

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, September 29, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

You will see . . . the angels of God. (John 1:51)

Most names don't reveal very much about the person who carries them. But that's not true of angels, whom we honor today. Michael, whose name means "Who is like God?" is known for his great power in fighting against Satan and his demons. Gabriel, whose name means "strength," certainly gave strength to Mary when he told her she would be the Mother of God (Luke 1:28). Raphael, whose name means "healer," cured Tobit's blindness (Tobit 11).

We can't help but admire the archangels. Like all the angels, they have remarkable abilities. As pure spirits, their knowledge and power are beyond our comprehension. But they're not like the superheroes found in films and comic books. They live to serve God and worship him. Their wonderful gifts are only a pale reflection of his infinite perfection and beauty. What's more, as amazing as they are, each is a "fellow servant" along with us, and their inspiration can lead us to worship God more fully (Revelation 19:10).

Perhaps the best way to honor the archangels today is to join them in worshipping Jesus. We can take our cue from Nathanael. Jesus told him he would see "heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man" (John 1:51). We have that same opportunity at every Mass. We may not see the angels, but they are there, adoring Jesus on the altar. Along with them, we can be caught up in the love and holiness of the Son of God and be moved to lay down our lives before him.

At Mass, we can receive Jesus as our nourishment! All the qualities of God that the angels have a share in—his wisdom, his love, his beauty—are contained in the Eucharist. So while you are at Mass this morning, know that you are in the company of angels, and join them in giving Jesus all the praise and worship your heart can muster!

"Thank you, Lord, that you have made me lower than the angels, yet you come to me as the Bread of Life. May I be open to all the grace you want to give me in your Body and Blood."

Today's Announcements:

- We are on the liturgy bell schedule today and will celebrate Mass at 9:40 this morning. We will also recognize our state championship boys soccer team following Mass this morning.
- Our junior high dance is this coming Saturday, October 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for all seventh and eighth graders. The theme for the dance is "Olympics," and admission is \$5. The concession stand will also be open. Junior high dances are open to St. Patrick students only. This is not a formal dance - dress is casual.

- The afternoon bus will not be dropping off at St. Alphonsus next week due to Cruisin' the Coast. The bus will still drop off at St. James, the Natatorium, and Sacred Heart.
- A great job by our swim team at yesterday's swim meet! Both the boys and girls teams took first place overall. Laura Silva dropped 14 seconds in the 100 free, Madison Gillam dropped 7 seconds in the 200 individual medley and Laurie Pisciotta swam a personal best in the 50 freestyle. Madalyn Smith dropped 4 seconds for a personal best in the 100 backstroke. Jordan Walker swam the 500 freestyle for the first time, Matt Bisner dropped 11 seconds in the 200 free, Will McMackin dropped 10 seconds in the 500 free, and Alex Moore swam under 30 seconds in the 50 freestyle.
- The Arts and Crafts Club met on Wednesday afternoon and voted for officers. Congratulations to the following students: President, Chloe Rizk; Vice President, Kirstin Walters; Secretary, Adesyn Hall; and Treasurer, Mary Katherine Filipich.
- There will be a Students for Life meeting tomorrow morning at 7:45 to discuss committees and events for Life Month. Please make plans to attend.
- Attention all girls and boys soccer players: If you plan on playing soccer this year, you must tryout. All junior high, junior varsity and varsity girls (both new and returning players) should sign up outside Mrs. Williams' room. All junior high, junior varsity, and varsity boys (both new and returning players) should sign up outside Coach Camps' room. Also, there is conditioning after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 until 4:00 for both boys and girls. Conditioning is to prepare for tryouts, not to ensure you are on the team.
- The library is closed today. It will reopen tomorrow morning at 7:45.
- Come enjoy a delicious popsicle and be charitable at the same time. Pop Brothers is donating 50% of their proceeds today to John Harrison Doucet.