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*Read Sunday's Gospel* JN 1: 35-42 "Behold, the Lamb of God."



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## Upcoming Events

### January

- 19 – MLK Day/No School
- 21 – Kindergarten Roundup 6:30 pm
- 25 – Open House
- 25 – 2015/16 Registration Begins
- 26 – Catholic Schools Week Begins
- 26 – PTC Providing Pizza Lunch
- 28 – Appreciation Dinner

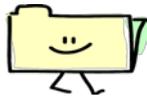
## A WORD FROM MRS. MEYMANN

**The School Day begins at 8:50 a.m.** When dropping off students in the morning, please keep in mind that students need to be settled in their classroom at 8:50 a.m. The outside doors have been programmed to lock at the start of the school day. If you drop off your child and see they are unable to open the building door, they have arrived after 8:50 a.m. and should be accompanied to the office to get a tardy slip before being admitted to class. Let's get to school a few minutes early. It helps everyone have a better start to the school day and instills good worker practices for the future.

**We Are Very Proud of Our Scholars!** Our Eighth grade students are a super group of young people, and have performed very well on the recent High School Placement Tests. All tell me they have been accepted at the high schools of their choice. We are delighted to share that seven of the eighth grade boys have been accepted into the prestigious Lasallian Scholars Institute. This is a four-year honors program designed to challenge high-performing students as they experience extensive career and college pathway exposure through experiential, company-sponsored and college-facilitated learning. Rigorous academics, grooming for leadership roles, and completing additional service hours are integrated into the program, which also offers a healthy scholarship. These young men not only scored extremely well, they participated in interviews with several academic and professional representatives during the Christmas holidays. Only 25 students are typically accepted into this program, and although LaSalle draws from as many as 30 different grade schools, St. John the Baptist is proudly sending seven, nearly a third of the newest group. Congratulations to you and your families!

Pictured are our seven Lasallian Scholars: **Daniel Kelhoffer; Sam Heffron; Alex Roell; Luke Lohman; Connor Kluesner; Trey Sizemore; and Josh Trabel.**





### Friday Folder Items

- Appreciation Dinner Flyer
- Children's Choral Opportunity
- Girls Softball Signups from Harrison Jr. High
- Catholic School Week Schedule
- Open House Flyer

### Reminders

- **Extra Yearbooks are Available!** We have 3 remaining. They are \$25 per book. Available in the School Office.
- **Lotto Tickets are still available.** 330 need to be sold to make the GOAL!!! If you have not purchased one, please consider doing so.

**Grandparents Day** – The dates for Grandparents Day are **February 25, 2015** for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and **February 26, 2015** for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Mark your calendars!!



The PTC would appreciate donations of cookies for Open House on **Sunday, January 25**. In the past, Open House generally provides 130 dozen cookies of which 80 dozen came from the generosity of a previous parishioner. If able to donate, please contact Missy Rehn at [513-227-8820](tel:513-227-8820) or [missy.rehn@yahoo.com](mailto:missy.rehn@yahoo.com).

The PTC is also in need of volunteers for **Monday, January 26th**, Student Appreciation Day. We need parents' assistance in serving lunch, which will include pizza, fruit, drinks and treats.

Teacher Appreciation Day is on **Thursday, January 29th**. The PTC provides lunch and volunteers are needed for recess in order for the teachers to dine together.

The continuation and success of events and activities that the PTC provides for Catholics Schools Week is dependent on the volunteers at St. John the Baptist.

Please email the PTC Board at [ptcboard@sjbharrison.org](mailto:ptcboard@sjbharrison.org) or contact Laura Roberts at 367-2869."



### **URGENT!!!! HELP NEEDED!**

It's never too early to prepare! The **2015 Festival is June 26, 27, 28**. The **Jaguar Jungle** is in need of a **Chairperson/Committee!** This is a great way for families with young children to get involved and participate in the festival together! If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact **Susan Klare** at [sklare1@comcast.net](mailto:sklare1@comcast.net) or [513-623-4566](tel:513-623-4566) for more information or just to ask questions!

