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## Sunday's Gospel LK 1:39-45

"Blessed are you among  
women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb..."

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Looking Ahead A graphic of a hand holding a pencil, pointing to the right, with the words "Looking Ahead" written in a cursive font above it.

## January

- 4 - School Resumes
- 13 - Spirit Wear Day
- 18 - MLK Day - No School
- 24 - Open House

## **A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN**

As we prepare for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas, rejoice in the opportunity to enjoy extended time with your sons and daughters, without the constant rushing to get to games and practices and to finish homework and projects. We are praying for healing and recovery for all those who have had recent surgeries, illness, or injury and peace, prosperity, and wellness to all for 2016. Thank you, God, for the greatest gift of all - your son, Jesus!

**The Christmas Mass Schedule at St. John the Baptist is as follows:**

Christmas Eve 3:00 p.m. in church or 3:15 p.m. in the gym  
5:30 p.m. in church or Midnight Mass in  
church (prelude at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 noon in church

New Year's Eve 5:30 p.m. in church

New Year's Day 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 noon in church

**Reminder: First 2016 VIRTUS session is on Monday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to register and get a background check. This is required training for all those planning to coach, volunteer with youth in a parish, or accompany students on class trips.**

**The Aubrey Rose Foundation has awarded high school scholarships to many St. John the Baptist students over the years as well as contributed to many agencies, such as The Ronald McDonald House, since their beginning. Now is our chance to help them help others!**

The foundation has the opportunity to win \$20,000 in a contest sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation and Cincinnati Business Courier. The nonprofit organization receiving the most votes will win. Voting closes on December 31. One vote per email address is permitted. You can vote at

<http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/feature/gcf/2015/11cincinnati-stories-poll.html>.

As we begin our celebration of the Year of Mercy, Sister Rose wishes to thank all those who contributed to the December raffle. With everyone's help, we were able to collect \$1,249 to send to the missions. Thanks and Blessings!

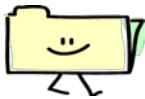
Thanks to all those who lovingly contributed gently used stuffed animals for patients at the Shriners Hospital. Every child needs something soft to cuddle and this is especially true when you are scared or in pain. Thank you for rising to the challenge and sharing your stuffed friends with others.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The toiletry items brought in by our students will go far helping all of those working with the Mary Magdeline House. It is difficult for most of us to appreciate how a fresh toothbrush and toothpaste or the opportunity to stay clean with soap and shampoo is a true blessing for many. Your contributions are much appreciated.



**Toy and Clothing Sale** – This is a good time to clean out your closets for the Toy and Clothing Sale. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 5, 2016. Any questions, call or email Jennifer Reis at 513-367-0140 or [dkreis4@gmail.com](mailto:dkreis4@gmail.com).

**SALE**



### Friday Folder Flyers

- Skating Place Coupons
- Harrison Elementary Karate

**Thank you** for all of the wonderful presents and treats! I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Mr. Feist

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

### **Not finished Christmas Shopping Yet?**

*Why not give the gift that can give more in 2016 and purchase a 2016 StJB Lotto Ticket for those on your gift giving list. A total of \$10,000 will be given away in 2016!*

**\$1000 (1) Winner on Christmas & (1) on Easter**

**\$500 (1) Winner on July 4<sup>th</sup> & (1) on Thanksgiving Day**

**\$300 (1) Winner on January 1<sup>st</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup> (Fr. Kemper's Birthday), June 24 (Feast of St. John the Baptist), September 5<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day), November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day), & December 31**

**\$100 Winner Each Week of the Year**

*There are lots of family incentives & school incentives! And REMEMBER THIS YEAR, we are giving away a iPad!*

#### FAMILY INCENTIVES:

For **EVERY 5 TICKETS** a family sells - each **STUDENT** in the family receives an **“OUT of Uniform Pass”** for a day of their choice to be used by the end of this school year (May 2016). Cannot be used on Mass Days. This prize is cumulative.

