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Sunday's Gospel JN 14:23-29

"Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him..."



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Congratulations to our two second grade classes who have just celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. At this week's school Mass, these students performed "Our God is an Awesome God" for the rest of the student body and proudly joined grades 3-8 in receiving the gift of Jesus at Mass. After Mass, Father Kemper prayed over their new crosses and rosaries, providing a blessing. Please pray for our students who have recently received this Sacrament and for all those receiving a new Sacrament in the coming weeks. As a school, we will be having May Crowning, following our May 13th Mass. We have a tradition of having students bring in flowers to surround Mary as well. Please bring your bouquets to school on the morning of Friday, May 13th.

Last Friday our staff spent the afternoon reviewing safety procedures, particularly in the event of being alerted to dangerous intruders in the school or within the Harrison community. Several police departments joined forces in order to give each teacher practice in dealing with an experience we pray to avoid, that of having an active shooter in or near the school. Officers who have been trained in teaching students how to deal with active shooters will be presenting to our students on May 5th. Teachers have viewed the training videos in preparation for helping guide their students through drills. The student assemblies will divide the children by grade levels and each is geared toward the developmental level of that age group. For example, the message for the younger students is presented in an upbeat, entertaining video in which the main lessons include the importance of listening to the teacher's directions and "building a tower" which translates (for adults) into barricading the door. The older students are given more details and practice examples, but no graphic or frightening content is presented.

Although not a single American school has experienced a fire since a Chicago parochial school burned in 1958, all schools now practice monthly fire drills. With news reports on violent crimes in schools several times each year, it is clear all schools need to practice preparedness for possible crisis situations. St. John the Baptist will be the first school in the Harrison community to actively prepare students for such an emergency. Thank you to our PTC meeting attendees for initiating contact between the Harrison Police Department and the Delhi Police Department in order to make this a possibility and to expand our efforts to help keep our students safe.

All students residing in the Southwest Local School District should return the transportation request forms being sent home. Even if your child will only occasionally require bus transportation, please complete and return these important forms. The transportation department must have this information before students may be included in any bus route. Please return them to school by May 25.



Friday Folder Flyers

- May Lunch Calendar
- 2016-17 School Calendar
- Partners in Faith
- SUA Volleyball Clinic, Gr. 3-8
- Southwest 2016-17 Bus Transportation

Reminders

- Tuesday, May 3 – Skyline Fundraiser
- Goodwill Games Permission Slip Due

Volunteer Opportunity

Our students participate each spring in our annual **Goodwill Games** held at the Harrison Community Center. We will be heading there on May 11 and need your help. Parents are needed to walk to and from the Center with our classes, help with the games, supervise groups as they play the games, and keep the students safe. There is a volunteer form coming home on Monday for you to return ASAP. This event goes from 9:15 - 12:30. Any and all help is greatly appreciated by the students and teachers.

Thanks so much!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For: Miss Shirley Bihr

Date: Monday, May 16

Time: 4:00 – 5:00

Where: Community Room

All are Invited!!

Shirley Bihr will be retiring from St. John the Baptist School after 40 years of service and dedication. We would like to honor her with cards of appreciation and memories from former students and families. Cards may be dropped off at the school office or sent to the school addressed to Miss Bihr by May 12th. If you have any questions please contact Christy Bingle (bingle_c@sjbharrison.org) or Mary Steelman (steelman_m@sjbharrison.org). Thank you for thanking Miss Bihr for all she has done for St. John the Baptist School!

A new supply of St John socks has arrived! All sizes are available. Please email STJBathleticWear@gmail.com with your orders."



Do you enjoy the **Cincinnati Reds**?



It's that time of year again

StJB Baseball & Softball are excited to be able to offer \$12 tickets to four different Reds games! Your tickets directly benefit our StJB Baseball & Softball teams.

Click [HERE](#) for the order form.

If you have any questions, contact Mark Hoffman, Nick Murphy, or Dave Dalessandro.

Cub Scouts: The Adventure Begins

Boys, do you like camping, swimming, roasting marshmallows, BB's and learning archery? Would you like to build a model car from scratch and race it against your friends? Do you like arts & crafts? Laser Tag? Bowling? Cub scouts do all this and more!

Parents, would you like to see your son develop responsibility and a sense of good citizenship? Would you like to see him become a young man who cheerfully serves others? When he grows up do you want people to think of trustworthiness, loyalty and helpfulness when they hear his name? Do you want to join him in the adventures described above? Then cub scouts is definitely for your family!

