

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, September 27, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He kept trying to see him. (Luke 9:9)

Rumors were flying. Speculation was high. Who was this Jesus of Nazareth? Where did he come from, and what did he really want? Was he John the Baptist, back from the dead? A new incarnation of the prophet Elijah? Or just some rabble-rouser from Galilee?

For Herod, this was an especially perplexing predicament. He had already taken care of John the Baptist. But it seemed that Jesus' presence and his preaching pricked his conscience on the matter. Maybe God really was trying to speak to him through John—and now through this Jesus. Still, Herod's vision was clouded. Aware that he was in a sinful relationship with his wife but unwilling to make any change, he couldn't break through the fog to come to faith.

Of course, none of us are the same as Herod. But like him, we may want to see the Lord but be hampered by blurred vision. Unforgiveness, bitterness, fear, and anxiety—all of these and more can keep us in a fog. But nothing is more capable of holding us back than unrepented sin. John the

Baptist brought Herod's sin to light by criticizing Herod's marriage to his brother's wife. Herod could have repented. He could have found a way out of his immoral union, but he ended up feeling forced to silence John's voice instead.

The Holy Spirit can clear away any clouds that are obscuring your vision. Through the gift of repentance, you can cooperate with him in this work. In fact, getting into the habit of repenting at the end of every day is probably one of the best ways to sharpen your vision.

Every evening, look over your day, and ask the Spirit to help you identify anything that you may have thought or said or done that was displeasing to the Lord. Then simply ask for forgiveness and for the Spirit's help to do better tomorrow. If the sin is serious enough, resolve to bring it to Confession as soon as you can. Then end by thanking God for his mercy. Over time, your vision will become clearer, simply because you are giving the Holy Spirit room to work in your heart.

"Come, Holy Spirit, and remove the clouds that keep me from seeing clearly."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Tate Bartgis and Tyson Warren!
- ★ Students, make sure to pay attention to tardies, and make sure you are getting to school and class on time. Too many students have already reached their limit for this semester. We want everyone to be here all day, every day. We expect this to be resolved.
- ★ Senior quotes are due to Mrs. Farragut by tomorrow, September 28.
- ★ The science honor society will have its initial meeting today after school in room 202. At this time, applications for new members will be given out and students who wish to run for office will be able to sign up.

- ★ The theme for this week's pep rally is "Irish Country - Country vs. Country Club." Students may dress in their favorite western wear or country club attire. Jeans should not have holes in them and any tennis skorts that are worn should meet the length requirements set forth in the student handbook. If you have any questions, please see Coach Burger.
- ★ Garden Park Medical Center is hosting an injury prevention fair November 10 from 7 am to 2 pm. They are looking for volunteers to assist with set up and break down, and interactive demonstrations. See the front desk for more information on this.
- ★ The St. James Fall Festival is coming up on October 6 and 7. They are in need of volunteers to work one or both days. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Tomorrow is the last day to sign up for booth assignments. See Ms. Saucier in the office or reply to the email you received regarding this event.
- ★ The deadline for officer nominations and dues for Students for Life is this Friday. Dues must be paid by Friday to vote, run for office or to sign up for March for Life. Please see Ms. Cloud if you have questions.
- ★ Youth legislature will have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 3, directly after school in Mrs. Mays' room 103. If you are in grades 9-12 and are interested in participating, plan to attending this meeting.
- ★ Seniors, Herff Jones will be back to take Graduation Orders on Wednesday, October 3 during lunch. Please bring your deposit of \$60 at that time.
- ★ Cross country team members will need to meet directly after school for a 40 minute run today.
- ★ Congratulations to the 2018-19 SPCHS Ambassadors! There will be a meeting directly after school on Monday, October 1, in the auditorium.