

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Send me to Judah . . . to rebuild it. (Nehemiah 2:5)

Perhaps you know the story of the call of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day we celebrate today. Praying in a run-down chapel, he heard the Lord saying, "Francis, go and repair my house; look, it is falling into ruins." Now, God wasn't speaking about that particular chapel; he was speaking about the challenges facing the whole Church at the time. It took Francis some time to realize this, but once he did, he and his fellow friars went out and changed the course of history.

Nehemiah feels a similar call in today's first reading: to go and rebuild Jerusalem. And like St. Francis, he does more than "look sad" and bemoan the state of his people (Nehemiah 2:3). He too springs into action.

In every age and for every generation, God has called his people to rebuild his Church. No matter what the era, there has always been a need for renovation, for a return to our roots in the Lord, and for addressing the challenges of the day. In every age, God invites his people, not just to mourn the situation, but to rebuild.

It doesn't have to be difficult. Look at St. Francis. As soon as he heard God's call, he grabbed a hammer and set to work. Of course he would! God had told him to rebuild his Church, so that's what he did. Over time, though, God helped him become more clear about what the call really entailed.

You can follow the same approach. Just do what makes sense to you. What would be helpful? Where are the needs the greatest? What kind of work are you best suited for?

No matter what you choose to do, just get started. If you take that first step, you can be sure that the Holy Spirit will guide you and help clarify your mission. He may give you the sense that you are doing exactly what you should be doing, or he may nudge you in a different direction to make you more effective.

Both St. Francis and Nehemiah got out there and made a difference for the Lord. So can you.

"Lord, teach me how I can help rebuild your house!"

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Lindsey Diamond, Casper Lizana, and Jackson Ward today!
- National Science Honor Society applications for grades 10-12 can be picked up from Ms Lawson starting this afternoon. They are due to be returned to her at next Tuesday's meeting immediately after school in Ms Lawson's room.
- St. Patrick student volunteers are needed to assist with the annual St. James Fall Festival this Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8. Sign-up sheets are available in the front office. There are many time slots available at various game booths. Students may obtain service hours for volunteering at the festival. High school students

who chose St. James as their agency for service should sign up for volunteer times, too. St. James Elementary School is located on Cowan Road in Gulfport.

- Last night the Fighting Irish took the field and defeated Sacred Heart 41 to 0 keeping the principal's cup at St. Patrick and advancing to 7 and 0 on the season. The Fighting Irish extended their winning streak to 15 games with last night's victory. On the second play from scrimmage, Nick Krass connected with Kaleb Chatman for a 65 yard touchdown. SrDrick Taylor and Blake Gollott also added rushing touchdowns. The Irish defense continued their dominance with three defensive touchdowns. Anthony Mattina recovered a fumble and returned it for a touchdown. Kaleb Chatman and SrDrick Taylor each had an interception for a touchdown and Vincent DeStazio added an interception late in the game. The Fighting Irish face the Purvis Tornados next Thursday night to complete the season. Go Irish!
- Congratulations to your Lady Irish volleyball team on their victory last night. Both the JV and the Varsity teams defeated Moss Point in straight sets. The Lady Irish return to action on Thursday night against Bay High for Senior Night. Please come out and support these young ladies and honor our Seniors in their last regular season home game of the year.
- National English Honor Society, your last chance to vote on officers is today. Vote in Mrs. Buckley's room 200
- There will be a SADD club meeting this Friday in Mrs. Williams room right after school for anyone interested in being a member. Dues are \$5. If you are interested in running for an office please see Mrs. Williams by Friday in room 118.
- Student council meeting is tomorrow morning at 7:30 in Mrs. Buckley's room 200.