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Sunday's Gospel MK 1:29-39

"Let us go on to the nearby
villages
that I may preach there also.
For this purpose have I come."

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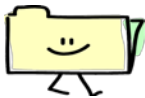
A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

As our celebration of Catholic Schools' Week draws to a close, I must give thanks to so many who help make St. John the Baptist a great place to learn and grow closer to God. First of all, thank you to our fantastic school and parish staffs, both of whom allow Christ's light to shine through them to spread to others in their various ministries each and every day. Whether designing lessons for our students, unique service projects, or providing special musical or fine arts experiences, these men and women strive to show Christ's love to the students here, while developing their cognitive, physical, spiritual, and social-emotional growth, just as our mission statement describes. I am grateful for Father Jeff Kemper and all our team for their generous gifts of time and talent to our organization.

Secondly, I am thankful for our wonderful students who bring their smiles and enthusiasm to us, and without whom there would be no school! I take delight in observing them learning and growing, both in the classroom and through the other experiences they have to lead and serve throughout the school and community. I am proud of their perseverance, sense of responsibility, and the kindness they frequently display to each other, as well as the insights they express regarding their faith.

Finally, thank you to every family who has made providing a faith-based education a priority in your home. Many of you generously give your time and talents to helping with PTC, School Committee, Athletics, and Drama Club and for this we are so grateful! Even if you are not able to volunteer on a regular basis, our families show their support in many ways, from reinforcing loving and respectful behaviors to providing a structured time to complete school assignments. Thank you for teaming with us in this most important task, the guidance and protection of faithful, productive citizens. We were thrilled to see so many at Wednesday's Appreciation Dinner and hope it provided you some extra time to enjoy your families in the middle of a busy week. Thank you to those who helped cover teacher cafeteria and playground duties on Tuesday and for the delicious lunch. Your volunteerism and willingness to be involved is a beautiful example for your children!

What Can We Contribute to our New Church? You may have seen the recent announcement in the parish bulletin about the reception on Sunday, February 11 at the Knights' of Columbus Hall on State Street. The afternoon reception invites everyone to view some of the treasures being put into our new church and to consider donations for items still needed.



Friday Folder Flyers

- **February Lunch Menu**
- **Partners in Faith**

Reminders

- **Registration is going on now through February 28**
- **No School on Monday, February 5**

I hope our school families will stop by and view these items. It is exciting to know the parish church will soon begin to rise up from those fields on New Haven Road, and to realize our current first graders will be making First Communion in the new church next spring and our current 7th graders will be making Confirmation there as well, with each grade to follow in future years. This will be the church where most of you will walk your children down the aisle someday to begin their married lives in the eyes of God. How wonderful to be a part of this new Catholic Church in Harrison!

Everyone will have the opportunity to make donations to specific items for the new church. As a school, I truly want the children to feel part of this experience, and to know they have contributed something tangible to the new church – something they can see each week and know they helped their church have what they need for Masses to take place. There are many items still needed and we have narrowed down some reasonable and recognizable options for the students and are allowing everyone to rank the choices in order to select a school gift. Hopefully, we’ll have our results soon so we may determine a purchasing goal. We believe we will have some funds available from our school bake sales, but also want to allow all students the chance to make donations, however small, to this cause. Look for an update on the students’ purchasing choice next week. Enjoy the extra day off school on Monday and get plenty of rest to help arm yourself against the cold and flu germs. We are taking extra care to clean and sanitize desks, doorknobs, drinking fountains, and other shared surfaces, but washing hands frequently and staying home until fever free for at least 24 hours are still the best preventions to avoiding the spread of colds and flu.

Catholic Schools Week Fun



A Message from the Nurse.....

Yes the **flu** has hit a few here at St John's!!!

What to look for in your child if you suspect he or she may have the flu?

Fever

Body aches

Cough

Runny nose

Feeling worn out... very tired

Sometimes children may experience vomiting and/or diarrhea

The flu is very contagious and can quickly spread.



What to do if your child is exhibiting any one of these symptoms?

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater:

Please do not send them to school and call your pediatrician.

If your child has diarrhea or has vomited:

Please do not send them to school and call your pediatrician.

If your child is exhibiting any of the other symptoms above:

Please use caution in sending them to school. When in doubt call your pediatrician or the nurse at the school.

