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## Sunday's Gospel MT 15:21-28

"I was sent only to the lost  
sheep of the house of Israel."

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

**Transportation Safety:** Welcome back! Aside from the usual start of the year transportation headaches, we've had a great beginning to our school year. Although they are not yet arriving as early as we might hope, the Southwest buses are getting faster every day, and will hopefully be following their usual schedules by the middle of next week for both arrival and dismissal. This year, we are gathering all the bus riders in the gymnasium at 3:30 p.m. as we await the arrival of each bus. Hopefully, this will prevent anyone missing his or her bus, and parents can rest assured all students are being safely put on correct buses at the day's end.

Please keep our children safe by arriving at school to pick up students between 3:20 and 3:25 p.m. and parking your car, facing Park Avenue. Parents should wait on the lines near the maintenance garage or close to your parked car, if you have little ones in car seats, but please wait until all students are safely in vehicles, and the signs turned to "go" before driving **anywhere** in the parking lot. Cars moving through a parking lot while students are walking is NOT a good idea, and therefore, not our dismissal procedure. The parking lot empties in just five minutes, once the all clear is given. Please share this important safety information with anyone who may be picking up your children.

**Calendar Changes:** We have made some recent changes to the school calendar. Most are reflective of the Southwest Local School calendar and you will see three of the *end-of-the-quarter early dismissal days* have been changed to *no school* for students. The changes provide families with some nice opportunities for family trips, and our eighth grade students also have an additional fall day, October 13<sup>th</sup>, available for shadowing at the catholic high schools. Please post the revised calendar and make note of these changes. This new calendar has been approved by the Catholic Schools' Office, and is being communicated to you two months in advance.

**Solar Eclipse:** As everyone has heard, this Monday includes a significant astronomical event, a solar eclipse, in which the sun appears to be blocked by the path of the moon. When this occurs, not only is it an unusual image, but danger to the retina is present as spectators are more likely to stare at the sun (never a good idea) for much longer than they usually might. While the entire event is taking place between 1:15 p.m. and 3:50 p.m. the eclipse is peaking around 2:30 p.m. Although there is certainly educational merit in this event, our school staff feels strongly we would rather not risk taking the chance of younger students looking at the sun and are keeping them indoors, except to walk to their school buses and cars at dismissal. By 3:30 p.m. the sun's appearance is unlikely to hold much draw. Students will be dismissed from the gymnasium, rather than waiting outside for buses. Teachers have a wide-option of programs and recordings to utilize to explain this event to students as it relates to astronomy in the days and weeks ahead.

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### Friday Folder Flyers

- Updated School Calendar
- Letter from Mrs. Bingle

### Reminders

- If you have not already done so, please return all forms received in your folder at Meet the Teacher
  - \* Emergency Med. Form
  - \* Parent/Student Agreement Form
  - \* Family Income Form
  - \* If applicable – Free and Reduced Lunch Form
  - \* Acceptable Use Form
  - \* Student Directory Permission Form
- **Kindergarten Parents, a copy of your child's birth certificate MUST be sent to the school office ASAP!**

### Physical Education Shorts

All students in Grades 4 – 8 are expected to wear the P.E. uniform shorts our school provides. If you need a pair, please let Mrs. Ziegler know as an order will be sent in on August 25. They are \$8.00 each.

Thank You!

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Mr. Schalk is sending home parent permission forms for the sixth through eighth grade students to take part in this event using student-made pinhole cameras. With their backs to the sun, students would essentially be observing a projected shadow, rather than looking directly at the sun. If families have purchased protective sunglasses, older students are welcome to bring them on Monday. Students will only be permitted to take part in this, with parental permission so please review and return the permission forms by Monday morning, if you are giving your consent for your child to take part in this science activity.

**Good News:** I have much good news to brag about our students and staff and look forward to sharing with you in the weeks ahead. Let's keep our partnership positive and our eyes lifted toward Christ as we work together for a great school year.

Have a blessed weekend!

# Join Cub Scouts!

## 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 fall signup night on Thursday, 8/31/2017, at 7 PM in the Cafeteria. Cub Scouts is open to all boys in Kindergarten thru 5th grades for the 2017-2018 school year.

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](mailto:jcombs10@gmail.com).



Girl Scouts.

# Can't Wait To Be A Girl Scout? Then Join Us And Become A Girl Scout Today!

*As a Girl Scout you will have the opportunity to:*

- *Make new friends*
- *Help your community*
- *Go on outings*

*...and have fun!*

Come and see what it means to be a Girl Scout at our upcoming parent information meeting. All girls and parents are welcome to come and learn more about Girl Scout opportunities here at St. John the Baptist. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm -7:30pm in the cafeteria. Current Girl Scouts will be on hand to talk to interested girls about their experiences within the organization and a local Girl Scout board member will be in attendance to speak to parents about volunteering opportunities for your daughter's troop level.

