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## Sunday's Gospel Luke 9:28B – 36

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."



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## **A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN**

**Our priority registration period is approaching its final week.** Please keep in mind that after February 26, the registration fee doubles and current families may lose a place behind new families in grade level placements. There are several new students entering the upper grades. If you are intending to register, I urge you to do so as soon as possible in case the online registration system has any difficulty handling dozens of registrations at one time. Please be sure to send your registration fees to school in the provided envelopes.

**Foreign Language Survey.** Over the years, St. Johns has offered a variety of options for introducing Spanish to the students. In an effort to determine the interest, timing, and cost of any foreign language instruction, our School Committee has developed a brief online survey. Please invest a few moments of your time in completing the survey to aid us in our planning. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D6PLZXQ>

**Grandparents' Days are in April this year!** Grandparents are special people in the lives of our children. Grandparents' Day for the first and third grade students will be on Thursday, April 14 and for students in kindergarten, second and fourth on Friday, April 15. Our all-school mass will take place on Wednesday, just for that week. The PTC will provide refreshments as the students visit with their special guests and show off their school after mass.

**Virtus Update** The Safe Environment Office will be identifying individuals who are significantly out of compliance on their Virtus bulletins or who have failed to obtain background checks beginning in March. These individuals will find their Virtus account has been deactivated this spring. In order to keep everyone in compliance, St. Johns will be holding a Virtus training session on February 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high building. You may simply need a background check. In order to sign up for training or to have a background check completed through selection.com, go to [www.virtus.com](http://www.virtus.com) If you are coaching, volunteering, or planning to accompany your child's class on an upcoming field trip, please be sure to take care of this requirement as soon as possible.

**March will mark the onset of our Iowa testing.** These are the primary standardized tests being used by our Archdiocese of Cincinnati schools. For the first time, we will be administering assessments to our first grade students in the area of language arts. This will ensure we have the proper interventions in place during second grade for any children whose scores indicate remediation may be needed. Our second grade students participate in ability testing and grades three through seven take achievement tests in the areas of reading, written expression, conventions of writing, vocabulary, mathematics understanding, computation, social studies, and science. At grade five, the ability testing is also repeated as part of the battery of tests. The data is helpful in determining placement in higher level math classes and the Explore program as well as evaluating the effectiveness of our curriculum. Each grade level will determine the testing schedule for their students, but please make sure your children get plenty of rest and have a healthy breakfast during the testing window.



### Friday Folder Flyers

- **Christ at the Center – Home Edition**
- **Jump Rope for Health Envelopes**

### Reminders

- **Registration is going on now! Remember your registration is not complete until the registration fees are paid and you have re-enrolled online.**

### Visit from the Library

The first week of February, Damian Kristof, the Teen Librarian at the Harrison Library came to talk to the 5th - 8th grades during computer class about the research options available through the library's website. He went over the Teen Space section of the website which includes areas for live homework help and other research databases for school projects and reports. Ask your kids about it, stop by the library to visit Damian, or visit the library website [www.cincinnati.library.org](http://www.cincinnati.library.org) to check it out.

### **2016-2017 St. John the Baptist School Tuition Assistance**

FACTS Tuition Management will be conducting the financial need analysis for St. John the Baptist School families for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year that are applying for tuition assistance. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application online and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **March 15, 2016**. Applications will only be processed when all supporting documents are received by FACTS. Applicants can apply online with the FACTS link at

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3XBQ9>

If this is your first time applying for tuition assistance with FACTS, you will need to create a new account. There will be a \$28.00 annual fee to apply for tuition assistance that will need to be paid online to complete your application process. Families will be notified of tuition assistance awards by May 21, 2016. If you have applied for tuition assistance at one of the high schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, you will only need to list your child's name that is attending our school on that application and submit your 2015 tax returns. There will be no additional fee to apply for tuition assistance for our school.

Financial assistance is only available for registered St. John the Baptist parishioners with students enrolled in our school in grades K-8. Tuition assistance is not available for preschool students. All tuition assistance applications will be handled through an online application this year. If you do not have access to apply on line, please contact our business manager, Paul Roell, [proell@stjb.net](mailto:proell@stjb.net) or [513-367-9086 ext. 211](tel:513-367-9086).

Once an online application has been completed, the following information will need to be forwarded to FACTS to complete the application process: •

- Copies of your 2015 Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules. •
- Copies of your 2015 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse. •
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

All supporting documentation can be uploaded in pdf format online. Documentation can also be faxed to [866-315-9264](tel:866-315-9264) or mailed to the address below. Please be sure to include the applicant ID on all faxed or mailed correspondence.

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment  
P.O. Box 82524  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2524

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at [866-441-4637](tel:866-441-4637) or contact Paul Roell at [513-367-9086 ext. 211](tel:513-367-9086). All information contained on the tuition assistance applications is kept strictly confidential.

### Athletic Wear Addition

A number of parents asked for a crew neck sweatshirt to be added to the Athletic Association athletic wear site...it is available now! Click below to order yours and thanks for supporting the Athletic Association!

