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Sunday's Gospel MK 1:14-20

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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January

- 23 - Feed the Hungry Bake Sale
- 25 - Kindergarten Information Night - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 - Open House 2:00 - 4:00
- 29 - Catholic Schools Week
- 31 - Spaghetti Dinner

February

- 5 - No School - Food Drive Reward

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

As I looked around at all the attentive student faces this morning, I realized we hadn't been together for a School Mass since December 8. Father Jeff used today's Gospel message in which Jesus chose His twelve Apostles to encourage each of us to be alert and open to how Christ needs us. What a joy it is to see our boys and girls actively considering what this means for each of them!

As we enter the season for enrollment and registration, know the school and parish staffs are well aware of the priorities and sacrifices many families make in order to afford a Catholic education for their children. Whether it means waiting on a new car, cutting back on trips and travel, or even working a second job, families make a conscious choice to send their child to a Catholic school. It is not an automatic decision for all families in today's more secular world.

I am often asked, "What makes Catholic education worth paying for?" This answer is simple, yet complex. The main reason for Catholic education is to provide students with experiences to continually form their faith through encounters with the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus and the teachings of the Gospel are the center of everything we do, from academics and discipline to fine arts and athletics. *Everything* is intended to serve as a way to encourage students to grow their relationship with Christ. As we build a culture of caring, compassion, and service and lead discussions about math, science and current events from the perspective of our faith, students come to understand the part they may play in our society today and (hopefully) tomorrow.

We are currently working on the registration process to ensure it is as efficient as possible for both current and prospective families. Information will be available by the end of next week so parents may begin the enrollment process at **Open House on Sunday, January 28. Please remind family members and neighbors of young children about Kindergarten Information Night on January 25 at 7 p.m. in our school cafeteria.**

Enjoy your weekend with your beautiful children.



Friday Folder Flyers

- Spaghetti Dinner Invitation

Reminders

- All sold SJB Lotto Tickets Need to be turned in ASAP.

Library HELP Needed

Help is needed for the 3rd Friday afternoon in the library from 2:15 p.m. until 3:30. It is for Mrs. Frey and Mrs. Post 1st Grade classes. Help is needed from January thru May.

If you can volunteer, please call Julie Koors at 513-367-9380.

BAKE SALE

On **Tuesday, January 23**, we will be holding our 2nd Bake Sale for our school families "Feed the Hungry" project. Students are encouraged to bring some extra change to purchase something for a snack or dessert. All items will be \$.50 and the proceeds will go to purchasing items for the bagged lunches we will make to feed the clients at Our Daily Bread in Cincinnati. If there are leftovers, we will have a 1/2 OFF sale on Wednesday. Thanks for supporting our student bakers and their families!

Boys' Volleyball

Did you know St. John's has a Boys' Volleyball program? And, St. John's has a history of winning programs? This is a unique program offered in the Catholic schools. It's a lot of fun and no experience is necessary. And, it's no problem if you play another spring sport/activity. This program is flexible and we'll work with you to avoid conflicts.

Boys' volleyball is organized into the following categories:
Instructional: 3rd & 4th grade
Competitive: 5th & 6th grade; 7th & 8th grade (A and B teams)

Sign-ups are available on our [athletics web site](#).
Fees are \$80.

Registrations will be open until **February 1st**
Practices start in March and are held twice a week, pending gym availability.

The season runs from mid-March to the beginning of May.

Please contact: Kim Vogelgesang
kimvogel123@gmail.com or [513/403-6188](tel:5134036188)

Perfect North Slopes Night

Harrison Elementary PTA and Southwest Local Schools are hosting a fun night at Perfect North Slopes on **Thursday, February 15** from 4:30 – 9:30. For more information, flyers are in SJB's school office. Reservations and permission forms must be returned to Harrison Elementary no later than **February 6**.