



St. Philip's Snippets

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Faith Tidbits:

*On Wednesdays after the all-school Mass there is a group of people who gather in the chapel to pray the rosary for our students, staff, St. Philip's School and all schools. Everyone is welcome to join them at 9:30 am.

*Who is the Saint of the day? We know! Saint of the Day is part of our Daily Bulletin.

*Our school gathers every Monday morning for all-school prayer. Check out the back page to see what Mrs. Hinnners shared with the school this week at all-school prayer.

Dates to Remember:

October 11, Wednesday: All-School Mass. 8:40 am. Ms. Zimmermann's class will be our Mass ministers. Mr. Wavrin's class will be our music leaders.

October 12-13th, Thursday & Friday: 6th Grade Star Team Training at Concordia Language Village

October 17th, Tuesday: Smile! It's school picture day.

October 19th & 20th, Thursday & Friday: Minnesota Education....No School

Safe Environment Training:

This year we are asking that each family be Safe Environment Certified by **October 15th**. We have run into a few situations already where someone wants/needs to be in the school or helping out and is unable to because they were not certified. The test only takes about 20 minutes. However, it takes up to a week after taking the test to be certified because of the background check that needs to be done. To take the test: pick up a hard copy in the school office or go to www.crookston.org and click on "Safe Environment."

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(Written by our staff, sharing God in our lives.)

This week's contributor: Chris Hinners, 2nd Grade Teacher



"As I was preparing for our Monday morning all school prayer service, I came across this prayer and I really liked it. I thought it would be good to share because we need to remember to pray not just for our intentions, but for others as well. Praying for others is important. It's one of the best ways to show our love for others." ~Chris Hinners

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert-like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the land between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing the first man prayed for was food. The next morning he saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land and was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

Next, the first man prayed for a house, clothes and more food. The next day, like a miracle, all of these were given to him. The second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship so that he could leave the island. In the morning a ship docked at his side of the island. He boarded the ship and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from Heaven asking, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?" "My blessings are mine alone since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" God said to him. "He had but one prayer, which I answered. If not for that prayer, you would not have received any of these blessings." "Tell me," the first man asked, "what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?" God said, "He prayed that all your prayers be answered."