The flu is very contagious and can spread quickly as you may have heard.



McAuley High School's Vocal Ensemble will hold its annual **Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 4 - 7 p.m.** in McAuley's Cafeteria. The Vocal Ensemble will perform a variety of solos and group songs at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. as entertainment during the dinner, which includes LaRosa's pasta, meatballs, salad, breadsticks, drinks and homemade desserts. There will also be basket raffles and split-the-pot. All ages are welcome. The dinner costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for students/seniors, and \$5 for children age 5 and under, payable at the door. Reservations are not needed. Proceeds from the dinner help to defray the cost of the Vocal Ensemble competition this April at Festival Disney in Orlando.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>*Advance registration required.</i></p> <p><i>Programs made possible by the Friends of the Public Library.</i></p>		<p>Pages and Prizes Book Club</p> <p>Read at least one Blind Date book and fill out an entry form for a chance to win a prize! February 1-28, Grades 6-12</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Young Adult Gamers * Hang out and game at the library, or test your skills in one of our tournaments! 6 - 8 p.m. Grades 9-12</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mother Goose on the Loose Talk, sing, and play with our little ones to support early literacy skills. 10:30 a.m. For babies, toddlers and their caregivers</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Hooked on Crochet * Casual group meeting for crocheters of all skill levels presented by Kim Jenkins 12:00 p.m.</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Movers and Shakers Books, rhymes, music and fun! 10:15 & 11:00 a.m. Ages 1-4</p>		<p>7</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30 a.m. All ages</p> <p>KinderBridge Get ready for kindergarten with stories, songs, and hands-on activities! 1 p.m. Recommended ages 4-6</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Piecemakers Quilting Group* Join our quilting group and learn the basics of quilting. Registration is required for those interested in learning how to quilt. 10:15 a.m. Adults</p> <p>Tabletop Gamers * Dungeons and Dragons group and many other games. 6 p.m. Grades 6-12</p>		<p>10</p> <p>Mother Goose on the Loose See description on February 2. 10:30 a.m. For babies, toddlers and their caregivers</p> <p>Teen Gamers * Play video games and hang out with friends! 2 - 4 p.m. Grades 5-8</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Movers and Shakers Books, rhymes, music and fun! 10:15 & 11:00 a.m. Ages 1-4</p> <p>Inspiring Reads * Join us for a lively discussion of an inspiring book. We will be discussing <i>Small Great Things</i> by Jodi Picoult. Books are available at the branch. 7 p.m. Adults</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30 a.m. All ages</p> <p>KinderBridge 1 p.m. Recommended ages 4-6</p> <p>Legos in the Library * Join your friends and put your imagination to the test. 6:30 p.m. Ages 12 and under with a caregiver</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Stuffed Animal Sleepover * Drop off a stuffed animal on Thursday, February 15 between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m., then return on Friday, February 16 to pick up your friend and hear all about the night's fun. Ages 12 & under with caregiver</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Stuffed Animal Sleepover Pick up your friend and hear all about the night's fun. Join us at 11:00 a.m. to watch a slideshow of the activities while enjoying a snack. Age 12 & under with caregiver</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Movers and Shakers Books, rhymes, music and fun! 10:15 & 11:00 a.m. Ages 1-4</p> <p>Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theater* West African culture and tradition comes to life in this fun, interactive music and dance program. 2 p.m. Ages 12 & under with a caregiver</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Family Storytime 6:30 p.m. All ages</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30 a.m. All ages</p> <p>KinderBridge Get ready for kindergarten with stories, songs, and hands-on activities! 1 p.m. Recommended ages 4-6</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Piecemakers Quilting Group* Join our quilting group and learn the basics of quilting. Registration is required for those interested in learning how to quilt. 10:15 a.m. Adults</p>		<p>24</p> <p>Tales to Tails * Practice reading to Peaches, our certified therapy dog. Register for a 10 minute time slot. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 5-12</p> <p>Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics * In the spirit of Chris Grabenstein's 2nd Lemoncello book, come test your skill against our array of library challenges! 2 p.m. Ages 5-12 with a caregiver</p>
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Harrison Branch Library 10398 New Haven Road For information & registration, call **513-369-4442** or visit cincinnati.library.org/programs

Interpreter for the hearing impaired available upon request. Please call the ADA Coordinator at 369-4406 (TDD 369-4409) at least one week before program.