

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, March 2, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus.
(Luke 16:20)*

Many drivers discover blind spots the hard way, by having an accident. Driving instructors remind us that it's not enough to check the mirrors in our car. We also need to check our blind spots to make sure that there isn't anything hidden from view. They tell us that there's only one way to be sure: "Turn your head." It sounds obvious, but people who fail to turn their heads often pay the price.

The rich man in today's Gospel had a blind spot right by his front door. Every day he walked in and out of his home, oblivious to the hungry beggar lying there. Perhaps he saw Lazarus, but he never perceived him—never noticed him, never spoke to him, never looked him in the eye. He probably never considered offering him food or nursing his wounds. He was blind to Lazarus.

Like this rich man, we may have blind spots. We may fail

to notice people in need, even the ones right on our doorsteps. It can be easy to miss them, even when they are right in front of us. We are too busy, too tired, or too stressed. So we walk right by. Our "Lazarus" may be the homeless person on the corner of the street. He may be someone within our family. One of our friends. He may be our neighbor. All these people need love, and God wants us to see them and take care of them.

Where do you start? Take a lesson from the driving instructors: turn your head. Pay attention to the people in your blind spots. You can turn your head to sense their hunger, their loneliness, their weariness. Turn your head to look them in the eye. Take a chance by turning your head so that you can encounter a person with love.

Ask the Spirit today to shine light into your blind spots. Ask him to show you who is lying by your door. And when you see them, turn your head, look them in the eye, and treat them with love and dignity.

"Holy Spirit, help me to show your love."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Cara Pisciotta today! Also, Caroline Dellenger and Sawyer Stone will be celebrating their birthdays this weekend!
- ★ Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents may register students online.
- ★ Blessing of the Fleet and Shrimp Festival Queen Applications are available in the front office.

- ★ Tryout packets for the Irish Emeralds Dance Team are now available at the front desk. Clinics will take place on Monday, April 9 and Tuesday, April 10, and tryouts will be Thursday, April 12. Please reach out to Coach Burger if you have any questions!
- ★ The Track Season will kick off tomorrow at St. Stanislaus in Bay Louis, with both Jr High and Varsity competing, Field Events begin at 10:30, Running Events at 12:00.
- ★ Congratulations to the Fighting Irish baseball team on their 6-4 victory over Lamar Christian School last night. Seth Allen was the winning pitcher and Dylan Fontan got the save.
- ★ The staff of *Aisling*, our school's arts and literary magazine, is excited to announce the launch of our current issue. It is available to view online by simply going to the St. Patrick website and click the link listed in the Student Life section or look for it through one of our social media notifications. We are very proud of this issue, there's some amazing work in it, and we would like to thank all students who submitted and made this happen. Next month's theme is Spirit.
- ★ We'd like to wish the Boys Varsity Golf Team the best of luck tomorrow as they kick off their season at the Greater Bank of Wiggins Invitational and Shootout, where they'll be competing against 18 other teams from across South Mississippi.