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## Sunday's Gospel MT 3:1-12

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

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## December

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- 13-15 – Santa Workshop
- 16 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
2:30 Early Release
- 19 – Christmas Vacation

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Could someone you know use a little assistance with tuition? You have likely heard about *One Faith. One Hope. One Love* as a capital campaign within our archdiocese. There has been a generous response to this campaign and there is now approximately \$50 million dollars available for tuition assistance for families, throughout Cincinnati and Dayton. These funds will flow through a newly formed foundation, The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and will soon be available to assist families for the 2017-18 school year. The mission behind this endeavor is to keep our catholic schools alive and vibrant! While full tuition amounts are not likely, smaller grants will be available to families, once level of need has been determined. If you or your family or neighbor may benefit from this possible source of revenue, please visit: <http://catholicbestchoice.org/k-8-tuition-information> to learn more and download an application. Priority deadline for applications this year will be **January 31, 2017**. Take a few moments to read the question and answer document available in this week's *Jaguar Journal*.



Some of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students lead us in prayer during last week's Thanksgiving Prayer Service

**Safety in Our Schools is always a top concern.** We recently received confirmation of safe levels of lead in the school drinking water after taking advantage of a government-sponsored initiative to ensure safe drinking water for Ohio students. All drinking fountains and cafeteria sinks were tested and samples sent for analysis to determine the safety of our drinking/cooking water. Students may also report we recently practiced a lock-down drill, as if a dangerous intruder was present in the building. Throughout the school year, we also practice fire and tornado drills as well as rapid dismissals and campus evacuations. In the event of an actual crisis or weather event, all families would be notified by ONE CALL, the same system we use to notify families of school closings and delays due to inclement weather. The contact information we have for you in *Ascend* is what is use to notify families. If you have moved or are changing your contact information, please be sure to notify the school and parish of your changes. We will be sending a test message through our ONE CALL system on Thursday, December 8 to ensure all families are receiving our school-wide messages. **Please look for a message reminding families of the December 16 early release day and contact Mrs. Siemer if you see no sign of receiving this message by the end of next week.**



### Friday Folder Flyers

- **Scripts Gift Certificate**
- **Partners in Faith**
- **Candy Grams**
- **Lunch Calendar**
- **Santa Workshop Volunteer Sign Ups**

### Reminders

- **Missionary Childhood Raffle Tickets are being sold until 12/9**
- **Next Lotto Turn-In is 12/5**



### **Student Council News**

Student Council would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Can Food Drive. Because of your donations, a lot of families are being fed this holiday season. 1,853 items were collected, which is amazing.

Up next for Student Council is the Candy Gram sale that will begin next week. Flyers went home today in the Friday folder with more information.



The PTC's annual **Breakfast with Santa** (December 10th, 2016) is in need of volunteers! We need adult and kid volunteers to assist with food preparation, serving the breakfast, cookie decorating, and craft tables. Let's make it a great breakfast for the kids!!!

Contact Sarah Hunter at (513) 236-6190 or by email [CTShunter@gmail.com](mailto:CTShunter@gmail.com) to volunteer or ask questions.

There will be 2 seating's available at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. The price is \$5.00 per person. The pancake/sausage breakfast is sponsored by McDonalds.



### **Share in the Spirit** **Of the Holiday Season**

**Where:** St. Leon Legion Post 464 – Pancake Breakfast

**When:** December 11, 2016

**Time:** 7:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Accepting unwrapped toys to be distributed to Toys for Tots!!**



## History & Background of Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance

Because strong, sustainable education programs in schools and parishes are vital for the future of the Catholic Church, 50% of the proceeds (or approximately \$65 million) of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love (<http://1faith1hope1love.org/>) campaign will be used for Catholic education in our archdiocese. Of that total, about \$15 million will be directed to educational programs, and the remaining \$50 Million will go towards tuition assistance for families. These funds will flow through a newly formed foundation – The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. \$40 million will be endowed, and the earnings that result will provide perpetual tuition assistance. This helps to ensure a solid future for Catholic schools by becoming a source for families who need tuition assistance. \$10 million will be expendable tuition assistance over the first 5 years (\$2 Million per year) - beginning in school year 2017-18. This first portion is intended to alleviate immediate financial pressures upon our school families, and to keep Catholic schools vibrant and viable.