Cub Scout Pack 408 is holding its spring signup night on Thursday, 5/5/2016, at 7 PM in the Community Room. Cub Scouts is open to all boys who will be in 1st thru 5th grades for the 2016-2017 school year. This means graduating Kindergartners are getting their first opportunity to join us for some scouting fun. For parents of boys in the 4's preschool program you may have heard of a new pilot program to introduce cub scouts at the beginning of Kindergarten rather than the end. That pilot begins in the fall so stay tuned for info about our September signup night.

For more information or if you can't make it on Thursday, contact Joe Combs at [513-202-4031](tel:513-202-4031) or jcombs10@gmail.com.

A Note from our Nurse.....

To all 6th grade parents

A letter regarding Postural Screenings is being sent home this Friday. Please review, sign and return. And remember; do not forget to send in your child's most current immunization records for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. Any questions and/or concerns please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you,
Nurse Albrinck



Fall Soccer Sign-Ups



Here at St. John the Baptist we have two unique soccer programs. The first is focused on the Pre-K and K kids and the second is the focused on the 1st thru 8th graders.

Please go to our Athletics website and register your child to play soccer for this upcoming 2015 Fall Soccer Season. Priority Registration will be open until May 8th.

To locate our website, please go to www.stjb.net and click on "Our Parish" and select "Athletics".

After you click on "Athletics" you will have to click on the "HERE" hyperlink on the website in the sentence that says, "Please visit our online registration site **HERE**"

You can find more information under the Soccer tab on the main page of the athletics website.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in helping to be a coordinator, please contact Mike Lipp at stjbsoccer@gmail.com or [513-582-6389](tel:513-582-6389).

Spring Dinner and Raffle - Tuesday May 3, 2016

All ladies are cordially invited, so mark your calendar and save the date! We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:30 p.m. at the Harrison K of C Hall. Young and old alike, come on down! Bring female family members, friends or neighbors. This is a free event. Please bring a covered dish to share - entree, side item, or dessert. There will be a raffle with great prizes, a split-the-pot, and door prizes for the ladies, including the little ones.

If you have any questions, call Cathy Ruschke at [812-637-0117](tel:812-637-0117) or Georgia Meyer at [513-367-9507](tel:513-367-9507). (Formerly called the Mother/Daughter Banquet) One of the Raffles - American Girl Doll – Grace



2016-2017 PTC POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. John PTC is now accepting nominations for the following Board positions. Each position has a 2-year term which will begin with the 2016/2017 school year.

- President
- Marketing
- Secretary

The **PTC Board President** is responsible for the following tasks:

- Preside over PTC meetings.
- Create Agenda for PTC meetings.
- Communicate with principal often on various PTC activities.
- Oversee all PTC committees.
- Delegate a committee for Catholic Schools Week.
- Write updated information of PTC (current deadline for Jaguar Journal is Thursday 3:00 pm) and provide to secretary of PTC for publication.
- Attend or assign other PTC Board member to attend 8th grade graduation to award PTC scholarships.
- Meet with PTC Board members and establish the budget for the next school year.
- Call special meetings when necessary.
- Review By-Laws yearly at a PTC meeting.

The **PTC Board Marketing** position is a new position. It is anticipated that the Marketing position will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Chair marketing initiatives for Open House, preschool, and kindergarten round-up.
- Assemble and arrange for distribution of Welcome Kits.
- Launch PTC on three social media sites, owning the content development for each.
- Serve as community manager on all digital platforms.
- Find and execute future marketing opportunities.
- Recommend marketing opportunities to the PTC Board for vote.
- Update the PTC webpage as appropriate.

The **PTC Board Secretary** is responsible for the following tasks:

- Keep a written record (minutes) of each PTC meeting.
- Provide minutes at each meeting from the previous PTC meeting for approval vote.
- Provide copies of PTC By-Laws at each meeting and/or upon request.
- Submit copies of the PTC meeting minutes to the school's webmaster to be published online.
- Type updated PTC By-Laws as needed.
- Submit to school secretary and / or school's webmaster reminder of PTC meetings and events in advance (minimum of two weeks) for publication in the Jaguar Journal and / or other means of communication.
- Submit PTC meetings and events that have been secured for the following school year to school secretary by deadline (Usually at beginning of August).

Please make nominations by emailing the PTC Board at ptcboard@sjbharrison.org. Voting to fill the 3 positions will take place at the May 12 PTC meeting.

Hey Kroger Shoppers!

It's time to re-enroll Kroger Community Rewards



If you enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program anytime in the past 12 months and designated St. John the Baptist as the charitable recipient of a portion of the money you spent on groceries, thank you! We continue to receive valuable funds through the Kroger Community Rewards Program thanks to the generosity of people like you.

This email is to remind you that you must re-enroll online to continue supporting our parish for the 2016-2017 program year.

