

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The kingdom of God is among you. (Luke 17:21)

Do you like to rearrange furniture? Some people are very good at imagining a room in a different way, then moving things around to match their vision. They may notice a gap and go shopping for an accent piece that will alter the feel of a whole room. But sometimes they will determine that all a room needs is different lighting. Whether it's pendant lights, wall sconces, or the softer glow of lamps and candles, a new source of light can show everything that's already present to its best advantage.

This can be true in our spiritual landscape as well. Sometimes we try to add things or move them around when all that's really needed is more of God's light to help us to see what's already there. That's why Jesus told these Pharisees to open their eyes and look. The kingdom of God was already in their midst. They just needed to see it!

When we let Jesus shine his light on our everyday lives, we may first notice the empty spaces. We aren't perfect. We aren't as cheerful or prayerful or generous or

forgiving as God wants us to be. These are good insights, and the Lord wants us to work with him to make the necessary improvements.

At the same time, however, God wants us to see ourselves in the light of his love. He doesn't just want to point out the empty spaces. He wants to show us all the full spaces as well—all the areas where he is already at work, all the areas where he rejoices in our love and faithfulness. He wants to shine a light on the signs that his kingdom is already present among us.

Realizations like these may come suddenly, like a bolt of lightning, or they may dawn on us gradually, like the sunrise. But they will come if we ask for them. Jesus doesn't just want to show us where to improve. He wants to tell us how much he loves the work we have already done in his name. He wants to tell us how proud of us he is.

So open your eyes today. Look for the signs of God's kingdom. It's all around you. It's within your heart!

"Jesus, shine your light into my heart. Help me to live in the light of your love today."

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Today's Announcements:

- Today we are on liturgy schedule and will celebrate mass at 9:40 this morning. We are very excited to welcome Fr. Greg Barras to St. Patrick today.
- Today our cafeteria staff will be preparing our traditional Thanksgiving meal for lunch to include turkey and dressing. Mr. Buckley is buying for everyone, so we hope you enjoy this year's Thanksgiving lunch.

- If anyone would like to help serve senior citizens this Sunday, November 19, at the St. Alphonsus KC hall in Ocean Springs, we could use you. We usually serve about 300 senior citizens a turkey dinner for free. Please call the church Wednesday or Friday 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 228-875-5419. Make sure you have your form for volunteering if you go. We had six St. Patrick students assist with the fair last weekend - thanks to everyone for helping.
- There is a National English Honor Society meeting on today after school in room 200 with Mrs. Buckley. We will be discussing setting up tutoring and service opportunities.
- The tennis team will be having tryouts on Wednesday, November 29, from 4-5:30. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk with Mrs Collier. Please put your name on the list before tryouts.
- Coach Dellenger would like to thank those 52 FCA members who participated in the FCA Food Basket drive - job well done!
- Congratulations to the boys JV soccer team for their 1-0 win over St. Martin last night. Quinn LaGrone scored the deciding goal and Jonathan Galle recorded the assist.
- The National Honor Society t-shirts are here. If you ordered a National Honor Society t-shirt, please see Ms. Wilkinson during lunch or after school.
- Congratulations to the seventh grade boys basketball team for their thrilling double overtime victory against North Woolmarket. All players contributed to a great team win.

We would like to congratulate our seventh grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against North Woolmarket. We won 20-10. Players of the game were Emma Holter, Gia Alley, and Madison Normand. Congratulations, girls!

