

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, September 5, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

You are children of the light and children of the day. (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

Children of the day! How wonderful to be reassured that we have been rescued from the darkness of sin and can now enjoy the light of Christ! But Paul, ever the apostle, goes beyond the good feelings and immediately shifts our focus to what it means to live in the light. In the very next verse, he tells us, "Let us stay alert" (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

There are so many ways we can stay alert, but let's focus on one that Paul mentions at the end of today's passage: by encouraging each other. Because we are "children of the day," we are all uniquely qualified to bring daylight to the people around us (1 Thessalonians 5:5). In a world that has grown jaded, positive and encouraging people are deeply needed!

"Build one another up," Paul says (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Comment on the good things you see God doing in the lives of other people. Be positive, supportive, and appreciative. Make it a point to strengthen someone who seems weary, to encourage someone who is timid, and to

empower someone who feels weak.

When all you can see is a person's faults, ask God to help you see with his eyes of compassion. Try to love that person as God loves them. Remember, God is always at work in every person's life, even if you can't see it. If nothing else, find a way to share your experience of the Lord with them; that may help them recognize God's hand in their life, even as it softens your heart.

While you're at it, don't restrict yourself only to "godly" topics. Complimenting others on a natural level—their looks, their talents, an act of kindness—can be just as inspiring. It may also open the door for further and deeper conversations. Over time, you will find more and more opportunities to talk about God's life and goodness, and you will find people more accepting.

God has made you a child of the light. So let that light shine today!

"Holy Spirit, give me words of affirmation so that I can encourage my loved ones. Show me how to bring your light into this world of shadows."

Today's Announcements:

- First quarter progress reports will be issued on Friday.
- National Honor Society Officers, there will be a brief meeting Wednesday, September 6 immediately after school. Please make arrangements to attend. If you are already a member please pay your dues to an officer at lunch this week.
- We invite all students to attend tonight's volleyball match at OLA. All proceeds from this game will be donated to Sacred Heart School in Rockport, TX, to aid in their recovery and restoration. There will also be a general

collection and bake sale to aid in the fundraising. The junior varsity game starts at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity game to follow.

- The winners of last week's spirit competition are the eighth graders and the seniors. There will be donuts for the winners tomorrow morning in the cafeteria at 7:45 a.m.
- Drama Guild has elected the following officers for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - Co-chairs: Raven Gonsoulin, Lauren Skinner
 - Treasurer: Natallie Noel, Annie Torp
 - Secretary: Dale Edwardson
 - Program Assistant: Megan Marie
 - Historian: Sarah Belk

All officers and anyone who ran for office is asked to briefly meet Mrs. Trahan in room 204 after school today.

- The last day to sign up for Interact Club is this Friday, September 8.
- 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) Saturday. 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 Thursday, September 7.

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 all this week for Sacred Heart Catholic School. Please turn in to you first period class.

- On Saturday, October 28, USM is hosting School Day at the Rock Game. All tickets for students and teachers plus family are only \$10 each. Flyers for this are available in the front office.
- The Fighting Irish junior varsity football team will compete tonight at home against Richton. Game time is 6:00 p.m.