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Upcoming Events

December

- 8 – Immaculate Conception**
- 10 – Spirit Wear Day - Confirmation Mtg.**
- 12 – Christmas Music Program – 1st, 3rd, 4th Grade**
- 13 – Breakfast with Santa**
- 16 – Science Club**
- 19 – Christmas Break Begins at 3:30**

January

- 5 – School Resumes**

Read Sunday's Gospel - Second Sunday of Advent - MK 1:1-8
"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals."

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN



The many elves on the shelves tell us that Christmas is just around the corner. We have begun the season of Advent with all the joy and anticipation that accompanies the season, and I wish to share a simple lesson I read recently. In answer to the question, "Why does Advent matter?" So often we focus on preparing for Jesus' birth, making it easy to forget Jesus Christ grew to become not only our teacher, but our savior. If Jesus were only our teacher of the Gospel, we could just read his lessons any time we chose, but he is our savior, and this means we have to feel the need for him.

There are times we need teachers, and times we need rescuing. To appreciate Jesus, we have to have some time spiritually to move into a space where we understand how "stuck" we are. Advent is about moving into that space. Advent is a time when we get deeply in touch with our need for a savior. I hope your family is able to find the time to experience the healing power of the sacrament of Reconciliation, as our students have this week. I hope each Sunday of Advent brings faith, hope, love, and joy into your households, and I hope you feel the same excitement about Christ as you feel upon discovering the perfect Christmas gift.

As a parish, St. John the Baptist has many upcoming opportunities to contribute our gift of music to the season of Advent. Here are just a few upcoming events!

December 12 - School Christmas Concert (grades 1, 3, and 4) in the gymnasium at 2:30 and 7:00

December 13 - Breakfast with Santa in school cafeteria

December 13 - Caroling at the Mother Margaret Hall of Sisters of Charity in Delhi (permission slips needed for students) Carpools leave at 3:15 from St. John the Baptist.

December 16 - Beginning Band Student Christmas Concert at St. Boniface Church at 7:00

December 17 - Advent Caroling Service for students in church at 2:45

December 26 - Christmas Carols at Shawnee Spring Retirement Community from 2:30-4:00



Friday Folder Items

- Partners in Faith Flyer
- Market Day Supplement
- School Belles Sale Flyer

Reminders

- **Shh! St. Nick - December 6**
- The last day to order **Market Day** is **Friday, December 12.**
- **Breakfast With Santa – Saturday, December 13**
- **Tervis Cup** Orders are now being taken – Limited supply before Christmas – Order soon

Breakfast with Santa is Coming!! It will be held **Saturday, December 13, 2014.** There will be 2 seating's available at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. The price is \$4.00 per person. There are pictures with Santa, a craft table, cookie decorating and face painting. The pancake/sausage breakfast is sponsored by McDonalds. We look forward to seeing you there.

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



Spirit Wear will be sold during Breakfast for Santa, also. If you need any last minute gifts, be sure to visit the table.

Thank You, Thank You!!! The Student Council would like to thank everyone who brought in canned food donations for St. Vincent de Paul. We collected 534 items to help the less fortunate in our community. **Mrs. Fox's 2nd grade** class won the challenge by collecting 107 items, so they will be enjoying an extra out-of-uniform day.

Attention 7th & 8th Grade: The Jr. High Winter Dance/Social is scheduled for **Saturday, January 10** at StJB. Please mark your calendars and more details will come at a later time!

2013-2014 Yearbook Update - Several families have been asking where is last year's yearbook? They are ordered and should be delivered any day! We were supposed to receive them the 3rd week in September but the company has had some issues with printers so they are just now getting caught up. If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy McAlister &/or LisAnne Thompson.

If you have pictures that you have taken for the 2014-2015 school year and they are of good quality and would like to provide them to us for the YB, please either email them to StJBYearbook@gmail.com or if you have a bunch, gather the pictures into a file and provide them to us on a CD or a flash drive and we can return the flash drive to you! Pictures via a phone do not upload the greatest to the YB site especially when emailed. If you can provide them via CD or flash drive - it is the Best!

Thanks to all those who have given us pictures already!

The YB Committee

HELP WANTED!!!!

MARY MAGDALEN HOUSE NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

The Mary Magdalen House is an agency in the inner city that provides dignity to the poorest of the poor. They are asking for your help in these difficult times. Their attendance has sharply increased the past couple of years and they are in need of many items. Mary Magdalen House relies on the goodness of benefactors and donors to supply it with the basic needs to help others. If you can help by providing any of the items listed below, please bring your donations to the School Office.

