

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, January 10, 2020

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*I do will it. Be made clean. (Luke 5:13)*

Last September, the Vatican opened the cause for canonization of John Bradburne, a British man who died in 1979 after spending fifteen years serving people with leprosy in Zimbabwe. Bradburne was known and loved for his ability to look past the disease and deformities of the people he cared for and treat them with dignity and respect.

One example was a woman named Veronica. She was so filled with distress because of her disfigured face that no one recalled ever seeing her smile. But then one day, in front of everyone, Bradburne said to her, "Oh, Veronica, when you get to heaven, you will look so beautiful, really beautiful." His tone was so sincere and matter-of-fact that she smiled for the first time.

The experience was life changing. Veronica became a source of comfort to many other people afterward. She ran (although toeless) to their beds when they were distressed and never missed an opportunity to offer words of consolation to dying comrades. Bradburne had touched her with his words and healed her heart.

According to the World Health Organization, the number of people with leprosy, or Hansen's disease, has decreased dramatically over the past twenty years: from 5.2 million people down to just over 175,000. But while instances of Hansen's disease are becoming rarer, instances of social isolation and exclusion are growing exponentially. People on every part of the social and economic spectrum struggle to feel connected, valued, and loved. Longing for human contact, they feel like Veronica or like the man in today's Gospel.

You can be Christ to these people. By the grace of his Spirit, you can learn to see them through his eyes of love. You may or may not be able to bring them physical healing or healing of their memories. You may or may not be able to help them reconcile with someone who has hurt them. But you can bring them the healing that comes from encountering Jesus. Through your words and actions, you can show them that they are not alone. You can show them that Jesus sees them, values them, and loves them deeply.

*"Lord, give me the courage to reach out and touch the lonely and forgotten with your love."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Celebrating birthdays this weekend are Abigail Baker, Carsen Centanni and Ms. Farragut!
- Today is day 5 of the advisement schedule.
- Track tryouts and meetings have been rescheduled for next Friday, January 17.

- We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish 8th grade basketball team on their victory last night against Bay Middle School. We won 23-21. Players of the game were Isabel Patino, Taylor Fayard, Sophia Pisciotto, Chloe Santiago, and Mary Frontz.
- Both girls and boys junior high soccer defeated D'Iberville last night. Girls won 3-2 with all 3 goals coming from Anna Katherine Thriffrey. Boys won 2-0 with goals coming from Michael Baty and Gio Pradelli.
- All engineering students will meet in the classroom, Room 202 today for a guest speaker.
- Congratulations to the 8th grade boys basketball team for defeating Bay St. Louis last night with a score of 56-22. Ryan Roth had 24 points, John Hay had 14, Matthew Krass had 7, Jack Hewes had 6, and Roman Moran added 5 points. The team finishes the regular season with a record of 10-1. Playoffs begin next week. Congratulations and good luck.
- There will be a diamond girls meet Tuesday, January 14, in room 107.
- The LEGO tournament for tomorrow has been postponed due to possible severe weather. There will be no set up tonight or tournament tomorrow. But we will be rescheduling for January 24-25 to host that tournament. All information will be forwarded to members, but you will not need to stay today to set up.
- There will be a March for Life meeting Monday at 5:30pm in the auditorium. This meeting is for students attending the March with St. Patrick and your parents. Please make plans to attend to discuss the final details of the trip.