

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. (Psalm 118:27)

Have you ever been in a completely dark room? It's hard to see or know where anything is. But think of the effect when someone turns on a flashlight or lights a candle. Just a bit of light, and so much becomes visible. That's how powerful light can be!

Light is such a common theme in Scripture and in the liturgy that we might miss the strength of the metaphor. So let's slow down for a bit and ask what the light of the Lord does for us.

Light gives us insight. Turning on a light in a dark room allows us to see what's there. The light God gives us does the same thing spiritually. You might be irritable or short-tempered toward someone. God's light can help you see what is at the root of your irritation. It can not only show you resentments or hurts beneath the surface but also draw your eye to the love you have for each other—love that might have seemed somehow hidden before. That changes how you look at someone and shows you how to move forward in love.

Light gives us perspective. Darkness keeps us from understanding the big picture. It's easy to focus narrowly on how events affect us personally, but God's light allows us to see the panorama of his plan. Maybe you were planning to go on a family vacation, but someone in your family got sick and you had to stay home with him or her. That would be disappointing. But your sacrifice showed how loved that person is, and that built trust and respect in your relationship. Instead of focusing on the disappointment, you can focus on the blessing.

Light gives us hope. In the dark, we fear what we can't see. But light shows us where we're going. You might be facing a decision and not know what to do. God's light can bring hope. He might not show you exactly what to do, but he will remind you where we're going. His light can draw your vision to your end goal, life with him in heaven. He'll help you see all your brothers and sisters accompanying you along the way.

God's light is all around you. It is within you. He loves giving you insight, perspective, and hope.

"Lord, help me walk in the light!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Kendall Pitre celebrated her birthday yesterday - we wish her a happy belated birthday! Also, Happy Birthday to Presley Harrison, Cooper Lott, Anthony Mattina, Taylor Stawarski, and Logan Young today.
- We will celebrate mass tomorrow morning at 9:40 a.m. Dress code for tomorrow is liturgy dress with blazers and ties.

- Ballots for Mr. and Ms. SPCHS have been sent to students in grades nine through twelve. Students, please vote this week.
- Students for life members who are attending March for Life will meet tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. Signed and notarized permission forms and final payments are due at or before this meeting. Please see Ms. Cloud if you have not received a permission form. All students who paid deposits were approved to attend the trip.
- Deacon Buddy at St. Thomas Church in Long Beach is doing a supply drive for the Stone County Prison where he does prison ministry. Please bring in men's and women's crew/athletic socks and deodorant by Monday December 11. Please put items in the front office.
- If you have any original artwork, photography or writing that you would like to submit to *Aisling*, the school's literary and arts magazine, please do so by tomorrow. We've received some great work but are always looking for more.
- There will be no chess club meeting today.
- The following football players were selected as first team all-district super 22 team: Ryan Hymel, offensive line; Robert Starks, offensive athlete; and Jarrett Herron, defensive back. And the following football players were selected as second team all-district: Carson Bishop, Logan Young, and Austin Schepens. Congratulations men!
- Interact club, quiz bowl, and photography club will take pictures in the cafeteria after mass tomorrow due to rain.
- Seventh and eighth graders will attend the fall drama production of *Murder's in the Heir* today at 1:00. Seventh and eighth grade first period teachers please remember to collect from your students. An envelope was placed in your mailboxes for this. A drama student will come pick it up during first period.
- Baseball conditioning has been cancelled for today

