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## Sunday's Gospel LK 5:1-11

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."



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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

We've had a great week celebrating our Catholic Schools! St. John the Baptist has been an extra fun place to be this week with daily special treats for students, an assembly featuring a juggler sharing spiritual messages, a duty free and boxed lunch for our teachers, our Family Spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Thursday snacks and movies, and a Friday afternoon of games and entertainment. As part of our service, we were able to collect several hundred cans of soup for the food bank as well as new hats and socks for the needy. Our Student Council officers represented us at the All Schools' Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati, and enjoyed a lunch at Harrison Frisch's on Tuesday. The students' academic projects, writing, and artwork are covering the walls inside the school, while our exterior is sporting a new school sign and a cheery, red awning. Thank you to the St. John's staff and PTC for all their volunteers, fundraising, and organizing to help create such a great week.

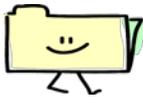


Next Wednesday, February 10 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. Because of Ash Wednesday Mass, we will be celebrating our February Spirit Wear Day on "Fat" Tuesday, rather than on Wednesday of next week. Students should show their Jaguar spirit on Tuesday. Mark your calendar for some special Lenten evening activities involving the entire family during the week of March 7-11. Since we will also be administering our spring Iowa tests during that week, there will be less homework than usual, making for the perfect opportunity to head to church together.

**News from the Cafeteria:** Have your kids tried the school lunches? St. John's cafeteria offers the standards, such as delicious grilled cheese and tomato soup or hamburger and tater tots, as well as a variety of healthy and tasty Mexican and Italian-themed lunches, along with a fresh salad and produce bar each day. Lunches cost just \$2.50 each day, but many parents choose to send in a check to cover several meals so their children don't have to handle money. Last week featured Friday flapjacks, thanks to an idea initiated by 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, Gavin Vogelgesang, and proved to be very popular. For a healthy alternative to packing that lunchbox, be sure to consider the hot lunch program.



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FEBRUARY



### Friday Folder Flyers

- Partners In Faith Flyer

### Reminders

- **Registration is going on now! Remember your registration is not complete until the registration fees are paid.**
- **Spirit Wear is on Tuesday, February 9 due to Ash Wednesday and students attending Mass on February 10.**

### Lost and Found

There are currently 6 bins of items that students have not claimed. Please check to make sure your child is not missing clothes, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, or coats. **All unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul over Presidents' Day weekend.**

## START SAVING FOR OUR WINTER SCHOOL YEAR LABEL WAR BOXTOPS, CAMPBELL LABELS, TYSON LABELS & COKE PRODUCT CAPS

It is time for another Box Tops/Campbell Labels/Tyson Labels/ Aunt Milles/ Sunbeam and Coke Caps War. The money and point rewards are used to buy school supplies and gym equipment.

The War will run the week of  
February 8<sup>th</sup> – February 12th  
(FINAL COLLECTION February 12th)

### A TREAT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE 1ST PLACE CLASS

The War is between CLASSROOMS – not grades. The Classroom turning in the highest number of items is the winner (not \$ amt). We are focusing on quantity of items and raising awareness to our fundraising efforts – These labels and caps are so beneficial to our school – it is FREE MONEY just for RECYCLING.

Please see the school website [www.sjbharrison.org](http://www.sjbharrison.org) for more ways to earn money for the school under Student Activities – Fundraising  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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**McAuley High School's Vocal Ensemble's** annual Spaghetti Dinner is on Sunday, Feb. 21! Come anytime from 4 - 7 p.m., and enjoy performances in addition to LaRosa's pasta and meatballs, salad, bread sticks and a homemade dessert! There will also be basket raffles and split-the-pot. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students/seniors and \$5 for children five and under. Proceeds defray the cost of competition in Festival Disney in Orlando this March.

**THINK SPRING WITH A CLEAN CAR AND PLANS FOR YOUR GARDEN**

The **McAuley High School** Mom & Dad's Club is holding simultaneous sales which could help chase away the winter blues.

Get rid of the salt on your car! You can buy Mike's Car Wash gift certificates any weekday in McAuley's main office. The cost is \$8 and there are no expiration dates on the certificates. The Mom & Dad's Club makes \$4 for each one sold.