- Men's underwear (waist sizes 30-32 and 34-36); and All sizes of Thermal Long-Johns
- Socks – white socks, both men and women's
- Pants – jeans and work pants (waist sizes 26 – 38, both men and women's)
- Belts – men and women's (all sizes)
- Gloves, Jackets, coats, sweaters, scarves and hats – men and women's
- Shirts (Med., Lg., XL) – Both short and long sleeve, winter and summer shirts

Other Needs

These items can help Mary Magdalen House provide a cleaner environment and better service to their guests.

- Plastic bags – both 13 gal. and 33 gal. sizes
- Liquid Drano, Lysol
- Laundry detergent, chlorine bleach, fabric softener
- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper towels, Tissues
- Toilet Tissue
- Spray deodorant, aftershave, perfume
- Note pads (4x6), pens and pencils
- Bath towels, face cloths
- Vaseline, Baby Powder
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Combs, brushes
- Shampoo, soap, lotion, Q-tips
- Brown grocery bags
- Gym shoes

The Mary Magdalen House is also in need of Volunteers. They cannot operate without them. If you would like to offer your time to assist, please contact Dale Bley at 602-9663 or Tony Brock at 367-6303.

**PLEASE HAVE ANY AND ALL DONATIONS SENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE
DECEMBER 12!**

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!!!!



How would you like a chance to **WIN MONEY** every week of the year in **2015**? It's easy when you buy a SJB Jaguar Lotto ticket between November 21 & December 31, 2015 or until all Lotto Tickets are Sold. The first winning ticket will be drawn on January 1, 2015.

A total of \$10,000 will be given away in 2015!

\$1000 (1) Winner on Christmas & (1) on Easter

\$500 (1) Winner on July 4th & (1) on Thanksgiving Day

\$300 (1) Winner on January 1st, March 9th (Fr. Kemper's Birthday, June 24 (Feast of St. John the Baptist), September 7th (Labor Day), November 1st (All Saints Day), & December 31st

\$100 Winner Each Week of the Year

This is the 5th year for the lotto & we want it to be another successful year!

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT ALL PROFIT FROM THE 2015 SJB LOTTO WILL BE USED FOR THE RESURFACING OF THE SCHOOL AND CHURCH PARKING LOT.

In order for this to happen, we are asking each Family again this year to try to at least sell **5 tickets** at the price of \$20 a ticket. If you choose not to participate in this lotto or do not sell all 5 tickets – **PLEASE DO NOT THROW the TICKETS AWAY!** *Please return them in Lotto Ticket Family Envelope to the school office* or give them to a member of the Lotto Team. THERE ARE SCHOOL AND FAMILY INCENTIVES SO EVERYONE CAN BENEFIT plus buying selling and purchasing the tickets, the School & Parish and all affiliated BENEFIT! Lotto Tickets are very easy to sell especially when there is so much money given away and the profit of the sales has already been determined based on a School and Parish MUCH NEEDED Improvement! Just ask the winners from the 2014 Lotto. The winners are listed on our website. They make wonderful gifts, especially for Christmas, graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. A Lotto Ticket is a nice gift for people of all ages! It's the gift that KEEPS GIVING!

SCHOOL INCENTIVE:

When SJB SELLS **1500 LOTTO TICKETS** for the 2015 LOTTO, that's **\$30,000 in Lotto Ticket Sales**..... We will have a.....

St. PATRICK'S DAY CARNIVAL & CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT!

A DAY OF FUN AT SCHOOL! Students were upset when there wasn't an Oktoberfest this year so now they can now have an FUN FILLED DAY IN MARCH with a Spring Carnival & Corn Hole Tournament!

So, SELL, SELL, And SELL! These tickets will sell themselves when you advertise all the wonderful things associated with the sale! This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved – there are so many opportunities to **WIN, BENEFIT & CONTRIBUTE** for students, teachers, parishioners, families and people from near & far!

CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T BUY A TICKET!

SUCCESSFUL SALES = RESURFACED PARKING LOT!

This Week's Lotto Winners!!! CONGRATULATIONS to the weekly Lotto winner! Millie Schalk won \$100 for the week of 12/1 with ticket #214. The winning ticket was sold by John Schalk. It was pulled by Paul Roell & Angie Land.

