

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

A Pharisee invited him to dine. (Luke 11:37)

One day, a mother of two was preparing chicken for dinner. As she trimmed the fat from the meat, a thought passed through her mind. She felt as if the Lord was telling her, "Sandra, this is what I am doing in your life—trimming away the things that distract you from me." It seemed a little silly, but the message stayed with her. Years later, when she shared the story with a group of parishioners, people could tell that the message still moved her deeply.

Sandra wasn't doing anything extraordinary when she sensed the Lord speaking to her. She was just going about her daily routine. She wasn't even praying. Similarly, in today's Gospel, the Pharisee in question wasn't at the Temple or immersed in prayer. He had simply invited Jesus over for dinner. It may not have been a religious context, but that didn't keep Jesus from talking to him about the state of his heart.

God doesn't need us to be doing anything special for him to speak to us. Of course, regular prayer and Scripture reading can help us become more attuned to God's voice in our everyday lives, but God isn't limited to those times. We might hear him while we are washing the dishes or driving to school. He might catch our attention through a friend's words or a newspaper article. Maybe a new thought pops into our mind and gives us a fresh perspective or brings a sense of peace we didn't have before. Or we have a disagreement with someone close to us, and we sense the Spirit helping us not get too upset. No matter how he chooses to speak to us, we can be sure that it is God when we feel drawn to love him and each other more fully.

So keep your heart and mind open today. Don't doubt God's involvement in your life. God has so much he wants to say. He has so much love he wants to share. He is not a distant God. He is your Father, and he loves spending time with you.

"Lord, come speak to me at any time of the day. Help me to recognize your voice."

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Hunter Lorenzo, Jessica Reed, and Andie Schwartz today.
- There will be a mandatory NJHS meeting for all members of NJHS Wednesday, October 18 at 7:45 a.m. in room 205. All members dues must be turned in by 3:00 on Wednesday, October 18. Please see a NJHS officer or Mrs. Mays. Also, new members acceptance letter must be returned to Mrs. Mays no later than October 18 at 3:00.
- This year, the City of Biloxi will be hosting The Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade as a Regional Site for the observance of Veterans Day 2017. It is really an honor to have that designation since there are only around 50 nationally designated each year. It is deemed the largest parade in the state. This is a great opportunity to get out

and support our veterans. Sponsor and Entry forms for clubs and organizations will be in the front office at Mrs. Collier's desk.

- There will be an Interact Club meeting tomorrow immediately after school in the auditorium.
- The memberships for FCA for this year is closed. No more applications will be taken.
- Anyone who has not yet auditioned for drama needs to see Mrs. Trahan immediately; results will be posted this afternoon.
- As we continue celebrating life this month, Students for Life encourages students to Respect the Poor by bringing in canned goods and other non-perishable foods for St. Vincent de Paul and new blankets for the homeless shelter. Donations can be dropped off at the table in the foyer.
- Congratulations to the sailing team for placing second with skipper Mallory Edwards and third with skipper James Edwards. The crews were Gabby Miller, Emily Miller, Claire Wingfield, Nicole Summersell, and Mary Ellen Edwards.