



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." Dec. 11, 2020

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents

"Here's to a long life and merry one

A quick death and an easy one

A pretty girl and an honest one

A cold beer and another one."

How's that for an Irish celebration of life! What's more you can hear the Irish in the somewhat serious words of thanksgiving expressed by a priest as he addressed the people gathered to celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination and his 50th birthday:

"First let me say, life is a blessing and I am thankful to be able to experience it and all its challenges. I try to celebrate my life by being true to my Christian heritage of service, love, care and forgiveness. I try to live in reality rather than in an artificial world and try to live fully and not half-heartedly. Celebrating life and priesthood also means respecting and appreciating myself as well as the other people who are part of my life experience. I thank all you people here for helping me to do this; keep it up. God bless you all."

Our world seems to want to surround us with news of wars, disasters, robberies, murders, rush and worry, stressed relationships and success measured by material possessions. It's so easy to become burdened with the

negative things of the world and allow the positive things to be swamped. Here's a useful perspective on negative and positive called "Winners and Losers."

"The Winner is always part of the answer.

The Loser is always part of the problem.

The Winner always has a plan of action.

The Loser always has an excuse.

The Winner says, 'Let me do it for you'.

The Loser says, 'That's not my job'.

The Winner sees an answer for every problem.

The Loser sees a problem in every answer.

The Winner says, 'It may be difficult but it's possible'. The Loser says, 'It may be possible but it's too difficult'."

The danger in such readings on "Winners and Losers" is that they tend to examine our conscience as we read them. However, a personal take stock of how life's going can be a good thing and can lead to more positive expressions about life such as:

"I would like better to embrace peace, love and harmony and to be more diligent in the search for true happiness. I would like to be more consistent in giving unconditional love, even to those I know don't really deserve it. I would like to help broken souls to heal. I would like to have less head and more heart in every decision

that I make, especially for other people. I would like to forgive without reserve so that my soul can be truly free."

Sounds a bit like the priest only he can't say the next bit:

"I would like my children to be the first recipients of all that 'I would like'."

Author Unknown.

When St Paul wrote to the people of Philippi, he gave them this recommendation: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, whatever is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things." –Philippians 4:8.

Why think about such things? Because these things are all positives and help us to celebrate life instead of just plodding our way through it.

"May you recognize in your life the presence, power and light of your soul.

May you have a respect for your individuality and difference.

May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride and expectation with which God sees you in every moment."

Irish Blessing. Author Unknown.

Peace and Blessings,

Wendy L. Wicke

Events

Thursday, December 17th

Free Dress for December Birthdays

Friday, December 18th

8:15 am - Mass at SMCS for Students Only

Lunches

Monday, December 14th

Beef-A-Roni, Gr. Beans, Salad, Pineapple & Wheat Garlic Roll

Tuesday, December 15th

Chicken Tenders, Sweet Potato Fries, Celery Sticks, Applesauce & Dessert

Wednesday, December 16

Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Salad with Cherry Tomatoes, Peach Slices & Wheat Roll

Thursday, December 17

Chicken Stew or Gumbo, Black eye Peas, Baby Carrots, & Apple Wedges

Friday, December 18th

Baked Catfish Fillets, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Corn, Fruit & Wheat Roll

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

HALO!

Our HALO this week was Mrs. Sandy Papania.



Christmas Holidays

Noon Dismissal on Tuesday, December 22nd thru Friday, January 1st. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4th.

Advent!

