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Sunday's Gospel JN 3: 14-21

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

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Upcoming Events

March

- 17- Out of Uniform for \$1
- 19- PTC Meeting 7:00
- 20 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 20 - 2:30 Early Release

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Why Achievement Tests? A letter went home earlier this week describing the Iowa and ability tests being administered next week to students in grades two through seven. Students in parish schools within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are slated to begin these tests during the next several weeks. All tests and make-up tests are to be completed before Good Friday and Easter vacation. I want to clarify these are not the same assessments as the P.A.R.C.C. that have been featured so strongly in the news recently. We should have our Iowa test results returned to us by mid-May. The Iowa are useful to us as we compare our results to those of the nation, look for student progress from one year to the next, and use the information to help us in placing students in appropriate instructional levels or programs. The highly criticized P.A.R.C.C. tests, on the other hand, are playing no hand in assisting schools with placing students in leveled classes as the results are not expected until November of 2015, well after such decisions are made. High schools also look at the 7th grade Iowa scores in math, reading, and science, along with the High School Placement results, in helping make determinations of appropriate tracks for their incoming freshman. It is important for students to demonstrate their best work and to arrive on-time and well-rested. Please help your child by putting the tests into a positive light, and assuring your sons and daughters you know they'll do just fine. This should not be an anxious time for students. They will have their regular special area classes, lunches, and recesses, following their usual schedules. Please avoid scheduling dental and medical appointments during the school day next week.

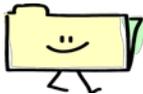
Safety for our Students remains a top priority. A return to warmer temperatures means outside recess (hooray!) and physical education classes that may be taking place outside. Please take special care while driving and parking in and around the school parking lot. Our multi-building campus provides an extra challenge as students are constantly crossing between buildings. It is important for parents to safeguard the children as they exit the building at arrival and dismissal. Please wait for the staff to hold up the green "go" signs before leaving the parking lot in the afternoon. If you suspect your child may be arriving past our 8:50 a.m. start, take the time to sign in your child in the office and to get a late pass. We do not punish students for being tardy, however the doors are programmed to lock out intruders once the school day begins and your child may be unable to enter the doors nearest the parking lot without adult assistance.

The calendar for 2015-16 will be available next week. Our instructional calendar for next year has been approved and will soon be available for families. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 18. We will again use the staggered start for our kindergarten students, and August 12 as a meet the teacher/orientation day for students and parents. Please avoid scheduling vacations during the first full week of October as this is when students are officially counted to formulate our state dollars for textbooks and technology. The last day for students next year will be on Thursday, May 26.

Enjoy the warmer temperatures this weekend.



Out of Uniform The Student Council will be sponsoring a St. Patrick's Out-of-Uniform Day on Tuesday, March 17th. For a \$1 donation, you can wear green and show Irish spirit! All money donated will be given to Sr. Rose to add to money collected from the mission banks. Thanks for your support!!



Friday Folder Flyers

- March/April Lunch Menu
- Market Day Bonus
- Gymnasium Cheerleading

Reminders

- Student Council Candy Sale Ends Thursday, March 18
- PTC Meeting, March 19
- March 20 – Early Release

Important Notice for 5th Grade Parents

Because of the snow emergencies and changes in the parish schedules, the 5th Grade Retreat has been moved to Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 – 12:00. The Retreat will be held in the Saint John the Baptist Junior High Building. (The time has been changed to make it easier for parents who are dropping off 8th Graders for the Confirmation Retreat. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Gemperline at 513-314-7143.



The Toilet Paper Collection was a huge success. Mrs. Gemperline made quite a bunker for herself thanks to all of the generous donations from our SJB families. Thank you to all who donated!!



Thanks to a generous donation, St. John's has new albs (garment worn by servers) for our altar servers. Since they fit differently, we need current servers to be fitted for which alb to wear.

Fitting for the new albs will take place **during recess** on the following days:

- ♦ **Tuesday, March 17th—Boys**
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 18th—Girls**

If your child is currently an altar server, please remind them to come on the correct day.

Good Luck 7/8th grade Boys Basketball playing in the City final game this Sunday at 2:10 at Seton High School! They are super excited and sad about the game because it's their last game playing for St. John's. They have made it to the City finals every year and have won all but one yearwhich was last year, when they lost to St. Bernard, of which they will be playing again this year!

