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Sunday's Gospel MT 16:21-27

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it..."

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Congratulations to last year's third grade students, all of whom met the reading requirements for promotion to grade four, based upon the standards of Ohio's Third Grade Guarantee. Some students are required to participate in state testing as a contingent of their state scholarship, but *all third graders* are required to reach the weighted equivalent score on the Iowa Assessments used by the entire Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Few schools are able to boast 100% of their third graders achieved the promotion score. Well done, students and teachers!

This year, I plan to very intentionally include a little information from research-based educational sources in our *Jaguar Journal*. Today, I am featuring some ideas from Rick Wormeli, one of the first Nationally Board Certified teachers in the United States, and a nationally known educational consultant and author. Rick's research is primarily in the area of middle school instructional practices. Even more essential than knowledge of content, is a middle school teacher's ability to differentiate for students within the regular school day. Just as our primary grade teachers are able to address the needs of a variety of different levels of readers in their homeroom, effective middle grades teachers also provide for the needs of many levels of learners by using differentiated instruction, particularly flexible grouping. Parents may feel assigning students to different levels of instruction is the only way to accomplish this goal, however Rick Wormeli tells us that one group size rarely fits all, so flexible groupings should be used, based on informed decisions about each learner. In the area of language arts, it is the goal of every teacher to have students master the standards and to improve their scores/performance in reading and writing especially. Teachers can vary instruction by varying the complexity of their lessons. I want to emphasize more complexity doesn't mean more workload. Teachers may change the nature of the task, not the quantity of the task and students will reap the benefits of differentiated instruction. Effective teachers also consider student interests and other factors such as learning preferences, access to technology, cultural or language needs, and social needs when grouping students. Our caring and competent teachers consider many factors when grouping students for instructional success.

Thank you for following our parking lot rules and keeping our students safe. Please continue to share the rules for entering and exiting the parking lot with anyone who may be picking up your child.

Have a safe and Blessed Labor Day Weekend!



Friday Folder Flyers

- Daughters of Isabella
- Help for Hurricane Harvey
- Chess Scholars
- Let's Build It Engineering
- September Lunch Menu
- My Energy Kit

Reminders

- **If you have not already done so, please return all forms received in your folder at Meet the Teacher**
 - * Parent/Student Agreement Form
 - * Family Income Form
 - * Acceptable Use Form
 - * Student Directory Permission Form
- **Kindergarten Parents – If you have not sent a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, please do so ASAP.**
- **All Parents – Please check Option C and verify your information is updated with the correct contact phone numbers, address and emails.**

Attention grades **3 through 8:**

SCHOOL LITURGY CHOIR

Rehearsals start **Wednesday, September 6th.**

E-mail Mrs. Bingle: bingle_c@sjbharrison.org



Registration for High School Placement Test & Prep Course at McAuley Now Open

The High School Placement Test (HSPT), which is required for admission to the new Mercy McAuley High School opening in fall 2018, will be held at all Catholic High Schools on Saturday, Nov. 18. The test will be offered at McAuley High School, located at 6000 Oakwood Ave., from 8:30 a.m. – noon on Nov. 18. Eighth graders taking the test may select three high schools to which their results will be sent. There is a \$30 fee to take the HSPT.

To help eighth graders prepare for the test, McAuley High School is offering a High School Placement Test Prep Class at McAuley on the four Saturdays before the test. Taught by McAuley science teacher, Mrs. Cindy Werner, the class reviews academic content, teaches study skills, and helps ease anxiety toward the test. Students should attend all four sessions, as different material is covered each day. The classes are Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, and Nov 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. There is a \$75 fee for the 4-class series. Registration deadline for the prep class is Oct. 14. To register the Prep Class and/or to take the HSPT at McAuley, visit www.mcauleyhs.net/HSPT2017. Contact Lorraine Effler at efflerl@live.mcauleyhs.net with questions.



we need volunteers

AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.
SERVE AS A ROLE MODEL TO OUR STUDENTS!

St. John the Baptist is participating in Junior Achievement and we need YOU to volunteer!

What is Junior Achievement?