For **EVERY 5 TICKETS** a family sells - the **FAMILY GETS** a CHANCE in the **“DRAWING FOR A iPad”**! This prize is cumulative also meaning the **MORE** you **SELL** the **MORE CHANCES** your family gets for a chance to **WIN** the iPad!

For **EVERY 15 TICKETS** a family sells - they will get **“1 FREE LOTTO Ticket”** to be placed in the 2016 SJB Lotto. When a Family sells **20 TICKETS** – each student in the family will receive **“A SPECIAL LUNCH” off SJB campus**. Date will be announced at a later time. Ask the students about the Lunch in past year..... WOW – they have GREAT TIME!

The top 4 Selling Families will receive a **\$25 Scrip Gift Certificate** of their choice.

Sell **25 TICKETS** & the family gets entered into a drawing for a chance to win a **\$100 Scrip Gift Certificate** of their choice! For every 5 families who sell 25 tickets, another \$100 Scrip Gift Certificate will be given away! For example, 10 different families each sell 25 tickets, (2) \$100 Scrip Gift Certificates will be awarded

Sell **50 TICKETS** – the family will receive a **\$100 Scrip Gift Certificate of their Choice**. This may seem impossible, but we had families who accomplished this the last few years!

#### SCHOOL INCENTIVE:

When StJB SELLS **1500 LOTTO TICKETS** for the 2016 LOTTO, that's **\$30,000 in Lotto Ticket Sales**.....

We will have a .....

**SPRING CARNIVAL WITH FOOD, GAMES AND PRIZES!**

**A DAY OF FUN AT SCHOOL!**

So, **SELL, SELL, SELL!** These tickets will sell themselves when you advertise all the wonderful things associated with the sale! This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved – there are so many opportunities to **WIN, BENEFIT & CONTRIBUTE** for students, teachers, parishioners, families and people from near & far! **ALL SOLD Tickets NEED TO BE RETURNED by JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup> to BE ELIGIBLE FOR INCENTIVES. The iPad Drawing will be held on Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### The 2014 - 2015 Yearbooks FINALLY arrived!

If you ordered one, you should have or will be receiving your copy this week! If you ordered one and do not receive one, PLEASE contact Chrissy McAlister at [chrissymcalister@me.com](mailto:chrissymcalister@me.com) or [513-608-3864](tel:513-608-3864). If you did not order one but would like to buy one. We did order a very limited number of extra yearbooks and they are available for sale in the school office. The soft cover yearbooks are \$25 and for a hard cover \$33. Checks can be made payable to St. John's.

We are preparing for the 2015 - 2016 yearbook. Remember any pictures taken throughout the year can be eligible for the school yearbook. We can't include them though, if we don't have them. So please forward any group pictures or pictures of special StJB events that you think would be good for the yearbook to [stjbyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:stjbyearbook@gmail.com). If you are someone who takes lots of pictures throughout the year of StJB events and would be willing to provide your pictures on a continuous basis for use in the 2015 - 2016 yearbook, please contact Chrissy McAlister or John Drees. With a Flickr/yahoo account, you can upload your pictures to StJB School site and we can use some of them for the yearbook.

## Parish and Other News

### JANUARY LIBRARY ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL:

**Ebranch Help Night** – Do you want to learn how to borrow downloadable material from the library? Bring in your new device on **Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m.** and we will help you get started. Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:513-369-4442).

#### ADULTS' JANUARY ATTRACTIONS:

**Inspiring Reads!** Join us for the first meeting of our new adult book club! We will be discussing *A Promise Kept* by Robin Lee Hatcher on **Monday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Books are available at the branch. All are welcome.

**Lost Cincinnati** – Meet **Jeff Suess**, the author of *Lost Cincinnati* on **Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.** *Lost Cincinnati* details many stories which helped Cincinnati earn the nickname “Queen City of the West”. Join Mr. Suess to learn more about Cincinnati's history on a variety of topics including transportation, entertainment, business and more. Books will be available for sale and signing. Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:513-369-4442).