**Congratulation!!!** The following students won the K of C Championship Throw in their age group, which was held this week during recess. They are **Alex Roell, Gavin Vogelgesang, Caitlin Smith, Giovanni Albanese, Ben Schoster, Mary Beck, Andrew Montgomery and Karlie Davis**.

## Catholic School Week Events

**Sunday, January 25** – Open House from 2-4. Please come and bring your neighbors and friends to check out our school. There will be a raffle, so make sure you sign up.

**Monday, January 26** – Student Day. Students may be out of uniform-must be school appropriate. The PTC will be serving pizza and a cookie for lunch. (This is free to every student. If your child does not like pizza, please pack their lunch that day. The cafeteria will not be serving food.) An assembly with Basketball Jim Jones who will speak to the students about positive attitude and he will also share some basketball tricks.

**Tuesday, January 27** – Community Connection (Warm Your Heart) please send in one of the following items with your child (hat, gloves, mitten or scarf). The students will make a note to go with their item. The items will then be donated to a Catholic School in need. This is also Comfy Cozy Day. The students may wear sweat pants, lounge pants, sweatshirts with regular shoes (no hoodies or slippers).

**Wednesday, January 28** – Appreciation Dinner (Spaghetti Dinner) Please fill out and return your invitation.

**Thursday, January 29** – Faculty Appreciation Day

**Friday, January 30** – Focus on Faith – Students may dress up and wear nice clothes or their uniform.



### Market Day Update!

The order cut off days has changed for the New Year. Please remember that the order cut off day for Market Day is now on **Thursdays** for the New Year. **Thursday, January 22nd** is the last day to order for the **Wednesday, January 28th pickup**. Manual orders need to be in the school office by 3 pm. Internet orders can be accepted until 11 pm. Pickup is still in the SJB cafeteria from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call her at 513-312-6773 or email at [tannercornettinc@aol.com](mailto:tannercornettinc@aol.com)



### Children's Choral Opportunities - The

**archdiocese** is sponsoring a Children's Choral Festival in February at St. John's in West Chester. Our students are invited to take part in a choir with children from throughout the Cincinnati and Dayton area and work with a nationally known children's choral conductor. The event takes place on Saturday, February 28th from 9:30AM to 2:30PM with a rehearsal on Thursday, February 12th from 4:30 to 6:30PM. Please contact either Mrs. Bingle at [bingle\\_c@sjbharrison.org](mailto:bingle_c@sjbharrison.org) or Mr. Johnson at [mjohnson@stjb.net](mailto:mjohnson@stjb.net) to get your child signed up. Don't miss out on a fun and rare opportunity to make music with such a large group under the direction of a top-notch conductor!

**Students** in grades three through eight are encouraged to take part in a choir that will sing for 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Rehearsals will be the next two Wednesdays and if needed a before-school rehearsal is a possibility. Please contact our music director, Michael Johnson, to sign your child up for this wonderful opportunity to serve our parish in worship. Michael's e-mail is [mjohnson@stjb.net](mailto:mjohnson@stjb.net).

### Children's Choral Opportunity: January 31st



*Students in Grades 3 through 8 are invited to take part in choir for Mass on Saturday January 31st 4:00PM.*

#### Rehearsal Schedule

- January 21st (Wednesday) 4:00PM to 4:45PM
- January 28th (Wednesday) 4:00PM to 4:45PM
- January 31st (Saturday) 3:00PM to 3:45PM

All rehearsals are in the music room.

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Contact Mr. Johnson either by phone or e-mail (contact information on the left) if your child is interested.

Some of the singers for Christmas Eve needed a before-school rehearsal time in order to accommodate other schedule conflicts. If the interest is there a morning rehearsal is again possible.

**Scripts Update** - Thanks to everyone who shopped with Scripts this Holiday Season. Everyone who purchased Scripts during November and December was entered into a \$50 Scrip of choice drawing. The winner is the Roesener family.

Did you know that you can pay your Kohl's credit card balance and donate 5% to St. John at the same time? Simply purchase Kohl's gift cards from Scripts and use the cards to pay your balance. We have \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 denomination cards on hand. This is an exclusive benefit of the Kohl's Care Fundraising gift card.

