

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Jesus saw Nathanael. (John 1:47)

Imagine you're not feeling well. You haven't been for several months. You've been to several doctors, but to no avail. Finally, you decide to go to a small-town doctor that no one has heard of. Feeling skeptical and expecting very little, you enter the office. Before the physician even shakes your hand, he starts naming your symptoms and their causes—even ones omitted in your medical history. Talk about being "seen" by a doctor! You'd probably start referring all your friends to him!

This might be how Nathanael felt after he met Jesus. Although skeptical at first, Nathanael—also known as Bartholomew—agrees to meet this rabbi from small-town Nazareth. How could anybody important come from there? But when Nathanael comes face-to-face with Jesus, he seems to undergo an instant attitude change. What happened?

With a few words, Jesus reveals to Nathanael that he knows him deeply, even though they have never met. Jesus' vision is so penetrating that it brings Nathanael to belief.

What did Jesus see? He saw Nathanael's faithfulness to prayer. "Under the fig tree" was traditionally a place for students of the Torah to sit and contemplate the Scriptures. So Jesus' comment communicated volumes: I see that you are earnestly seeking the heart of God. I see your devotion to God's will. Where others might have viewed Nathanael as a joker or a cynic, Jesus saw him as a true child of Israel.

Jesus' penetrating insight—his divine knowledge—is recorded many times in Scripture. Think of his conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well or his healing of the Roman centurion's servant (John 4:16-19; Matthew 8:13). He sees your heart and your unspoken desires just as clearly! When you patiently seek God's will, Jesus sees you. When an unspoken prayer crosses your mind, Jesus hears it.

Jesus doesn't need to run tests to diagnose you. He understands you better than you understand yourself. Ask him today what he sees in your heart. You just might find yourself marveling as Nathanael did, "How do you know me? . . . You are the Son of God!" (John 1:48, 49).

"Jesus, it is marvelous to be known by you. Help me to see myself as you see me."

Today's Announcements:

- The last day to join Interact Club for students in grades 9-12 is Friday. See Ms. Lawson to sign up.
- There will be an Arts and Crafts Club meeting today at 3:05 p.m. Juniors and seniors need to see Ms. Cody if you are interested in running for an office.

- Seniors, this is a reminder to begin turning in your yearbook quotes and baby pictures to Mrs. Farragut in room 214.
- Monday through Thursday of this week, any student (grades 9-12) who participates in a varsity sport and is interested in being an FCA officer, see Coach Dellenger in room 108 for an application form.
- This Friday we are celebrating our first pep rally in preparation for our first home football game against Columbia Academy. The theme for the pep rally is "Fly the Cougars to Outer Space!" Friday will be a free dress for those that want to support the football team and show school spirit. Come dressed as aliens, stars, astronauts, planets, or anything futuristic. Details about attire was sent in this morning's "This Week at St. Patrick" email and is posted on the school website. If you have a question about what to wear, please ask Mrs. Mullen. No jogging pants, nothing above the knee, and no spaghetti strap shirts.
- There will be a student council meeting tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. in room 200. Seventh grade class officer results will be posted this afternoon on the school website.
- Students (grades 9-12) who are attending the Homecoming Dance and want to request an out-of-school date must have the out-of-school guest form submitted to Mr. Buckley for approval by Friday, September 2. Forms may be picked up from Ms. Dapremont or downloaded from the "Student Life" section of the school website.
- We will celebrate mass tomorrow morning at 9:40. Students are reminded to wear blazers and ties as part of the liturgy dress code for tomorrow.
- In the volleyball game last night, Long Beach defeated St. Patrick in a close match 3 sets to 1. Set scores were 25-23, 20-25, 25-15, 25-22. Shannon Kirkpatrick led the Fighting Irish with 23 service points and 14 service aces. Raven Gonsoulin had 17 service points. The volleyball team needs to be in the gym by 3:15 this afternoon.
- Drama guild dues and applications are due by Friday. Officer elections will be next Tuesday.