

5th Sunday in Lent - April 3

*You also must be ready, because the Human One is coming at a time when you don't expect him.
Luke 12:40 (CEB)*

God has been seen in my life when I least expect it. When I thought I knew how my life was going to pan out, God had a different path for me and I had no idea how influential his plan would be until I felt that I was exactly where I needed to be. God put me on the path of being redistricted from the high school I was supposed to go to. My brothers went there and all my “friends” were going there as well. I thought to myself, “This can not be right, I’m supposed to go to this high school to be happy.” I fought his plan time and time again. I thought that I knew what my life was supposed to look like but in reality God’s plan was the opposite. Finally, the school accepted my transfer and my gut feeling told me to say no. After all this fight and anger, why would I reject the transfer? Now, I’m in my second year at Olentangy, the school I was redistricted to, with brand new friends, a sport that I’ve fallen in love with, and a totally different life than I thought I would have. God was not there when I was praying for superficial stuff. I did not see him when I directly asked him to be there. He was there for those life altering decisions. He was that gut feeling. I did not know that going to Olentangy was the presence of God until my mom told me that she never actually submitted the request to transfer schools. To this day, we are not quite sure what happened, but whatever did happen, happened for a reason and that changed my life for the better. God is there when you least expect it.

Leah (16 years old, Sophomore in High School)

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, I pray that you are there for us when we think that our life is all figured out. I pray that you remind us of the plans you have for us so we can trust in you to live the life as your disciple. Help us trust in you when we think we know what is best, because your plan is so much greater than we could ever imagine. Amen.