

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Daughter, your faith has saved you. (Mark 5:34)

"Ready or not, here I come!" Watching children play hide-and-seek can be quite entertaining. A "hiding" child will often close his eyes and remain very still, even if his hiding place is in plain view. Little children seem to think that if they can't see the other kids, then the other kids can't see them.

This is kind of how the bleeding woman in today's Gospel approached Jesus—she tried to hide herself. But why would she? Maybe she was ashamed. With her flow of blood, she would have been considered "unclean," and people would have avoided touching her. Maybe she feared being ridiculed by the crowd. Maybe she didn't want to take the risk that Jesus might reject her. After all, he was her last chance!

So she tried to hide in the crowd as she reached out for Jesus. But it seems she didn't hide all that well. Jesus sensed that her touch was different from everyone else's. He could tell that her faith was connecting with his healing power.

Like this woman, we sometimes want to hide from Jesus. Of course we know that it's silly to try, but we do it anyway. Jesus can see our needs, our embarrassment, and our sins just as clearly as we can see that child playing hide-and-seek. He's just waiting patiently for us to uncover our eyes and come to him.

But Jesus doesn't see only our hidden faults. He sees our hidden virtues too. He sees every step of faith, every humble act of service, every silent prayer, and each one is precious to him. Just as he commended this woman's faith in front of the crowd, he commends us when we act in faith. And not only that, but he pours even more grace on us in response.

It can be hard to believe at times, but Jesus really does love you. He really does want to bless you. He already knows what you need, and he's eager to give it to you. So don't hide from Jesus. Don't let fear or shame keep you away. Reach out to him. Proclaim your confidence in his love and power. Then sit quietly and hear him say, "Your faith has saved you" (Mark 5:34).

"Jesus, I don't want to hide from you. Come, and touch me with your healing love."

Today's Announcements:

- There will be make up softball tryouts for those interested tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. after school. Anyone who is interested should come.
- Seniors, the bus for tomorrow's retreat will be in the front of the school. The bus will leave at 7:45 tomorrow morning.

- On Thursday morning, we will have a pancake/sausage breakfast in the cafeteria starting at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast is free for all students - so be sure to stop by Thursday morning.
- The 2017 Baseball Team Diamond Girl sign ups begin today. All girls in tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades are eligible to sign up. The sign up sheet is on Coach Burger's door.
- Junior high track practice starts today. Be ready and meet at the south end of the track by the score board. Those who signed up for varsity track may pick up their uniforms today in Coach Dellenger's room.
- This is a reminder that there is drama practice this afternoon in Mrs. Trahan's room. All ensemble (boys and girls) who will be singing should be there. The lead for the opening number must be there. If you did not receive an email with the schedule, let Mrs. Trahan know.
- Boys golf team members - see Coach Hewes sometime today. You will begin practice soon.