

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

They will see the glory of the Lord. (Isaiah 35:2)

Do you want to see “the glory of the Lord” this Advent? Of course you do! One of the ways to find this “glory” is by activating our spiritual instincts. We were all born with these instincts, and it’s something that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to life in us every day. While we have many instincts, let’s focus on just two of them.

First, we all have aesthetic instincts. Aesthetic instincts help us appreciate a beautiful work of art or the majesty of a snowcapped mountain peak. During Advent, we can ask the Spirit to help us see the beauty in that dank and unwelcoming manger. Picture the manger scene, and see what happens as you dwell on the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Second, we have contemplative instincts—instincts that come alive when we focus on a work of God. Do you remember how Mary pondered and treasured everything that happened when Jesus was born (Luke 2:19, 51)? When we ponder God’s word, perhaps in the Christmas stories in Matthew or Luke’s Gospels, our spiritual instincts will come alive, and the Holy Spirit will give us new insights into his love for us.

The next time you receive the Eucharist, imagine yourself at the manger. Then pray, “Lord, show me your glory.” If you feel a sense of happiness or a desire to bow down and thank God or an impulse to reach out to someone who is hurting, take this as a sign that the Holy Spirit is enlivening your spiritual instincts.

As these instincts come to life, they will influence the way you think and act. You’ll find yourself becoming more loving, more forgiving, and more peaceful—especially in difficult times. God wants all his people to look to him and have their instincts awakened. And that includes you!

“Holy Spirit, come and bring my spiritual instincts to life. Lord, I want to see your glory!”

Today's Announcements:

- Students, on Wednesday through Friday will be our midterm semester exams. The exam bell schedule is in your handbook and on our website. Friday, December 16, will be a 12:30 dismissal time. To avoid interruptions of students testing, check outs are not permitted during exam periods. Students who are absent and miss an exam must have been granted prior approval in order to make up the exam missed. For more information or to request prior approval, please contact Mr. Buckley.
- Seniors, you will receive your exemption letters this afternoon.
- The Disciples Cross are being mailed to St. Patrick today, so we should we receive them Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

- Santa Grams will be delivered today.
- Students, the schedule for Wednesday has lunch based on your second period class instead of fourth period. Your second period teacher has a list of which classes will each first lunch and which will have second lunch. This is for Wednesday only.
- Mrs. Trahan needs to see the following volleyball players: Shannon Kirkpatrick, Hannah D'Aunoy, Hallie Ladner, Gabby Hymel, Bria Herriot, Mary Tubb, and Elizabeth Van Horn.
- We would like to congratulate the girls eighth grade basketball team on their victory last night against Vancleave. We won 41 to 20. Players of the game were Emily Nolte, Grace Schloegel, Quinlan Pisciotta, and Jessica Harrison. Congratulations girls!