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## Sunday's Gospel MK 12:38-44

"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues. ."

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## *A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN*

If you drive students to and from school, please note possible traffic re-routing may be necessary during the upcoming weeks as Duke Energy completes the replacement and repair of gas mains in Harrison neighborhoods. I have contacted customer service and met with the site foreman to request more information about the project so we may plan accordingly. If we are able to alert you in advance, an email notification will be sent, but in the meantime, drivers may wish to allow a little extra travel time in the mornings, in case a road leading to Park Avenue is inaccessible. Thanks for your cooperation as the community's safety and services are improved.

**Third Grade Reading Guarantee Update and Testing information has been sent home with parents of our Third grade students.** On Monday, November 16, St. Johns will administer the *Reading* section of the Form F of the Iowa assessments to our third grade students. Iowa tests for all subjects will also be administered (using a different test format) in the spring to all students in grades three through seven. In addition, all students benefitting from any type of Ohio scholarship must participate in the spring state testing. This will be greatly abbreviated in comparison to last year's PARRC assessments, but participation in these sessions is required in order to renew scholarships. Private school students taking the Iowa tests are not being retained, based upon the results of their reading performance, but we are using the Iowa results, DIBELS, and quarterly Star One scores to identify and progress monitor students needing additional reading intervention. Students on scholarships *may* be promoted, based upon meeting the requirements for a waiver, having poor reading performance on the state tests, but good results on the Iowa assessments or earning a passing score on the state reading test. This is why the Catholic Schools' Offices have made the decision to direct parish schools to offer repeated administrations of the Iowa tests. As a school, we have committed to maintaining a strong reading program by investing in professional development for the teachers, selecting a school reading program featuring leveled reading instructional materials within heterogeneous homerooms, increasing the time and money available for supportive reading instruction, and purchasing a new, research-based, leveled reading intervention system for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students. Please make sure your third grade student is well-rested and prepared to do his or her best on November 16.



### Friday Folder Flyers

- Missionary Childhood Raffle Letter
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Volunteer Letters for Breakfast with Santa

### *Reminders*

A letter from Sr. Rose went home today for the Christmas raffle benefiting the Missionary Childhood Association. The raffle tickets will be distributed next Friday, November 13.

### **YMCA NOW HIRING**

School Age Child Care Staff  
Hours (Split Shift) 6:30 – 9:00 am and  
3:00 – 6:00 pm  
Location: St. John's Harrison  
Area: Child Care

The candidate must be 18 years of age and a High School graduate or equivalent. Must have experience in a school age program, and must be certified in First Aid or willing to become certified.

For more information, please contact Ashley Huckaby, Family Life Director. Her email is [ahuckaby@cincinnatiymca.org](mailto:ahuckaby@cincinnatiymca.org).

### **Veteran's Day Program**



On Tuesday, November 10, 2015, we will have a Veteran's Day Assembly in the gymnasium at 9:30 a.m. The students will be honoring our veterans with songs, musical selections, and movement activities. You are invited to attend and help us salute those who have served our country and those currently serving. Please extend this invitation to any Veteran you might know. Thank you!

**PTC Meeting** - The next PTC meeting will be held on Thursday November 12 at 7:00 pm in the Jr. High Building. Note this is the **second Thursday, rather than the third**, due to conferences. Come to receive updates on fundraisers and to discuss new initiatives.



**Breakfast with Santa** will be held Saturday, December 5, 2015. There will be 2 seating's available at 9:00 and 11:00 am. The price is \$5.00 per person. Santa's workshop will also be open during the breakfast. The pancake/sausage breakfast is sponsored by McDonalds.

**Breakfast with Santa** is also in need of volunteers! We need adult and kid volunteers to assist with food preparation, serving the breakfast, cookie decorating, and craft tables. Let's make it a great breakfast for the kids!!! Contact Sarah Hunter at 513- 236-6190 or email [CTShunter@gmail.com](mailto:CTShunter@gmail.com) to volunteer or ask questions.

**COMING SOON!!!****ST. JOHN'S 2016 LOTTERY TICKETS**

The 2016 Lottery Tickets are on their way. Look for them in next week's Friday folder along with information on prizes and incentives for this year's top sellers.

Christmas is still 1 ½ months away, but you can do most of your shopping by giving Lottery Tickets to everyone on your list.

**Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** – In order for your 8<sup>th</sup> grader's records to be sent to their prospective high schools, a Release of Records form needs to be signed and sent to the SJB's school office. You can get the Release forms from the high school or their website. Most high schools require us to send the students records to them before December 4 in order to be considered for scholarships. Your prompt attention is appreciated.

**Parish and Other News**

**Mother of Mercy High School** is pleased to host the High School Placement Test each Fall. Students can take the test at any high school in which they can enroll (Mercy accepts female registrants only) and have the option of sending their results to up to three different schools. Testing date is Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. The test fee is \$30. Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. in the lower parking lot and enter the building through the gym lobby. (Pick up at 12 p.m.) To register now, please visit our website [www.motherofmercy.org/HSPT](http://www.motherofmercy.org/HSPT) For more information about special accommodations information, please visit our website or contact Scott Ridder, Mercy's School Psychologist at [ridder\\_s@motherofmercy.org](mailto:ridder_s@motherofmercy.org) or 661.2740 ext. 363.

**High School Placement Test Prep Course**

Mercy offers the HSPT Prep Course to any student who may enroll in this school (female registrants only). Students can choose from the morning (8:15 - 11:30 a.m.) or afternoon (12:45 - 4:00 p.m.) course on Saturday, November 14, 2015. This optional preparation program is designed to strengthen your test-taking skills, help you master time-management strategies, give you the opportunity to take practice HSPT tests, motivate and build on your self-confidence and show you exactly what to expect on test day. To register please visit our website at [www.motherofmercy.org/HSPT](http://www.motherofmercy.org/HSPT)

**Future Bobcat Theatre Night**

Grade school students of all ages are invited to Mercy's Fall musical, The Sound of Music on Thursday, November 19 at 7:30pm in Mercy's theatre. Future Bobcats enjoy discounted (\$6) tickets, a free Mercy give-away, as well as "curtain talk" (cast and crew Q&A) and photo opportunity. (Regular ticket-priced shows run November 13, 14, 19, and 20, 21 at 7:30 p.m., and November 15 at 2 p.m.) Purchase tickets in Mercy's main office: 661.2740 ext. 301.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the special All Saints Day Lotto winner! Rachel Roell Won \$300. The winning ticket was sold by Mark Roell. It was pulled by Sylvia Ruthven & Angie Land.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the weekly Lotto winner! Caryn Mundstock won \$100 for the week of 11/2. The winning ticket was sold by D. Wilhelm - Land. It was pulled by Sylvia Ruthven & Angie Land.



Seton High School is hosting a **Financial Aid Information Night** on **Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Seton is offering two free High School Placement Test Prep Review classes from **3:30 -5:00 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 11(Math)** and **Tues., Nov. 18 (Language Arts)**. Please enter through the Commons/Auditorium doors. The **High School Placement Test** takes place on **Saturday, Nov. 21 at 8:30 a.m.** Please register for ALL of these events on Seton's website at [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org) under the Admissions tab. If you have any questions, please contact Seton's Director of Advancement, Sarah Cranley Lykins, at [513-471-2600 ext. 195](tel:513-471-2600).

### St. John's Turkey Dinner and Craft Show

The annual St. John the Baptist Turkey Dinner and Craft Show is **Sunday, November 8** and your help is needed to make it a success!

Turkey Dinner will be served in the school cafeteria from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Carry-out dinners can also be purchased in the hallway outside of the cafeteria. The Vendor Craft Show will be in the school gym from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

We are in need of many workers. Your help is needed to make this parish event a success. **It is an excellent opportunity for student to earn service hours.** Please use the following links to sign up to help with the turkey dinner and/or to donate desserts.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Roell at [513-218-7292](tel:513-218-7292) or [eroell87@gmail.com](mailto:eroell87@gmail.com) or Cathy Grimm at [513-367-6071](tel:513-367-6071).

St. John's Turkey Dinner Worker Sign-Ups

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca9ad2ea13-stjohns>

St. John's Dessert Donation Sign-Ups

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eaea628abfb6-stjohn3>

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER  
 & VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW**  
**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**11:00 AM - 6:00 PM**  
 Dine-in or Carry-out  
 Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children \$5, Under 6 Free!  
 Vendor/Craft Show Hours:  
**12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
 509 Harrison Ave, Harrison, OH | 513-367-9086