

Dear Mrs. Carroll,

We cannot adequately express our deep appreciation to all of the Seton Community for their outpouring of prayers, love and compassion for our grandson Michael Munsell. The only way is to reciprocate with prayer of thanksgiving to Our Good Lord for the blessing of so many holy people.

Michael's tumor shrunk dramatically after the first day of treatment. One of the doctors who looked at the x-rays said "this is remarkable"; the other said that "it was breathtaking". They were not expecting such a shrinkage within 24 hours. We say it was the effects of prayer.

He was very happy to receive the large orange posters with all of the kind and uplifting messages. He is in 2nd grade and loves to read. So, I gave him a 450 page book on the Lives of the Saints. He finished it in 5 days, and has asked for volume 2.

He knows about the Lives of the Little Shepherds and we have been praying specifically to Blessed Francisco (as they are the same age - 8 years old). Michael was given an Ipad by the nurse, and the TV was turned on for him to watch some cartoons. He politely asked that they be turned off and gave back his Ipad because he said "remember, it is Lent, and I gave this up". He is also walking the halls with his IV pole and pausing by the doors of the other children that have cancer and saying a "Hail Mary" for them by name. So, despite this cross, there are many graces that we are receiving. Mrs. Carroll, the many lessons that you have taught my children at Seton we are seeing lived out.

I went in to the hospital room very early the other day and Cathy and Michael were asleep in the bed. Cathy had her arm around Michael and both were wearing their brown scapulars. Michael was holding his Rosary in his hands that had dry blood from his frequent nose bleeds (this is a side effect of the chemo treatment). I could not help but think of Our Lady holding Our Lord when he was taken down from the cross. This has all been a great, even though painful, grace. We know the Divine Physician is in charge and we are so thankful for the gift of faith.

God Bless You,
Praise be Jesus Christ, Now and Forever.
Frank