

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

I am confident and unafraid. (Isaiah 12:2)

Confidence. It's something we all want and need. But what's the source of our confidence? The world says it's because of who we are and what we are capable of doing. But as Christians, we believe it's because of who God is and what he has already done for us.

In today's psalm response, Isaiah declares that he is confident because his "strength" and "courage is the Lord" (12:2). And in the first reading, Paul says we have confidence through our faith in Jesus (Ephesians 3:12). Of course, it's easy to say that our confidence comes from God. But how can we make this spiritual truth affect the way we live each day? Here are a few suggestions.

Our true confidence lies in knowing, deep down, that we have a Father in heaven who loves us and is always with us. We can lean on him at all times, and trust that he will supply all that we need. So try to get into the habit of thanking God for his love and faithfulness. The more you consciously express your gratitude, the more confident you will become that God always has your back.

It's easy to feel confident when things are going well. But when we face challenges that we don't know how to handle, our confidence can quickly shrivel up. Again, you can make the conscious decision to surrender the situation to God. Even if you don't "feel" any different, even if you keep taking back your surrender, keep it up. God sees your faith, and he will find a way to show you that he is still with you to help you and to guide you.

Finally, you can build your confidence in God by recalling stories about his faithfulness in the Scriptures and the lives of the saints. Remember how God parted the Red Sea when the Israelites were literally up against a wall (of water). Remember how God helped David defeat Goliath (1 Samuel 17:46). Remember how Mother Teresa pressed on against enormous odds to keep caring for the poorest of the poor. Tell yourself, "God helped them, and he will help me."

We can never exhaust God's strength and courage. So be confident that you can rely on the One who will give you all you need!

"Father, you are my strength!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Mitchell Badurak!
- ★ We are honored to welcome Most Reverend Bishop Louis Kihneman to celebrate mass with us tomorrow. Following mass, Bishop Kihneman will have lunch with us and spend the afternoon meeting with students and teachers.
- ★ Senior yearbook ads and money are due by Friday, October 26, to Mrs. Farragut or Mrs. Collier. Order forms were emailed, and if you need a paper copy, please get one from the front office.

- ★ Tickets for *Much Ado About Middle School* (our fall drama production) go on sale today. Advance tickets are \$12.50 per person. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$15. See any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan to purchase your tickets.
- ★ Cafeteria balances are being emailed daily; if you know you owe a balance this needs to be paid as soon as possible. If you are unsure of a balance owed, please see Mrs. Edwards or Mrs. Collier in the front office to pay and zero your balance.
- ★ Too many students have used all five free tardies for this semester. Make sure you pay attention to the bells and getting to class on time. Also, remember that unexcused check-ins count as tardies. We expect everyone to be in school from 8:15 to 3:00 everyday - and we give everyone five free tardies per semester for emergencies and unexpected situations.
- ★ Send a Halloween treat bag to a St. Patrick student or faculty member on Halloween day by purchasing a Boo Gram this week. Boo Grams may be purchased in the school office, from a junior class officer, or through our online store. All proceeds help the junior class plan and host this spring's school prom.
- ★ St. Alphonsus is looking for volunteers during the Peter Anderson Festival. The Knights of Columbus need help with parking and serving hot dogs and hamburgers. If you would like to sign up, see Mrs. Collier in the front office.
- ★ Any National Junior Honor Society member who participated in the walk on Saturday and hasn't picked up their goody bag please come pick yours up today in room 118. Secondly, this is a final call that ALL members of NJHS, old and new, were to contact Dr. Casey in person or over email and anyone who has still failed to do so by the end of the day tomorrow will be removed from membership in NJHS
- ★ There will be a Youth Legislature meeting in Mr. Eleuterius's room Thursday after school. Your money for the Youth Legislature trip needs to be paid at the meeting or ASAP.
- ★ Students for life members who signed up for sidewalk chalk decorating need to meet outside of the cafeteria after school today. Also, sophomores can sign up for March for Life beginning at 7:30am tomorrow in the cafeteria with a completed application and a \$200 deposit.