### GUIDELINES FOR ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE

#### K-8 Grade Student Grants

- **Level of Need Based on Income:** All K-8 grade grants funded by the CEF will be awarded based upon the assessed financial need of our families, performed by a third-party company which will examine a family's income and suggest a level of need.
- **\$1000 Limit:** A grant will not exceed the amount of \$1,000 per student, with the amount determined by the financial needs assessment. (This \$1,000 is an initial limit; it may increase in future years, dependent on future funds raised and changing policies of the grant program.)
- **Annual Applications:** These grants must be applied for annually, and will be awarded without distinguishing between families based upon religion; however, local parishes/schools could make such differentiations in awards of separate local tuition assistance.
- **Qualifying for Other Support:** These primary school grants will not be provided to any family who already receives, or who qualifies to receive, full tuition support from state-funded Parental Choice programs (the EdChoice Scholarship, the Jon Peterson Scholarship, etc.). However, these grants will be awarded before any form of locally-generated tuition assistance (such as parish or school aid).
- **Which Schools are included:** Awarded grants may be applied toward tuition at any Catholic Elementary School recognized by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- **Priority deadline for applications this year will be January 31, 2017!!!**

*For application information please visit: <http://catholicbestchoice.org/k-8-tuition-information>*

#### Grade 9-12 Student Grants

- **Financial Need:** All grade 9-12 grade grants funded by the CEF will be awarded based upon the financial need of families, as assessed by a third party firm for the high school to which the student applies. In turn, the high school will notify the family of their application status.
- **Grant Eligibility:** Unlike the grant eligibility for the K-8 grade students, at the high school level these grants can be used along with state-funded Parental Choice programs, such as EdChoice. The grants are awarded after state-funded assistance, family contribution, and high school and/or other institutional aid is applied.
- **\$1000 Limit:** Grants will not exceed the amount of \$1,000 per student.
- **Annual Applications:** These grants must be applied for annually, and will be awarded without distinguishing between families based upon religion; however, local schools could make such differentiations in awards of separate local tuition assistance.