Junior Achievement is the world's largest and fastest growing economic educational organization. Our purpose is to prepare and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives. Our hands-on programs are presented to students by "consultants" from the community who demonstrate how education directly affects future employment and success.

What will I be doing?

- Using hands-on, age-appropriate activities to engage students
- Using Junior Achievement's lesson plans and pre-packaged materials
- Talking about the skills students will need to succeed in the work place
- Enriching the curriculum with your own experiences...and having fun!

How much time will it take?

The time commitment per class is designed to be 45 minutes, with 5 classroom visits, plus time at home to read the lessons and prepare. There is a one-time training session to familiarize you with the program materials and Junior Achievement

What other volunteers say about their Junior Achievement experience:

"I loved walking into the class and hearing the kids whisper to each other that I was here. I felt like a hero every single time that I walked into the class!"

"I loved the JA experience! The kids made me feel very valuable and knowledgeable."

If you'd like to make a difference in our students' lives in any grade level (1st – 8th), please contact:

Melissa Pitzer

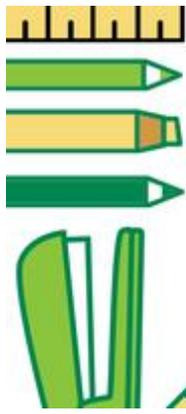
mpitzer35@gmail.com

call or text: (513) 633-1163



**Junior
Achievement®**
of OKI Partners

Empowering young people to own their economic success®.



attention parents & guardians

AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Your child's classroom teacher is participating in **Junior Achievement's** exciting financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programs this fall!

We are looking for dedicated and committed parents of this school to help make the program possible. Please consider donating your time and/or resources to help shape the future of our children!

- **Volunteer** commitment includes 5 to 6 hours total of in-class teaching with materials provided by Junior Achievement (in addition to a 1.5 hour volunteer training session at the school)
- **Donations** may include a financial sponsorship, or donation of products (i.e. snacks, drinks, etc.)

Our teachers need you, your children need you, and our future needs you. Please become a part of this important and exciting opportunity!

Sign up by returning the bottom portion of the letter to your child's homeroom teacher today!

PARENT/RELATIVE NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____

PARENT/RELATIVE HOME PHONE: _____

PARENT CELL PHONE: _____

PARENT/RELATIVE E-MAIL: _____

_____ I would like to be a financial or product sponsor for the Junior Achievement program(s)

_____ I would be willing to teach Junior Achievement in my child's classroom

_____ I would be willing to teach in another classroom that does not have a volunteer

_____ I will attend a JA training and Orientation at my child's school

(Please choose in order of preference 1st or 2nd choice)

_____ I prefer to train in the afternoon (1:00pm-3:00pm)

_____ I prefer a morning training (9:00am-11:00 am)

_____ I am flexible and can attend any of the trainings available

Please return this form to your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher.



GOLF OUTING 2017

Benefiting the St. John the Baptist 8th grade trip to D.C.

(Sponsored by the 8th grade parents)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Grand Oaks Golf Course

Registration: 12:00 pm

Golf (Scramble Format): 1:00pm Shot Gun Start

Dinner, awards, & prizes immediately following golf

\$75 per golfer includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, & drink tickets

Mail completed form & payment to:

Larry Kelhoffer
9756 Howard Rd
Harrison, OH 45030



**REGISTRATION
& PAYMENT
DEADLINE**

September 23rd

**After deadline,
email**

**rkelhoffer@hotmail.com
for registration**

GOLF OUTING FOURSOME: \$300 (\$75 per golfer)

#1 Golfer listed will receive email confirmation

Golfer #1: _____

Golfer #2: _____

Email: _____

Golfer #3: _____

Ph #: _____

Golfer #4: _____

Address: _____

HOLE SPONSOR: \$100 Donation

(Includes hole sponsor sign)

Company/Individual Name for sign: _____

If you want a logo on the hole sponsor sign, please email logo to **rkelhoffer@hotmail.com**

Student the HOLE SPONSORSHIP is supporting: _____



CART SPONSOR: \$25 per cart/\$40 for 2 carts

Company/Individual Name for sign: _____

If you want a logo on the sign, please email logo to **rkelhoffer@hotmail.com**

Student the CART SPONSORSHIP is supporting: _____