Start planning your garden and think warmth and sunshine! The Mom & Dad's Club is selling vouchers to be redeemed at Moeller Greenhouse, located at 2471 Banning Road. Vouchers are priced below retail and are for the following products: annual flat; 10" hanging basket; annuals: 4 ½" pot; perennials: 5" pot; vegetables: 4" pot; and hardwood mulch bags.

Full details of these opportunities can be found on McAuley's website: [www.mcauleyhs.net](http://www.mcauleyhs.net), under the Parent's tab.

**About McAuley High School**

McAuley High School, a college preparatory Catholic high school for young women located in College Hill, blends rigorous academics and technology with award-winning arts programs and premier sports teams within a caring, Christ-centered community. Its mission is to empower students to Learn, Lead and Love through the Core Values of Catherine McAuley: Faith, Compassion, Service, Leadership and Excellence. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, it is part of the Mercy Education Collaborative of Cincinnati (MECC). For more information, visit [www.mcauleyhs.net](http://www.mcauleyhs.net).

**Are you looking for a spring sport to keep your kids active (or get them moving) as winter comes to an end? Like the idea of a fun and flexible sport where every kid gets involved? You should give Track & Field a try!**

**WHO:** All *St. James and St. John* students can enjoy track! We have four teams organized by grades (K-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8) and a group of experienced and dedicated coaches who love the sport.

**WHY:** Track is fun! Kids have input to the events they choose. The coaches support the kids' desires to compete in their favorite events, but also encourage them to try new events. Track is a great way to keep in shape between sports as well as have a good time with your friends. Practices are geared to the ability of each athlete. Coaches are flexible and willing to work with athletes involved in other sports during the spring season.

**WHAT:** The track and field events are geared towards the age groups in order to introduce kids to the sport in an age-appropriate way. Younger kids run shorter races and modified field events, progressing to longer running events and more field events. While our teams combine age groups, during the track meet, the heats are separated by grade, so Kindergarten girls run against only other Kindergarten girls, etc.. For grades K-4, no time is kept for the races and each child receives a place ribbon for an event they compete in (typically 2 running events and 1 field event). This is a great way to reward the young athlete for their hard work. Grade 5-8 are timed and the top 6 finishers receive a medal/ribbon depending on the meet. For 7-8, team scores are also kept. **WHEN:** Practices start in March and meets will run from late March thru mid-May. Practice is typically late afternoon/early evening, 1-2 days/week depending on the ages of the kids. The meets are on Saturday ... K-2 at 8:30am, 3-4 at 11:30am, 5-6 at 2:30pm and 7-8 grade on Friday nights or late Saturday afternoons. **WHERE:** Practices locations will vary. In the past we've practiced at Colerain Middle School, LaSalle HS and Colerain HS. CYO meet locations will be at local high schools including Mariemont, Fairfield, Lakota, Elder, LaSalle, Mt Healthy and others.

Come join the St James track team this spring and see what we are all about!! If you have questions, contact Millie Nie 513-325-9177 [millie@stjamescu.org](mailto:millie@stjamescu.org) or Matt Westrich at 513-741-0534.

## Parish and Other News

### **SJB LOTTO WINNERS**

**Congratulations** to the weekly Lotto winner! Bryan Kastl won \$100 for the week of February 1. The winning ticket was sold by the Kastl family.

### **GCPAS Concerts For Catholic Schools**

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society has three great concerts slated for the balance of the current concert season. Next up is Antsy McClain and the Trailer Park Troubadours at the St. Xavier Performance Center Saturday Feb. 27 at 7:30 PM. Antsy will keep you in stitches as he opines about life in the fictional trailer park of Pineview Heights. Blues guitar legend and 5 time Grammy nominee, Robben Ford, will perform at the Martin Marietta Theater at Harrison High School on Saturday April 2. Robben has an amazing history and is one of the most highly regarded guitarists in the industry today. The series will wrap up on Saturday May 14 with the Orchestra featuring former members of ELO and ELO II for an evening of the greatest hits of the Electric Light Orchestra. The show will take place at Mount St. Joseph University. For tickets and information, go to [www.gcparts.org](http://www.gcparts.org) or call [513-570-0652](tel:513-570-0652). Five dollars from each ticket can be donated to the Catholic elementary school of your choice. The ESAP Foundation will match all donations for a combined \$10 per ticket donation! This is a great way to have an evening out with friends and family or even a date night and support Catholic schools. The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!