

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, December 7, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Their eyes were opened. (Matthew 9:30)

“Seeing” is central to all of today’s Scripture readings. The psalmist expresses confidence that he will live long enough to see God’s bounty (27:13). Isaiah predicts that “the eyes of the blind shall see” (29:18). And Jesus fulfills this prophecy by restoring sight to two blind men in today’s Gospel. Maybe we should make this theme of “seeing” one of our Advent prayers: Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see!

God opens our eyes to his presence in and around us in two basic ways. First, he shows us who he is, and second, he shows us how to act.

It’s not too hard to see ways that God has opened your eyes like this. Here are some examples of how he shows us who he is: Maybe as you were taking a walk, you felt your hope lifting as you passed by a beautiful flower garden. Or you felt worry slipping away as you held a new baby. Or after spending time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, you felt a new sense of joy or contentment.

As for opening your eyes to how you can act, maybe God

helped you glimpse a solution to a dilemma you were facing, like how to deal with someone being difficult. Or maybe you didn’t know how to approach a problem with your parents, but you suddenly felt inspired with a deeper courage and trust in God’s care for both of you. Maybe you have experienced a new sense of compassion for someone who has hurt you, and you have finally found the ability to forgive.

All of these examples, and so many more, have the potential to open your eyes to God’s hand at work in your life. Little by little, as you pay attention to these movements of the Spirit, you’ll find your sense of hope and enthusiasm growing. Your faith will deepen, and you’ll become more convinced that you are not alone.

God wants to open all of our eyes to his presence with us. He wants to help us see other people—and ourselves—the way he sees us. So let’s keep praying through this Advent:

“Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see!”

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Presley Harrison, Cooper Lott, Anthony Mattina, and Taylor Stawarski. Also, Gabriel Regueira and Matthew Ladner are celebrating their birthdays this weekend.
- ★ Service hours are due by December 14. Because of the calculation for senior exemptions, seniors your service hours are due by December 12.
- ★ Sign up sheets are in Mrs. Lawson and Ms. Moon's rooms for the Saturday, December 15, visit to the Children's Shelter. Sign ups begin today.

- ★ The men's soccer team and Coach Camps wish the varsity women's soccer team good luck in their first district game vs. OLA. All students are invited to support the Lady Irish at OLA.

St. Patrick junior high Lady Irish soccer beat North Gulfport 2 to 1 on Thursday night

- ★ We would like to congratulate the seventh grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against East Central. We won 24-7. Players of the game were Hailey Necaie, Addison Fountain, Mackenzie Mullen, and Mary Frontz.

We would also like to congratulate the eighth grade girls basketball team on their win last night against East Central - the score was 25-18. Players of the game were Alex Taggart, Madison Normand, and Gia Alley.

The seventh grade boys basketball team defeated East Central 22-9. John Hay had 12 points to lead the Irish. Carson Kilpatrick and Cohen Weinhofer played well for the Irish.

The eighth grade boys basketball team also won against East Central 34-19 as Matthew Krass scored 14 points to lead the Irish. Chad Hilton, Austin Lee, Ryan Roth, and Knox Brogdon played well for the team.