested in applying, please see Ms. Wilkinson for an application.
 - Key Club and SADD/SAVE Club will take club pictures after mass tomorrow.
 - Remember to sign up and pay dues, to vote for 4 FCA Officers by the end of this Friday. Room 108