**STJB BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!** If your child is interested in playing baseball/softball this season, please go to the STJB Athletics site to register ([www.stjb.net/OurParish/Athletics.aspx](http://www.stjb.net/OurParish/Athletics.aspx)). The registration window for baseball/softball (ages 4 – 15) will be open from January 1, 2015 to January 31st, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Knoop, [STJBbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:STJBbaseball@gmail.com) or Pat Kelley, [STJBsoftball@yahoo.com](mailto:STJBsoftball@yahoo.com). Also, Knoop is looking for someone to take over as the Baseball Coordinator next year. Please reach out to him if interested at [STJBbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:STJBbaseball@gmail.com).

**Tervis Tumblers Are Still Available!** If you would like to purchase one, please stop in the office. We currently have less than 30 cups remaining. The price is \$20.

If you would like to see the finished product, there is one on display in the office.

For those who have already ordered, please send your payment to the office, or stop by to pick up your order.

Thanks for your support!



**FOUND** – A ring was found in a classroom before Christmas break. If you have lost a ring, please call the school office to claim it.



### Immediate Track Coordinator Needed!!

Again this year we are looking for a Track coordinator to organize track.

This position is responsible for the following duties:

- Attends local meeting to get information regarding upcoming track year information.
- Coordinates and organizes coaches to help with track practices.
- Organizes the signup sheets for all ages.

Track meets are held on Saturdays from 8am - ? Coordinator does not have to attend the whole meet but needs to coordinate the next person for the next group to have children organized.

If we do not have anyone volunteer for this position by January 14, 2015, we will combine with OLG again for track as we did last year. I know it isn't convenient to drive to Mt. Healthy each week however; it does give our children an opportunity to run Track.

Please contact Jolene Winter if you are interested in this position. [jolene@braterfuneralhome.com](mailto:jolene@braterfuneralhome.com) or [513-518-8866](tel:513-518-8866)

**The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society** will present the California Guitar Trio with guest bassist, Tony Levin to the St. Xavier Performance Center Saturday January 31 at 7:30 PM. Since 1991, the CGT has enthralled listeners with a singular sound that fearlessly crisscrosses genres. The trio's questing spirit drives it to explore the intersections between rock, jazz, classical, and world music. It even throws in the occasional surf or spaghetti Western tune for good measure. Comprised of Bert Lams, Hideyo Moriya and Paul Richards, the group has established a unique, personal connection with audiences. In addition to dazzling musicianship and interplay, The California Guitar Trio's (CGT) shows are full of captivating stories and humor that enable concertgoers to feel like they're part of the music, not just spectators. In fact, the group's goal is to transcend their instruments, so people focus on the music first, and its considerable technical prowess a distant second.

**Tony Levin** is an American musician and composer, specializing in electric bass, Chapman Stick and upright bass. Levin is best known for his work with progressive rock pioneers King Crimson and Peter Gabriel. Tickets for the concert are \$35 in advance and \$40 day of show. For tickets and show information go to [www.gcparts.org](http://www.gcparts.org) or call [513-570-0652](tel:513-570-0652). The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!



### Lotto Winners!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the special New Year's Day Lotto winner! **Jim Jansen** won \$300 with ticket # 1232. The winning ticket was sold by Will & Ella Jansen. It was pulled by Sam Heffron & Nathan Thompson.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the weekly Lotto winners! **Anthony & Stephanie Bamonte** won \$100 for the week of 1/5 with ticket #0169. The winning ticket was sold by The Land Family. It was pulled by Sam Heffron & Nathan Thompson.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the weekly Lotto winner! **Shannon Henschen** won \$100 for the week of 1/12 with ticket #1108. The winning ticket was sold by The Land Family. It was pulled by Jessica Hollerman and Angie Land.

**CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T BUY A TICKET!**

**PARISH MISSION** at St. John's in Harrison, Ohio on January 19, 20 & 21. Visit the following link for complete info & details. Also check out the rest of our website while on this link for all parish events, news & activities. <http://stjb.net/Portals/0/2015parishmission.pdf>

### [William Henry Harrison High School](#)

It's BUNCO time! The PTA is having their 2nd annual BUNCO Fundraiser.

Friday, January 30th from 7-10 pm. \$20 per person, includes dinner.