- *[Contact your high school directly for application information.](#)*



## Catholic Education Foundation Q&A

- 1. How much tuition assistance is being awarded yearly through the Catholic Education Foundation?**  
Our plan is to award 2 million dollars in tuition assistance for the 2017-18 school year. The One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign allocated 50 million towards tuition assistance. 10 million dollars is expendable immediately over the first five years and 40 million will go into a preputial endowment.
- 2. When is the application period and how does a family apply for tuition assistance?**  
The initial application period runs between now and January 31, 2017. The family will complete a FACTS application online, by using the name of their school. All schools have been linked to the account of the Archdiocese. The FACTS system will require the 2015 tax return.
- 3. When will the determination be made if a student will receive tuition assistance?**  
The Catholic Education Foundation will hold a special meeting in early February to look at the need. Families will then receive a letter if they have been awarded tuition assistance. A letter of rejection will also be sent to those who do not qualify.
- 4. How will the school be notified when the student is awarded?**  
It will be the responsibility of the parent to accept or decline the scholarship on the FACTS system and they will have until April 30, 2017 to do so. The parent(s) will then take the letter to the school of their choice, so that the tuition amount can be determined. It is important to note that the tuition assistance travels with the child and can be redeemed at any Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- 5. When will my school receive payment for the students receiving tuition assistance?**  
A verification list will be mailed in early September to make sure the selected students are still enrolled and are eligible. A check for the entire amount will be mailed to the school, once the list is verified.
- 6. Is a child who is receiving government funding, such as EdChoice, eligible for tuition assistance?**  
A child who is receiving government funding that covers the entire tuition amount is not eligible to apply for tuition assistance through the Catholic Education Foundation. If the amount of government funding is less than the total tuition amount, the family may apply for the difference.
- 7. A family that applies for EdChoice usually does not find out if they will be awarded until mid-summer. Can they apply for tuition assistance?**  
Yes, please have them apply. If the government funding is awarded the child would be marked as not eligible when the verification list is received in September.
- 8. I heard that a child must qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch and/or the family income needs to be 200% of the poverty level to receive tuition assistance from the Catholic Education Foundation?**  
No, the decision for tuition assistance is based solely from the FACTS calculated family need.
- 9. Are only Catholic families eligible for tuition assistance?**  
No, the proceeds from the endowment will be for all. The Catholic School is one of the greatest tools that the Church has for evangelization and we would not be living out our mission by restricting these funds.
- 10. If a family experiences a life changing event (death of a parent) in the middle of the year, will that allow them to file for tuition assistance through the Catholic Education Foundation?**  
Not at this time.
- 11. Can the tuition assistance be taken to a private Catholic school in the Archdiocese?**  
Yes
- 12. Will all elementary schools have at least a handful of students who will receive tuition assistance through the Catholic Education Foundation?**  
The mission of the Catholic Education Foundation is to award money to the student, not to the school. The hope is to spread the assistance in order to help the most students possible.
- 13. My school is located in a fairly affluent neighborhood; our families will probably not qualify for tuition assistance through the Catholic Education Foundation?**  
There are families at every school who may be struggling to make their tuition payment or maybe even a grandparent pays the tuition. Please encourage these families to apply.
- 14. Are CISE schools eligible for tuition assistance?**  
Yes



**A Note from Miss Kist....**

The school and home connection is very important. Here are a few things to keep in mind:  
**Grades 6-8:**

- Chromebooks are school property. Any damage or suspected damage must be reported to Ms. Kist ([kist\\_m@sjbharrison.org](mailto:kist_m@sjbharrison.org)) as soon as possible.
- Check your child’s history online. No SJB student is permitted to delete any part of their history at any time. See Ms. Kist for instructions.
- Chromebook charging: this should be a nightly activity to prepare for the next day. Shut down your device before plugging in to charge.

**ALL Students:**

- SJB has purchased many online components to go with your child’s textbook. This year, the Tech Team and I have worked diligently to streamline student login information to be as consistent as possible. Many students have a file in Google Classroom to help them organize their passwords, and those who do not, see attachment below for a general outline, and web links.
- Have you checked out [Moby Max](#)?
- Did you know? You can sync our SJB School Google calendar to yours!
  - [www.sjbharrison.org](http://www.sjbharrison.org)
  - Click “Calendars”
  - Click the plus sign at bottom right when you are logged in to Google.
  - Follow instructions.

**Log Ins For School**

Feel free to bookmark this page OR as you visit each site, bookmark it individually.

Click-able Links	Used For...	Username	Password
<b>Parents →</b> 	<b>Grades &amp; HW</b>	Sent home on paper (if you need help, please contact <a href="#">Ms. Kist</a> )	On paper sent home
<b>Students →</b> 	Grades		
 Once you’ve logged in your chromebook, click on the  in the upper left corner.	ALL Grades  Drive - docs, sheets, slides, etc	first.last@sjbharrison.org	8 digit string of numbers
<b>Classroom</b> 	ALL grades  assignments; seeing grades on certain assignments; tests; additional info	as long as you are logged into Google, you will automatically be logged in	Not needed