Players are:

Sam Heffron

Joey Heffron

Brody Ingle

William McAlister

Josh Trabel

Ryan Crail

Alex Roell

Abrey Losekamp

Coaches: Todd Heffron & Bill Trabel



The next PTC meeting will be **Thursday, March 19** at 7:00 pm in the Jr High Building. We will vote on painting the cafeteria and purchasing stage curtains, as well as discuss various other items. Please plan on attending. It is a great way to get involved in your children's school!

Label War results are in!! Mrs. Anneken's 4th grade class ran away with this one with over 3,000 pieces counted. It was a great War as most classes had over 1,000 pieces counted. Thank you to Rob and Phyllis Watson as they helped count all these items. Thank you to Sarah Hunter, Kelly Boehringer, Susan Penick, Cindy (Logan Wells) for all your continued help with the Coke Rewards. We will have another War at the end of the year to clear out your closets, so keep saving!!



catholic youth summer camp

Catholic Youth Summer Camp

A High Adventure Camp that fosters High Adventure Faith Catholic Youth Summer Camp is Ohio's one and one week-long, residential high adventure camp for students entering grades 6-12. Activities typically include: jet skis, water tubing, paintball, blobbing, go-carts, archery, zip lining, rock climbing, ropes course, mountain boarding and more! CYSC offers a truly catholic and safe environment with daily catechesis that awakens faith and builds missionary disciples. A week at camp includes daily Mass, adoration, reconciliation, small group conversations, worship, service and authentic community. See www.cysc.com to get more information and to register.

Tuition Assistance Application Information Through FACTS Tuition Management

FACTS Tuition Management will be conducting the financial need analysis for St. John the Baptist School families for the upcoming 2015-2016 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, 2015. Applicants can apply online with the FACTS link at <https://online.factsmtg.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 fee to apply for tuition assistance that will need to be paid online to complete your application process.

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 2014 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

Once an online application has been completed, the following information will need to be sent to FACTS to complete the application process:

- Copies of your 2014 Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your 2014 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 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 or contact Paul Roell at 513-367-9086 ext. 211.

All information contained on the tuition assistance applications is kept strictly confidential.

Parish News and Updates



Lotto Winners!!!

Congratulations to the winner of special Lotto drawing for Fr. Kemper's birthday! Mary Scheurer won \$300 on 3/9 with ticket #0955. The winning ticket was sold by Sarah Scheurer. It was pulled by Jessica Hollerman & Angie Land.

Congratulations to the weekly Lotto winner! Jerry Jacob won \$100 for the week of 3/9 with ticket #0188. The winning ticket was sold by The Land Family. It was pulled by John Rogers & Angie Land.

Can't Win if You Don't Buy a Ticket!!

Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society Presents

Steep Canyon Rangers and the Hit Men - Two Great Concerts for Catholic Schools!

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society will be presenting their final two concerts of the season when they host the **Steep Canyon Rangers** at the Martin Marietta Theater at Harrison High School on Saturday, April 11 and **The Hit Men** featuring former stars of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons at the McAuley Performing Arts Center Saturday, May 9.

The Steep Canyon Rangers won their second Grammy Award for best Bluegrass album of the year in 2013. They spent 2 years touring and recording with Steve Martin and were featured on PBS as well as David Letterman, Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien to name a few. They are currently the hottest group on the Bluegrass circuit.

The Hit Men were founded by Lee Shapiro and Jerry Polci of the Four Seasons in response to the incredible success of the Jersey Boys musical. They collected a group of additional seasoned and accomplished musicians who have performed and recorded with Cat Stevens, Jim Croce, Carly Simon, Paul McCartney, Elton John, Barry Manilow, Tommy James and many others. Their shows not only feature all of the great hits of the Four Seasons but also all of the other amazing hits these men have been associated with over the years.

For tickets and information, go to www.gcparts.org or call [513-570-0652](tel:513-570-0652). When you purchase a ticket, \$5 from each ticket can be donated to the tuition assistance program at the Catholic elementary school of your choice. The ESAP Foundation will match all donations so this translates to a \$10 donation per ticket. Get a group of friends and family together for a great night out and support Catholic education at the same time! The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!