Click here to register. <http://tinyurl.com/ptabunco>

**Enjoy the Long Weekend**

### **PARISH LIFE NEWS & EVENTS**

The Parish Life team hopes all of you had a very Merry Christmas and wishes you a very Blessed New Year. As another year comes to a close, and a brand new year begins, we thank all of you for all of the joy and happiness our events have given our community this past year. We have had the pleasure and opportunity to meet such great people and we hope to continue to grow this ministry. **WE NEED YOU** to help keep this ministry alive. Won't you consider joining us? If you want to find out more about the SJB Parish Life Team or you have any questions about what this is all about, please contact Patty Dean @ 513-367-9814 OR [padean72@hotmail.com](mailto:padean72@hotmail.com). The next Parish Life meeting will be held on **February 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Adult Enrichment Center.

**J.U.L.I.E.T.'S** (**J**ust **U**s **L**adies **I**nto **E**ating **T**ogether) The next JULIET'S luncheon will be held on **Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Monk's Kitchen** on Harrison Avenue near Dry Fork Road. Come see what you've been missing and bring a friend. Call Phyllis Morris @ (513) 202-0449 to RSVP and/or for further information. You don't need to RSVP to attend - just come anytime you can make it.

**COFFEE, CHOCOLATE & CRAFTS** Start off your New Year with lots of fun and make it your New Year resolution to meet new people and make new friends. Always guaranteed to have lots of fun. Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room**. If you want additional information or have any questions, please contact Pam Reiter @ 513-738-1710. This event is open to all and children under the age of 18 are always welcome when accompanied by an adult.

**ROSE'S CHAIN GANG: CROCHET** This group will not be gathering in the month of January. **New Classes will begin on February 5, 2015 in the Community Room – Beginner's always welcome.** Stay tuned for more details. \_

**BOOK CLUB** The next Parish Life Adult Community Book Club gathering will be on **Saturday, February 7, 2015 (no gathering in January) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room.** The book we will be reading and discussing in the month of **February is Under the Wings by Reeve Lindberg**. There is no cost involved to participate. If interested in participating and/or you want more information, please contact Kathy Wirsch @ 812-637-3604 or [mkwirsch@fuse.net](mailto:mkwirsch@fuse.net). Books will be available at the Harrison Library for your use.

**HARRISON BRANCH LIBRARY**  
10398 New Haven Road  
(513) 369-4442  
[Harrison@CincinnatiLibrary.org](mailto:Harrison@CincinnatiLibrary.org)

### ***FEBRUARY ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL***

**Martial Arts Demonstration!** Join us as instructors and students from the Blue Ash Shaolin-Do demonstrate a variety of martial arts, including board breaking! **Monday, February 16, 10:30 a.m. All ages**

### ***COMING IN MARCH FOR ADULTS***

**The Civil War Soldier** – Join Jim North, a PhD in American History, and a re-enactor from the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a discussion on the daily life of a Civil War soldier and the equipment they used on **Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. Adults** register by calling (513) 369-4442

### ***KIDS' FEBRUARY ATTRACTIONS***

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover** – Bring your stuffed animal pals and enjoy a special story time together on **Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Then, say goodnight as your stuffed animals get ready to spend the night at the library. Pick up your stuffed animals on **Friday, February 13 from Noon to 6:00 p.m.** and take home pictures of their fun night out! For children of all ages with a caregiver. Register by calling (513) 369-4442

### ***COMING IN MARCH FOR KIDS***

**Rope Tricks with Cowboy Doug!** Join the fun as Cowboy Doug wows us with his amazing rope tricks on **Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m.** Learn the basics of how to handle a lasso, too! Fun for the whole family! Presented by lariat artist Doug Smith.

**Calling all parents!** You and your child will enjoy this hands-on workshop that will teach you how to have fun together while learning early literacy, math and science skills on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. For parents or caregivers and children ages 5 and under. Each parent must register.** Call us at (513) 369-4442 to register.

### ***COMING IN MARCH FOR TEENS***

Join us on **Thursday, March 12** when we will be playing a **Divergent** themed life-sized board game for the theatrical release of the sequel **Insurgent!** **Details to follow...**