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HARRISON BRANCH LIBRARY

10398 New Haven Road

(513) 369-4442

Follow the link for the December Monthly Activity Calendar Harrison@CincinnatiLibrary.org

ADULTS' JANUARY ATTRACTIONS

Introduction to Downloadables – Interested in learning about the library's downloadable collection? Learn the basics of browsing, searching, and borrowing eBooks and audiobooks with your library card. Sign up for a session on **Saturday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m.** or **Monday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Adults register by calling (513) 369-4442.

Meet David Howard, who appeared on The **Weather Channel's "Fat Guy in the Woods"**. Find out what this average Joe's experience was as he not only braved the elements but conquered them on **Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Adults register by calling (513) 369-4442.

KIDS' JANUARY ATTRACTIONS

Princess Party! Come dressed as your favorite princess. We will enjoy a story, play a game, and make a craft. Refreshments provided. Register by calling (513) 369-4442 for **January 24** at either **10:30 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.** Ages 4-8

Legos in the Library! Bring your friends and family to build amazing Lego creations on **Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.** Register by calling (513) 369-4442. **Ages 12 & under with caregiver**

COMING IN FEBRUARY FOR KIDS

Stuffed Animal Sleepover – Bring your stuffed animal pals and enjoy a special story time together on **Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Then, say goodnight as your stuffed animals get ready to spend the night at the library. Pick up your stuffed animals on **Friday, February 13 from Noon to 6:00 p.m.** and take home pictures of their fun night out! For children of all ages with a caregiver. Register by calling (513) 369-4442

TEENS' JANUARY ATTRACTIONS

Sand Craft Stained Glass Windows! Design your own stained glass window using colored sand on **Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m.** Grades 6-12 register by calling (513) 369-4442.



PARISH LIFE NEWS & EVENTS

Thanks to all who supported and helped to make our Parish Life Booth at the Vendor and Craft Show a HUGE success. Thanks especially to Phyllis Morris and Nancy Tiemeier for all their hard work in putting together over 100 baby item baskets. We far exceeded our expectations!

R.O.M.E.O.'S (Retired Old Men Eating Out) **PLEASE NOTE THIS PERMANENT CHANGE** -The next lunch gathering for the men of the parish, their friends, and/or family members who wish to share fellowship and make new friends will be held on **Thursday, December 4th at 11:30 a.m. at MONK'S RESTAURANT on Harrison Avenue near Dry Fork Road.** All monthly luncheons meet on the first **Thursday of the month.** Call Tom Dahmann @ 513-367-9134 to RSVP or you can RSVP by email at tkdahmann@hotmail.com. If you have any questions or need further information you can also contact Tom. You don't need to RSVP to attend - just come anyway anytime you can make it.

J.U.L.I.E.T.'S (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together) Due to the holiday, the next JULIET'S luncheon will be held on **Thursday, December 11th at 11:30 a.m. at Monk's Kitchen on Harrison Avenue near Dry Fork Road.** A very special treat is in store for those who come to the next JULIET'S luncheon. Call Phyllis Morris @ (513) 202-0449 to RSVP and/or for further information. You don't need to RSVP to attend - just come anyway anytime you can make it.

BOOK CLUB The next Parish Life Adult Community Book Club gathering will be on **Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room.** The book we will be reading and discussing in the month of **December is *A Gift from the Sea.*** There is no cost involved to participate. If interested in participating and/or you want more information, please contact Kathy Wirsch @ 812-637-3604 or mkwirsch@fuse.net. Books will be available at the Harrison Library for your use

COFFEE, CHOCOLATE & CRAFTS – Come and see what you've been missing. Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, December 13th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room.** The theme of this event will be the ***“Reason for the Christmas Season”***. If you want additional information or have any questions, please contact Pam Reiter @ 513-738-1710. This event is open to all and children under the age of 18 are always welcome when accompanied by an adult.

As another year comes to a close, the Parish Life team cannot say how much joy and happiness our events have given us this past year. We have had the pleasure and opportunity to meet such great people and we hope to continue to grow this ministry. **WE NEED YOU** to help keep this ministry alive. Won't you consider joining us? If you want to find out more about the SJB Parish Life Team, our next meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th @ 7:00 P.M. in the ADULT ENRICHMENT CENTER IN THE HARRISON AVENUE BLDG.** If you have any questions, please contact Patty Dean @ 513-367-9814 OR padean72@hotmail.com.

**WISHING YOU A JOY FILLED CHRISTMAS
SEASON!!**