

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

How much more will the Father in heaven give . . . (Luke 11:13)

If you have any doubts about “love at first sight,” just ask parents about the first time they laid eyes on their children. Holding your newborn for the first time is an overwhelming experience. The long wait is over, and a new love blossoms.

If this is how new parents feel about their children, imagine how your heavenly Father feels about you! He loved you before you were born. From the moment he called you into being, he rejoiced, both in your gifts and talents and in the prospect of having you by his side forever. Even when you were caught in sin, his love stayed firm—to the point of offering up his Son to redeem you. Age after age, year after year, your Father has held nothing back from you!

Now, it's one thing to hear these truths in church or to read them in a devotional magazine like this. But we still have to deal with everyday life, when the lies of the devil and the lures of the world can still sow doubts in

our minds. They whisper that God is some kind of heavenly scorekeeper or that he is indifferent and uninvolved in our lives. They accuse us of being too sinful or too weak for God to love us, or they try to distract us with self-centered ideas.

So how do we bridge the gap between what we hear at Mass and what we hear in the world? By taking the truths of Scripture with us into our daily lives. Every time you catch yourself thinking that you are all alone, every time you catch yourself thinking that God doesn't care, make today's Gospel reading your own: How much more will my heavenly Father give me the Holy Spirit! Keep telling yourself: If I ask, I will receive; if I seek, I will find; if I knock, the door will be opened!

The devil wants to convince you that God is not good. The world wants to tell you that God doesn't care. Stand up to these lies. Let God's word silence them. You have a loving Father, and he wants to give you every good gift.

“Father, I want to get to know you better. Open my eyes to your goodness and love.”

Today's Announcements:

- We were excited to have so many of our Fighting Irish grandparents on campus this morning for our Grandparents Breakfast.
- Tomorrow is a regular uniform dress day. Students who have purchased the St. Patrick car tag may wear jeans with their St. Patrick spirit shirt. It's not too late to register for a car tag.
- Student volunteers are really needed this weekend to help with the St. James Fall Festival. Sign-up sheets are at Mrs. Collier's desk in the front office. This is a great opportunity to complete your service hours. Mr. Creel and the Religion Department are offering class incentives for those who volunteer this Saturday or Sunday.

- This Saturday is Nativity's Halloween Carnival. Help is needed Friday afternoon for setup and during the carnival Saturday from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you are planning to work the carnival for community service, please sign in at the ticket booth to receive a voucher for a free drink and dinner plate. See Ms. Cloud for more details.
- Quiz Bowl Applications are due tomorrow. No late applications will be accepted. Applications may be picked up from Ms. Ladner in the library. The Quiz Bowl team tryout date has been changed to Tuesday, Oct 17 at 3:10.
- Yearbook... senior sibling pictures are due to Kaitlyn Cox or Savannah Croal by this Friday. Senior quotes are due to Anna Katherine Fore by this Friday.
- The following clubs will take pictures after tomorrow's Adoration/Rosary service: NJHS, Mu Alpha Theta, FCA, and English Honor Society.
- Science Olympiad... our first meeting is tomorrow at 7:45 in room 215. If you applied, both junior high and high school should attend.
- Auditions for the fall drama production are being moved to Monday and Tuesday afternoon of next week. See Mrs. Trahan if you have any questions or conflicts.