**Alzheimer's: Know the 10 Signs, Early Detection Matters** – If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Join Carolyn Ferris RN of the Alzheimer's Association for an interactive workshop on **Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:513-369-4442).

#### KIDS' JANUARY ATTRACTIONS:

**Legos in the Library!** Bring your friends and family to build amazing Lego creations on **Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.** **Ages 12 & under with caregiver** – register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:513-369-4442).

**School's Out: Crafty Kids** – Get crafty at the library on **Monday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m.** We'll provide the supplies and let your imagination do the rest! Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:513-369-4442). **Ages 5-12 with caregiver.**

**Princess Bingo!** Enjoy a story and play Princess Bingo for a chance to win prizes! Come dressed as your favorite princess. **Saturday, January 23 at 10:30 a.m.** Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:513-369-4442). **Ages 12 & under with caregiver.**

#### TEENS' JANUARY ATTRACTIONS:

**5<sup>th</sup> Wave Challenge!** In preparation of the **5<sup>th</sup> Wave** movie release, come to the library to participate in a 5<sup>th</sup>Wave inspired game on **Thursday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m.** The winner receives tickets for the movie! **Grades 6-12** register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:513-369-4442)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the weekly Lotto winner! Jennifer Adams won \$100 for the week of 12/14. The winning ticket was sold by The Smith Family.



### PARISH LIFE NEWS & EVENTS

**BOOK CLUB – LOOKING FOR MORE BOOK WORMS** - The next SJB Book Club gathering will be held on **Saturday, January 2, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. back in the Community Room.** The book we will be reading is “*The Storied Life of A. J. Fickry*” by Gabrielle Zevin and can be found at the Harrison Branch Library. Just tell them you are with St. John's Book Club. All adults over 18 are invited to take part. Please feel free to bring a friend. Contact Kay Dahmann @ 367-9134.

**R.O.M.E.O.’S (Retired Old Men Eating Out)** – Thanks to all of the men who have come out to support this activity throughout 2015 – always looking for more participants. Drag your friends along with you. We hope you have met and made new friends. Join the lunch bunch for the next ROMEO’S lunch which will be held on **Tuesday, January 5th at 11:30 a.m. at Monk’s Kitchen** on Harrison Avenue near Dry Fork Road. Please come and bring a friend. Any questions or if you wish to RSVP, please call Tom Dahmann @ 367-9134.

**COFFEE, CHOCOLATE & CRAFTS** – Looking for crafters who like to share what they do. Are you that someone? If so, we need you **OR** maybe you want to meet and make new friends and just share fellowship. You do not need to be a crafter to come. Please join us for our first gathering in 2016 on **Saturday, January 9th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room.** If you want additional information or have any questions, please contact Pam Reiter @ 513-738-1710. This event is open to all and children under the age of 18 are always welcome when accompanied by an adult

**ROSE’S CHAIN GANG: CROCHET** – Beginner’s always welcome. **Classes will resume on January 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room.** Please contact Rose Marie Page @ (513) 353-1435 if you have any questions.

**J.U.L.I.E.T.’S (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together)** Thanks ladies for your amazing support for this event. Now, please mark your calendars for the next JULIET luncheon which will be held on **Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at Monk’s Kitchen** on Harrison Avenue near Dry Fork Road. **It will be a Valentine theme event.** If you haven’t joined in the fun yet, come see what you’ve been missing and bring a friend. Call Phyllis Morris @ (513) 202-0449 to RSVP and/or for further information. You don’t need to RSVP to attend - just come anytime you can make it.

**CALLING ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES** – Are you looking for a new adventure? Want to meet and make new friends? Want to have fun and fellowship? Then please come and find out more about the SJB Parish Life Team. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Enrichment Center (in the Harrison Avenue Building).** If you have any question, please contact Patty Dean @ (513) 367-9814 or [padean72@hotmail.com](mailto:padean72@hotmail.com).