

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear? (Mark 8:18)*

Have you ever been looking for something that, it turns out, has been right in front of you all along? Maybe it was your car keys or debit card. You're almost embarrassed when someone points it out to you. How could you have missed it?

In today's Gospel, the disciples miss what—or, rather, who—is right in front of them. This is why Jesus asks, "Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear?" (Mark 8:18). They had just seen him multiply bread for four thousand people, and they're still worried about having enough bread!

Like not noticing your car keys, it may seem obvious that the disciples should have turned to Jesus. But let's not be too hard on them. Instead, let's think about how easy it can be to overlook people, especially the people closest to us.

Sometimes we take our loved ones for granted. They're right there in front of us, but it's as if we don't notice them. We may forget to smile or to listen carefully to them. Whether it's a parent or sibling or a dear friend, nobody likes to feel forgotten. Everyone needs to be loved.

This is a good reminder for today's observance of Valentine's Day. In the third century, Emperor Claudius II banned all marriages in Rome so that he could have more single men for his army. Valentine, a bishop, disobeyed Claudius' order and married couples in secret. He was ultimately arrested, beaten, and beheaded. Valentine could have ignored the couples who wanted to marry, but he sacrificed his life in love instead.

Love is our mission too: "God who created man out of love also calls him to love" (CCC, 1604). For us, this call to love starts with those close at hand: our families.

First, ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and ears so that you can notice your family members and their needs. Then find one simple way to show them your love and appreciation. Unlike St. Valentine, you won't be beheaded for washing dishes or giving a hug. Your sacrifices may seem smaller, but they are just as important.

*"Jesus, open my eyes and my ears. Teach me to love as you loved—from the heart!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- All students interested in trying out for varsity cheerleading, there will be a thirty-minute meeting Friday after school in Mrs. Mullen's room. This is mandatory. Also cheer tryout packets are located in the front office if anyone needs to pick up one.
- We wish our varsity basketball teams all the best as they travel to West Marion to compete against Perry Central in the division tournament. The girls play at 4:00 and boys at 5:30.

- Junior high track practice will be held today. If you are unable to attend, be sure to see Coach Dellenger during lunch.
- Students, be sure to give the registration packets you received to your parents. These may be returned to Ms. Dapremont at the front desk anytime. Ms. Wilkinson, Mr. Gruich, and Mr. Buckley will meet with students in March to review course selection requests for next year.
- Boys golf practice has been cancelled today.
- Pennies for Patients is going well so far! The total for the school will be posted in the cafeteria weekly. Our school goal is \$1000. The first period class with the most donations will win a catered lunch by Olive Garden. Remember: the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society not only helps to fund research to find a cure for blood cancers but also supports patients and survivors! The top three classrooms are: Williams: \$158.24, Hedman: \$145.55, Cloud: \$94.49