<http://kochsports.com/stjohnthebaptistblackcrewnecksweatshirt.aspx>



**Youth Renew 2016** for all high school students & young adults is March 18 - 20. The cost is only \$10 + 2liter + snacks to share. Space is limited so sign up early at 513-367-9879 or visit the following link for a Permission Form from our website  
<http://stjb.net/Portals/0/2016youthrenewweekendpermission.pdf>.

### Good News and Bad News

The **Good News** is the 2016 Trivia Night is Sold Out!

The **Bad News** is the 2016 Trivia Night is Sold Out and no further tickets are being sold!

### We are having the Everybody Counts program again this year - April 5-8.

We need volunteers to help in the classrooms, so please consider and sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49aeac2ea3f85-ecclassroom>

Everybody Counts is a program designed to teach children about various disabilities and it aims to help them understand that all people are worthwhile and important regardless of specific abilities.

To help with the presentations, you do not need any experience or background in these areas. All materials to facilitate classroom activities will be given to you at the volunteer meeting on March 15.

### Jump Rope for the Heart

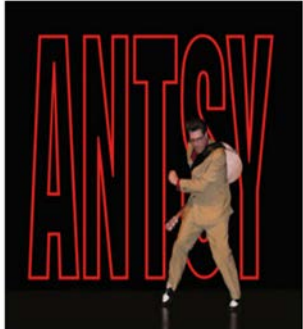


All students in Grades 1 – 8 will be participating in jump rope activities during Physical Education classes as part of the Jump Rope for Heart program. This event helps the students learn about a healthy lifestyle to prevent heart disease and strokes. Money donated helps the American Heart Association to fund programs and research to learn more about our hearts. Envelopes will be coming home with all students and donations need to be turned in by Friday, March 4. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Ziegler. Thanks so much!

The Spring Toy and Clothing Sale is being held on Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If you have items you would like to sell, please contact Jennifer Reis @ 513-367-0140 or email her at [dkreis4@gmail.com](mailto:dkreis4@gmail.com).

Remember you receive 70% of what you sell and the PTC gets 30% which in turn gets used for the school. Start cleaning out those closets!!

*Greater Cincinnati*  
PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY






**Antsy McClain and the Trailer Park Troubadours**

Saturday, February 27th, 2016  
7:30 PM

St. Xavier High School  
Performance Center

GET TICKETS

Visit Antsy Online:

## Parish and Other News

### LaSalle High School

#### Learn To Lead Conference

The Learn to Lead Conference provides area students with an opportunity to develop and enhance leadership skills. Participants will face real-world challenges in breakout sessions led by area professionals, experience keynote presentations, and engage with collegiate sponsors. March 20, 2016 from 1:00- 4:15 P.M. \$10.00 admissions fee is an optional donation.

Visit [www.lasallehs.net/learntolead](http://www.lasallehs.net/learntolead) for more details.

Feel free to distribute the flyer below. You can view the PDF by [click here](#).

### Upcoming Events at Mercy

#### Junior Bobcat Night

Fifth and sixth grade girls are invited to *Be Inspired* at Mercy on Friday, March 11 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, music, dance, crafts, a campfire and pizza party, plus each girl will go home with a free t-shirt! The fun at Mercy awaits you. Admission is \$5. RSVP at [www.motherofmercy.org/juniorbobcat](http://www.motherofmercy.org/juniorbobcat).

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Every Spring, Mother of Mercy High School hosts an afternoon of egg-cellent activities just before Easter! This year the egg hunt will be on Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. Children ages 1-10 are invited for an afternoon of crafts, activities and an Easter Egg hunt. Boys and girls are welcome and no reservations are needed. Please bring your own Easter basket/bag.

### MARCH HARRISON LIBRARY ATTRACTIONS FOR ADULTS

**Backyard Chickens** – Interested in raising chickens in your own backyard? Don't know where to start or if it's allowed where you live? Join us on **Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** to learn about the resurgence of backyard chickens for eggs, meat, or just as a pet from Angie Lewis. Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:5133694442).

**The History of Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum** - Join us on **March 21 at 7:00 p.m.** for a PowerPoint presentation on the history and heritage of Spring Grove Cemetery, from its beginnings with the Cincinnati Horticultural Society to a cemetery that would equal the famed beauty of Pere la Chaise in Paris. Learn how Spring Grove began, about notable residents, and beautiful monuments, mausoleums, and horticulture. Adults register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:5133694442).

### KIDS' MARCH ATTRACTIONS

**Yoga for Kids!** Children's Yoga instructor Larita Hayden will introduce kids to basic yoga poses on **Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Ages 4-10 with caregiver** – Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:5133694442).

**Wiggly Worms!** Discover the world of worms on **Thursday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m.** Learn what they eat, how they survive, and what environment they live in. Plus, get your hands dirty as you explore a worm bin and investigate why the underground world is so important to us. This program is presented by the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:5133694442) **Ages 4-12**

### TEENS' MARCH ATTRACTIONS

**Allegiant Release Party** – Allegiant, the third part of the Divergent series, will be released in theaters next week. Come to the library on Thursday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. and play our unique Divergent-inspired game with prizes for the winners! Grades 6-12 register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:5133694442).