ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Friday, January 25, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

I regained my sight. (Acts 22:13)

A devout Jew, Paul had been walking with God all his life. Still, he had a serious blind spot. He couldn't see that the Christians he was persecuting were his brothers and sisters. He couldn't see that this Jesus he was fighting against was the Messiah.

But then he encountered Jesus in a flash of light, and he became aware of just how blind he had been. Now he could begin the process of coming to see clearly.

It's not hard to imagine how we too can walk around with blind spots—even after years of following the Lord. We might make unwarranted assumptions about some people because of the way they look. Past hurts or old prejudices might affect how we treat people. We might reflexively categorize people into "friends" and "enemies" or into "us" and "them." And all this time, Jesus wants us to see people as he sees them, as beloved children of God.

Today, on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, we conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. From January 18–25 of each year, the Church invites us to join Christians from a variety of faith traditions around the world to pray for unity. We ask the Lord to open our spiritual eyes and help us see the face of Christ in every Christian, no matter what denomination they belong to. We ask him to remove blind spots that might be preventing us from relating to another believer as we would relate to a beloved family member.

Today, spend some time praying for Christian unity. Ask him to help you identify your blind spots in this area. But don't only pray for yourself. Pray also for church leaders, that their eyes will be opened as well. Pray for other Catholics, especially those who have a hard time with the idea of unity. And pray for other Christians who are also resistant to reconciliation and change.

Our heavenly Father longs to see all of his children living in love and unity. He longs for the day when our love for each other becomes a witness to the whole world. May we all do our part to fulfill Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one" (John 17:21)!

"Lord, open my eyes so that I see all believers as my brothers and sisters."

Today's Announcements:

★ Celebrating a birthday this weekend is Madison Owen!

★ This weekend, there will be a local March for Life sponsored by the Diocese of Biloxi, held on Sunday afternoon at 2pm at Nativity Cathedral. It begins with Mass and the rosary, then participants will march from the Cathedral to the Biloxi lighthouse. All students and parents are invited to attend.

★ St. Patrick's first ever Contemporary Christian concert starring Brandon Green will be held Friday, February 1, at 7 pm, tickets are $10.00 each in advance online or $20.00 at the door. All students who purchase a ticket and attend will receive a free jean day.

★ Today is the deadline for all students interested in joining the St. Patrick Chapter of the National Art Honor Society. To be considered for membership, students must be enrolled in or have taken visual arts and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in all academic classes.   Please see Mrs. Benoit for more information.

★ National Junior Honor Society members - there is a meeting this Tuesday, January 29, in the auditorium at 7:45 am.

★ The Lady Irish Soccer Team defeated Resurrection 1-0 with the only goal of the game being scored by Jessica Harrison. The Irish defense along with goalkeeper, Ali Ware, posted their 10th shutout of the season. The Lady Irish will compete in the first round of playoffs on Tuesday night.

★ The Mock Trial Regional Competition will be held at the Gulfport Harrison County Courthouse this Saturday, January 26. We wish the Mock Trial team good luck.

★ Monday marks the first official day of practice for all of our Spring sports. If you are participating in a Spring sport please check with your coach to make sure you have an up to date physical on file.