Re-enrolling is quick and easy:

- Access the [Kroger Community Rewards Program](#) web page.
- Click on the Orange "Sign in" button and use your email address and password to sign in. If you have forgotten your password, click on "forgot password" and a link will be sent to your email.
- Click on the "Enroll Now" button
- Click on the "Re-enroll" button (the screen will be displaying your current enrollment)
- Enter our number **80253** under "Find your Organization" and click Search.
- Select St John the Baptist by clicking on the circle to the left of our name and click the Enroll button.

With your help, St. John the Baptist parish can look forward to renewed generosity. Keep in mind that this program has no effect on the personal fuel points you accumulate and earn for gas purchases from your shopping; fuel points are still yours to keep and use.

If you haven't yet enrolled in the Kroger Community Reward Program, now, at the start of the new program year, is the perfect time. First, you will need a Kroger Plus card. Swiping a Kroger Plus card every time you shop will produce savings on grocery items as well as points for gas purchases so it's to your advantage to use one. Visit the service desk of your local Kroger store to receive a card.

Next, register for the [Kroger Community Rewards Program](#) online. Click on Enroll Now and follow the step-by-step instructions. Be sure to enter our number: **80253**. Then each time you swipe your card, Kroger will designate a portion of the dollars you spend on groceries to St. John the Baptist.

We appreciate the effort Kroger--and you--will make over the next 12 months to make your family grocery budget nourish other needy and fragile families. May God bless you with health and prosperity!

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JUNE ATTRACTIONS FOR ADULTS

Taking Root – In celebration of National Garden Week, the Shaker Farms Garden Club is presenting a program about **Taking Root**, a Regional Campaign for Reforestation. Matt Stenger of Taking Root will discuss the initiative on **Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.** The SFGC will supply tree saplings to those in attendance. **Adults** register by calling (513) 369-4442.

Coloring Club! Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring on **Monday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.** Relieve stress and enjoy the fun of coloring again! Materials and light refreshments provided. **Adults** register by calling (513) 369-4442.

KIDS' JUNE ATTRACTIONS

Harrison 500 – Hot Wheels Tournament! Enter a Hot Wheels or matchbox style car or just come watch the races on

Tuesday, June 14. The winner receives a trophy! **Registration begins at 6:15 p.m.** and the **races begin at 7:00 p.m.** **Ages 12 & under with a caregiver** – register by calling (513) 369-4442

Animals Alive! Learn fun facts about local animals on **Tuesday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m.** A naturalist with **Great Parks of Hamilton County** will bring live animals for children to see.

COMING IN JULY FOR KIDS

Cookie Mining – Join us on **Thursday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m.** for this program presented by the **Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District.** Participants will use a cookie and “mine” chocolate chips to represent natural resources, making and losing money based on the amount of resources recovered and the amount of land destroyed. They will learn the value of natural resources and explore the concept of renewable resources. **Ages 8-12** register by calling (513) 369-4442. ****Please note: Food will be distributed that may cause allergic reactions in some participants.**

TEENS' JUNE ATTRACTIONS

DIY Sharpie Tie Dye! Kick off your summer with some brand new tie dye on **Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a clean white shirt, socks, pillowcase or anything else you'd like to tie dye and we'll provide everything else! **Grades 6-12** register by calling (513) 369-4442.

COMING IN JULY FOR TEENS

Tabletop Gamers! Join us for a night of tabletop gaming on **Thursday, July 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** There will be a Dungeons and Dragons group and many other games from Pokémon to Risk to Settlers of Catan. A 3D printer will be on hand to print out your very own D&D miniature! **Grades 6-12** register by calling (513) 369-4442.



*St. John the Baptist***FESTIVAL**

Harrison, OH

**2016 Festival Sponsors & Donors Needed**

If you are interested in sponsoring or donating to this year's summer festival, please take a look at our [Sponsor & Donation Form](#) for more information on the various opportunities that are available.

Super Raffle Tickets on Sale NOW!

Tickets for our 29th Annual Super Raffle are now available for purchase through the Parish Office. This is a reverse raffle with Early Bird Drawings. The winning early bird tickets will be put back in for the Sunday Drawing at no additional cost. Total of 44 winning tickets. \$21,500 total prize money! **Only 550 tickets will be sold.**

For Super Raffle rules and details, or to purchase tickets, use our printable [Super Raffle Entry Form](#) or visit the Parish Office between 8:30 AM & 4:30 PM (closed from 12-1 for lunch).

If you have any further questions, please contact Angie Land at aland@stjb.net or [513-367-9086 ext. 214](tel:513-367-9086).

Festival Entertainment

Please visit our [2016 Summer Festival Page](#) for a schedule of who will be performing this year!

