

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

We have been consecrated through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 10:10)

You've no doubt heard the beautiful sound of a violin playing in an orchestra. It's amazing, isn't it? That violin started out as tree in a forest, perhaps maple or spruce. Then it was cut down and turned into lumber. Then a craftsman got to work on it. All the pieces had to be cut, sawn, chiseled, bent, and glued into place. The sides, ribs, back, top, and neck all had to be shaped just right so that it would resonate properly. Imagine all the care that went into making just this one instrument!

Now think about the word "consecrated" in today's reading. To be consecrated means to be set apart, to be fitted for a special purpose. You could say that like that violin, you have been set apart for God's purpose and for his glory. Now, unlike that violin, which has already been created, you are still being formed and shaped by God—and you will be until the day when you finally see Jesus face-to-face.

Every time we respond to God's craftsmanship, we are giving him another opportunity to shape us for his purposes. These opportunities come to us all the time: when we say no to the temptation to shout at a rude driver or to eat that extra slice of pizza. When we drop something we are doing to go help someone else. These seemingly minor decisions are often far more important than we think. Each one bends us a little bit more. Each one chisels us a little bit more. Each one enables us to reflect our perfect Maker a little bit more.

God has a beautiful vision of you. He never gives up on you. You continue to be a work in progress because God's plan is to make you into a saint. As Pope Benedict XVI has said, "You were made for greatness!" And that is possible as you keep inviting God, the Master Craftsman, to form you and shape you. Never forget that "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

"Lord, help me to surrender to you today so that I can live for your glory."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Mrs. Buckley!
- ★ We are following the pep rally bell schedule today. We will have our living rosary service at 2:30 this afternoon in the gym.
- ★ The only outerwear items that are approved are those purchased at School and Scrubs (uniform store) or those purchased in our Fighting Irish Spirit Store (with St. Patrick and Adidas logos). Teachers will write referrals on any students not in compliance.
- ★ Makeup tennis tryouts will be held this Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 at Bayou Bluff.

- ★ If you would like to receive tutoring in English, please let your English teacher know today, and we will have tutoring tomorrow morning at 7:45 in Mrs. Sutherlin's room. If you would like to receive tutoring on the Reading/English section of the ACT, please let your English teacher know, and we will have tutoring for the ACT tomorrow afternoon at 3 in Mrs. Sutherlin's room.
- ★ Juniors, if you have not already done so, make sure you turn your ring into Mrs. Collier by end of day tomorrow for Junior Ring Mass on Thursday.
- ★ Golf practice for today is cancelled due to weather conditions this afternoon.
- ★ The junior high track team will have a meeting after school in Coach Dellenger's room today.
- ★ The Lady Irish soccer team defeated North Forrest 10-0 in the first round of the playoffs. All the Lady Irish played a great game to help them advance to the next round of playoffs. Hailey Alvarez helped in the victory with her first varsity goal. The time and place of the second round of playoffs will be announced later this week.
- ★ The quiz bowl team won two of three rounds last night with the one loss ending in a dead heat tie with Pass Christian winning with a tie breaker question.
- ★ Don't forget to get your tickets for the Brandon Green concert! Tickets are \$10.00 each in advance online or \$20.00 at the door. All students who purchase a ticket and attend will receive a free jean day.
- ★ The ring fitting for our men's and women's cross country state champions will be held on Monday, February 4 during lunch. A \$60 deposit is required at the time of the fitting. If you have any questions, please see Coach Burger.