

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

*Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.*

*Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
(Psalm 24:4)*

Two young girls were talking on the day of their First Communion. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" one asked. The other replied, "A saint. My grandmother told me I could be one." That might sound cliché, but the grandmother was right. Sainthood isn't just for extraordinary people. It's within reach for all of us.

We see a good definition of a saint in today's responsorial psalm. It describes a person who longs to see God's face (Psalm 24:6) and who has not devoted his soul to what is vain (24:4). This person puts his hope and his heart into knowing and serving God. Notice sanctity is not a competition to donate the most money to the Church, to write the most beautiful prayers, or to help the most people.

It's about seeking to please the Lord. Pursuing sainthood is just that: a pursuit. Giving your best effort for God means just as much as whatever you "achieve."

The feast of All Saints is about all the holy people who have gone before us—the hidden saints who are part of that great "cloud of witnesses" in heaven (Hebrews 12:1). It's also a good time to honor the people you have known who made serving the Lord their greatest desire. Maybe it's one of your religious studies teachers who stayed up late working on lesson plans. It could be a parent who tried to get his child excited about special feast days like this one. Or perhaps it's a priest or religious sister who supported a new ministry at your parish. In each case, it is the person's desire and effort that sets them apart and places them on the road to sainthood.

Never forget that great cloud of witnesses surrounding you. And never forget that you are part of it! There is no "us" and "them" when it comes to sanctity. By the grace of God, there is only "us."

"Jesus, set me on the path to sainthood by showing me how to serve you. Lord, I want to help build your kingdom!"

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Emerson Morris and Coach Bloomfield today!

- If you haven't voted for Class Favorites, be sure to do so today. Ballots have been sent to your St. Patrick email address.
- The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus are looking for students to assist with Peter Anderson Festival this weekend as well as serving/feeding senior citizens on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Service hours are available for these events - please sign up at the front desk as soon as possible.
- "Pray for Hope" bracelets are being sold in the front office or from Mary Katherine Filipich. They are \$5.00 each, and all proceeds will go to Hope Broadus.
- Media day for our winter sports will be today starting at 2:00 pm. We will also be taking pictures for senior banners today. The cost for senior banners is \$75.
- The library will be closed after school today and before school tomorrow.
- There will be a brief sophomore class meeting in the auditorium next Tuesday, November 7, at 3:00. All sophomores are asked to attend.
- Quiz Bowl Practice after school today is canceled.
- There will be a Mock Trial meeting today beginning at 3:05 p.m. in room 116.
- The following clubs will take yearbook photos after mass: robotics, campus ministry, sailing, science honor society.