

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, December 13, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good. (Isaiah 48:17)

Imagine getting instruction from Bill Gates on computers, Serena Williams on tennis, or Gordon Ramsay on cooking. It would be spectacular, wouldn't it? Well, you have something even better: almighty God, the One who is greater than all of the experts, has promised to teach you not only about your hobbies but about the best way to live. You have the One who is all-knowing and the source of all truth as your very own tutor!

If God is your teacher, then Scripture is the first and best textbook he uses. This book is a compendium of his wisdom, knowledge, and laws. It is a literary expression of faith lived out. And it is a testament of a restored relationship with him through the cross. In every aspect of faith and morals, it is never wrong. What's more, because it's inspired by the Holy Spirit, Scripture is a living word that God uses to speak directly and personally to our hearts.

So read it. Stop when you feel your heart stirring with hope or longing. Stop when a question forms in your mind, and

ask the Holy Spirit to help you find the answer. Let the teachings of the Church guide you when you are confused. Pay attention to thoughts that form as you read; they may be coming from the Lord. When something seems too good to be true, reread it—hundreds of times, if necessary, until you are convinced of God's goodness. Believe that God can spark understanding and direction for your life through a single verse.

Advent is the perfect time for going deeper and further with the Lord. It can be a time to learn and to experience the fruit that develops when you spend time meditating on the words of your Teacher. It can be a time to receive a little more of the life Jesus was born to give you.

God is ready and waiting to teach you. He is ready to clear away the guilt and fear that hinder you. So come to him, and receive his expert instruction!

"Father, help me to know your ways, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me today.""

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Lindsey McClure and Makenzie Stenum! Celebrating birthdays this weekend are Elizabeth Colson, Kaitlyn De-Cantelupe, Samantha Robertson and Mrs. Lauren Alexander!
- Today is day 6 of the advisement rotation.
- The prison ministry project is ongoing; please bring in white crew socks, travel size items such as deodorant, shampoo, and body wash and place them in the box in the foyer.

- Today is the last day to sign up for track, if you are interested please see Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- National Honor Society Members, if you did not get your shirt yesterday, please see Ms. Wilkinson during lunch today. If you did not purchase one and would like to, please email her.
- Students attending March for Life with St. Patrick must submit your permission form and medical release to Mrs. Cloud by the end of today. Remember, it needs to be notarized on both sides. Mrs. Collier can help you with this if needed. If you did not attend the meeting to pick up a permission slip, please see Mrs. Cloud today!
- We would like to congratulate the 8th grade Lady Irish basketball team on their victory last night against Vancleave. We won 37-23. Players of the game were Chloe Santiago, Hailey Necaise, Isabel Patino and Ashlyn Stegall. Congratulations girls!
- The 7th grade Lady Irish basketball team defeated Vancleave 19-8 last night. Players of the game were Madilyn Dickinson, Kamryn Donoian, and Ella Fontan. Great job girls!
- Next week advisement classes will remain with their homeroom/first day teacher all week.
- The junior high Lady Irish soccer team won against OLA 3 goals to 1 in last night's game.