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Sunday's Gospel LK 15:1-3, 11-32

But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."



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March

- 5 – Toy and Clothing Sale
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Spirit Wear Day
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Early Release – 2:30
- 12 – Trivia Night
- 17 – PTC Meeting – 7:30
- 25 – Good Friday

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Let this season of Lent be the year you begin some new family traditions. With so many special happenings taking place both within the parish, there is certain to be one your family can attend. Many of the upcoming events have been designed with children in mind.

- Monday, March 7** - 7 pm Family Stations of the Cross
- Tuesday, March 8** - 7 pm Lenten Family Prayer Service
- Wednesday, March 9** - 7 pm Parent/Child First Communion Night for those preparing for First Eucharist
- Thursday, March 10** - 7 pm Mike Davis Lenten Concert
- Friday, March 11** - 7:30 pm In the Spirit of Taize
- Monday, March 21** - 9-10:45 am Living Stations of the Cross during School Hours
7:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross for Families

Today's Gospel message in school Mass stressed the importance of showing our love of God and our care for our neighbors. What would our school and world look like if we truly did try to love, support, and care for everyone with whom we came in contact? Imagine a place in which people thought before using hurtful words or looked for those who needed their kindness. We need only look to Christ and the messages from the Gospel as our inspiration for modeling caring behaviors to our children.

Affording a Catholic School education is not always an easy decision when finances become strained. If you find yourself in this position, please take the time to apply for financial aid through FACTS Tuition Management by March 15. Applicants can apply online with the FACTS link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signinXBQ9>

Iowa testing is continuing in many of our classrooms this week. We are also administering make-up tests to the students who have been ill during testing. Please avoid bringing students late to school as most testing takes place in the mornings, when students are fresh, alert, and more focused.

New Parent Volunteer Possibility: Are you a parent who loves to read? Do you stay on top of what young people are reading by frequently visiting the public library? One of our sixth grade students has suggested we create a Student Book Club, either before or after school. Casual surveys confirm there is definitely an interest in having a book club among our students, but with our current work on the accreditation cycle, our staff is already very busy with committee work. All that is needed is a love of books and the ability to nurture student discussion about what they're reading. Participation in the VIRTUS training is also required. The target group of students would be those in grades 4-7. If you think you may be interested, please contact Mrs. Meymann by phone or email. This would be a great continuation of our upcoming Right to Read Week celebration from March 14 -18.

Does your family enjoy live theater? Many of our St. John the Baptist drama students continue to pursue their theater interests in high school. You can spot a few familiar faces in some of the March theater productions at Mother of Mercy and McAuley High Schools. This weekend, Mercy Theater is presenting Shakespeare's well-known comedy, A Mid-summer Night's Dream and McAuley is performing Mary Poppins during the weekend of March 18. Tickets are available at the doors or by ordering online.



Friday Folder Flyers

- **March Lunch Calendar**
- **Spring Picture Order Form**
- **Partners in Faith**
- **Right to Read Week**
- **Book Fair Flyer**

Reminders

- **Spring Pictures and Spirit Wear on March 9**
- **HCA Mission Boxes should be returned during Holy Week**
- **Early Release – 2:30 on March 11 – Southwest Buses will pick up at 2:30**

The Book Fair is Coming and needs your help. Please consider helping. We need you to make our Book Fair successful!

To sign up, go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ba9ad2aa2fd0-book2>

Missing – We have several Visitor Badges that are missing. If you have inadvertently brought one home with you after generously volunteering, please send it back to school. Thank you!

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 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.

Right to Read Week March 14-18 Share a Book with a Friend!

St. John's will celebrate reading with our Right to Read Week during March 14-18. We will kick off our activities the week before with our Book Fair during the week of March 7. We hope to encourage all to know the job of reading!

Planned activities include the following:

- **Books for needy students:** As a community component, we will collect **new or gently used book(s)** anytime during the week. Parents, please make sure the books are new or in good condition and are appropriate for K-8 students. Thank for your help!
- **Monday, March 14: Hibernate with a Good Book/Pajama Day!** Students may wear pajamas/comfy sweats, bring in a favorite book to read, and bring in a pillow/stuffed animal. **Please do not wear slippers, no footie PJs, no yoga pants, and no leggings. Remember to have PE clothes/gym shoes if a PE day.**
- **Tuesday, March 15: Character Day!** Students may dress like a favorite book character. Please, no make-up, no masks, and no weapons, must be modest and school appropriate. Students must bring in the book that the character is from. Remember PE clothes/gym shoes if a PE day.
- **Wednesday, March 16:** Students will enjoy a performance from Madcap Puppets. The story is "Under the Bonsai Tree" and should be enjoyed by all. (2:00 in the gym)
- **Throughout the Week:** Students will make bookmarks for the Harrison Library. Visit the library the next week and get yourself a bookmark. Students will share stories with other grade level students. This is always a favorite.

Please try to do some extra reading at home this week and visit the library. Share the joy of reading!

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>.

Everybody Counts Program 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.

