

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, November 1, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints.

I had a vision of a great multitude. (Revelation 7:9)

What does it take to become a saint? The Church does a thorough examination before declaring that a person is definitively in heaven and is worthy of universal honor. They comb through the person's writings. They look for miracles. They take testimony from friends, family members, and other witnesses. They even appoint a "devil's advocate" whose job is to argue against canonization—just to be sure. When all the requirements are met, the pope then declares the person a capital-S saint—someone whom all believers can look to as an example of heroic holiness.

But don't let this rigorous investigation give you the wrong impression. Countless more men and women are in heaven right now singing the song of triumph that the capital-S saints sing. It's these anonymous, unacknowledged small-S saints, whom we honor today. There are millions of them, spanning every century and every generation since the birth

of the Church.

So what does it take to become a small-S saint? Take a look around, and you'll see. Think of the people whose love for Christ has inspired you. Think of the people whose dedication to service has touched your heart. Think of the people who seem always to have a peaceful disposition. Think of the people who have made you want to press on in faith. People like these are gifts from God. They encourage us and lift our eyes to heaven.

Today is a day to thank God for the blessings that all these small-S saints have been in your life. It's also a day to think about the effect you have on other people. You may not consider yourself a saint, but your witness can make a difference. Jesus said that anyone who is poor in spirit, merciful, pure of heart, or peaceable is blessed. And holiness always stands out.

"Jesus, thank you for the saints you have placed in my life. Lord, I want to join that great multitude in heaven."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Emerson Morris and Coach Bloomfield today!
- ★ The brothers and sisters in Christ who have been dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael have certainly been in our thoughts and prayers. We have received word from Superintendent Mike Juhas of their Diocese, and we understand that St. John Catholic School was heavily damaged and is in the process of relocating. Their Diocese is collecting monetary donations to help with opening a temporary school among other urgent needs. We are asking for donations to send to St. John and the surrounding damaged parishes from our St. Patrick family of faith. If you would like to contribute, please send your donations this week to your first period teacher. Checks may be made payable to SPCHS as we will combine and send our funds together. Donations in any amount are received with prayerful gratitude.

- ★ St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus is seeking volunteers to serve Thanksgiving meals to senior citizens November 18 from 10:30 to 2:00. See Mrs. Collier in the front office to sign up.
- ★ Students for Life will attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 17-21. There are about 10 spots remaining on the bus from St. Patrick that will travel with the Diocese. If you are a member of Students for Life and would like to attend, you can sign up with a \$200 deposit and completed application by this Friday. Please see Ms. Cloud for details.
- ★ St. John the Evangelist is seeking volunteers for its drawdown on Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, November 11. Opportunities include event set up and silent auction pick up, and students can work in shifts. Please email Mrs. Rosetti if you are interested in getting involved and receiving ministry hours.
- ★ There will be a brief meeting for the students attending Youth Legislature in Mr. Eleuterius' room 116 after school today.
- ★ Remember to get your tickets for the fall production. Drama t-shirts are in and may be picked up at rehearsal this afternoon.