	<p>Grades 6-8 Math textbooks ----- Grade 6 SS textbook</p>		<p>Google Password</p>
	<p>Grades 6-8 Vocab workbook</p>	<p>First.Last</p>	<p>Google Password</p>
	<p>Grades 3-8 Science</p>	<p>FirstLast (same as your Google without a period)</p>	<p>Please refer to your teacher's instructions</p>
	<p>Grade 4 English</p>	<p>FirstLast (same as your Google without a period)</p>	<p>Google Password</p>
	<p>Grade K-5 Journeys Reading Series Go Math</p>	<p>Username vary</p>	<p>Google Password</p>
	<p>ALL grades AR &amp; Star</p>	<p>First.Last</p>	<p>Google Password</p>
	<p>ALL grades adaptive curriculum creates an individualized education plan for each student</p>	<p>first.last@sjbharrison.org</p>	<p>Google password</p>
<p><a href="#">Typing Club</a></p>	<p>Grades 3-6</p>	<p>first.last@sjbharrison.org</p>	<p>Google password</p>
<p><a href="#">Typing.Com</a></p>	<p>Grades 7-8</p>	<p>first.last</p>	<p>Google Password</p>
	<p>on-line study tool; can also be downloaded as an app on Apple &amp; Android devices</p>	<p>make sure you are signed into Google, then find the </p>	<p>not needed</p>

## Mother of Mercy High School

### Spend Christmas on Campus at Mother of Mercy!

Eighth grade girls are invited to Mother of Mercy's most popular event, Christmas on Campus on Friday, December 9 from 6 - 11 p.m. This year we will have a late-night pizza and dance party with a DJ. Also, you'll get to decorate cookies, do holiday crafts, and have a blast hanging out with your friends -- and future classmates! RSVP at [www.motherofmercy.org/christmasoncampus](http://www.motherofmercy.org/christmasoncampus). Admission is \$5.

### Have Breakfast with Santa at Mercy

Celebrate the Christmas season with Santa! Join us on Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. for Breakfast with Santa.

Kids of all ages (boys and girls) can make holiday crafts, get their picture taken with Santa and get in the Christmas spirit. The event is co-sponsored by the Athletic Department and the Sapphire Dance Team. All proceeds from this year's event will benefit the family of Cristina Carrero. Cristina is a junior at Mercy and is currently undergoing treatment for a brain tumor; she has so far been unable to attend classes at Mercy this year. Help spread a little Christmas cheer on December 3! Register at [www.motherofmercy.org/santa](http://www.motherofmercy.org/santa).



## McAuley High School Welcomes Runners & Walkers to Flying Pig Training Team

McAuley High School will once again have a team in the 2017 Flying Pig Marathon, which is on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Runners and walkers are invited to join McAuley's training team to help get ready for the race. The training group will run/walk from McAuley every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. starting on Jan. 14. The team will start with a three-mile run/walk, and will increase mileage each week. The program lasts for 17 weeks, which allows for a slow progression to avoid injury and to retain participants. The group's focus will be on training for the half marathon and the full marathon relay. Participants are not required to attend every training to participate, and they will receive an official McAuley team shirt. Program cost is \$35 and is due before the first session on Jan. 14. Participants will also qualify for a discount code for all Flying Pig races (10k, half marathon, full marathon, relay). All are welcome to join the team; you do not have to be affiliated with McAuley. Register and pay online to join McAuley's training team at [www.mcauleyhs.net/pig](http://www.mcauleyhs.net/pig).

**Please support our 2016-17 Walk-a-Thon Gold Sponsor, Brater Winter Funeral Home when possible**



**And Silver Sponsor**

**FENTON**

# Speed & Agility Clinics!

- **6 week session**
- **Open to Boys & Girls grades 1-8**
- **Contact Brian to register**

## **WEDNESDAYS**

Beginning January 11  
Grades 1-4 5:15-6:00 pm

## **THURSDAYS**

Beginning January 12  
Grades 5-8 5:15-6:00 pm

## **SUNDAYS**

Beginning January 15  
Grades 1-4 9:00-9:45 am  
Grades 5-8 9:45-10:30 am

**\$75 / athlete  
Space is  
limited!**



**All Instruction Led by Brian Vornhagen, Certified Speed & Agility Trainer**

Questions? Call Brian @ 513-518-0274 or email [brian@velocity-sp.com](mailto:brian@velocity-sp.com)

