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**Or just stop by!**

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# Lourdes Catholic School H & S Newsletter



## Father Jason reflects on memories of his First Communion

I can remember a few things about my First Holy Communion. Before going to church my parents stopped by my grandparent's house to take pictures while wearing my first three-piece suit. It was blue with pin stripes, I had shiny shoes and a clip on tie. That's the very first time I remember dressing up for something special. I also received this special kit with a rosary, a scapular, a book entitled "My First Communion" and it also came with shiny pin of a chalice for my lapel.

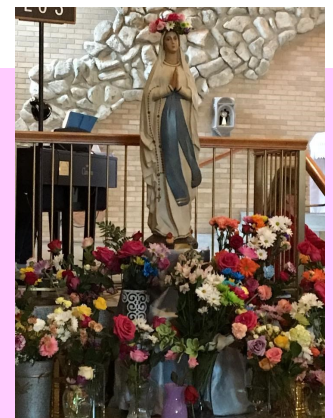
I can't say I completely understood the Holy Eucharist and I suppose none of us can completely understand this awesome mystery of God's presence given to us. I did know that it was a very special occasion and that I would for the very first time, get to do what mom and dad did, when they went up for communion. It was exciting and it was a relief because I could now go up with my parents to receive communion. In those days we had to stay in the pew – it was not part of the culture to bring children up in the communion line. I'm glad it is now – I never did much care for being left in the pew! Even for a short time!

I hope we all can rejoice at the great love God has for us, especially as we are invited to receive his love in Holy Communion every Sunday. I encourage all of us to treasure every Sunday, making our week and our lives holy by renewing ourselves on the gift of Jesus, the spiritual nourishment that gives us grace each day and the promise of everlasting life!

May God Bless You,

Father Jason

Thank you for sending flowers for our May Crowning Mass!



**A message from our Faith Formation Board President—Mike Puthoff**

Here are a few updates from the Faith Formation Board.

2017-2018 Board of Education Members – The Faith Formation Board is seeking nominations for board members. Individuals looking to contribute to the future growth of our school are encouraged to submit a nomination form. Those with experience in marketing, grant writing, web design, budgeting, Assumption High School, or education are particularly needed on the board. Questions call Tyler Edwards or Teresa Heden, Faith Formation Board Members, at 847-323-7922 (Tyler) or 563-723-2560 (Teresa) or by email: edwardstylerm@gmail.com or mommaheden@gmail.com. Either Tyler or Teresa can send you a form. The deadline to turn in the form is Friday, May 5th.

Kindergarten Class Next Year – At the last Faith Formation Board meeting, a motion was passed to cap the kindergarten class at 24 students and only have one section of kindergarten next year unless interest increases. We will start a wait list and once we get up to a list of six students, we will consider adding a second section. We had hoped to have two sections of kindergarten, but our numbers do not justify a second kindergarten section at this time. Please continue to share the Lourdes message and tell people about our school and community. If you know families who are looking for a high quality faith based kindergarten education, encourage them to visit our school.

Name Change to Board of Education starting in 2017-2018 – What was once old is new again! Years ago our board was called the Board of Education. It was then changed to the Faith Formation Board to reflect the work the board did in the school and also with religious education programs. While Faith Formation does describe what we do, it is a confusing title to so many people (including me when we first started at Lourdes Catholic School). Since our primary work deals with the school, the board decided to start the transition in title back to the Board of Education. We will officially change our name on July 1, 2017. Our work and purpose will not change, only our name. We will be distributing more information in the coming months about the name change.



As always, you can find our meeting dates and minutes on the website. If you have questions, let me know.

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 2016-2017 Faith Formation Board President  
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Faith Formation Board Meeting Minutes can be found [here](#).

**Introducing our 2017/2018 Home & School President—Nicki Johnson**

I am excited to share the 2017-18 Home & School Board after today's elections. The new members will be joining us for the May meeting. Congratulate and welcome them when you see them!

President - Nicki Johnson

President Elect - Jeni Favetti

Ex Officio - Jenny Grobstitch

Treasurer - Karen Moldt (through the end of 2017 and then will transition)

Treasurer Elect - Mary Guy (transition to Treasurer in 2018)

Secretary - Jessica Stubbs

Volunteer Coordinators - Brooke Heckinger and Carla Lemek

Hospitality Coordinators - Lindsey Jennings and Kelly Kruck

Room Parent Coordinators - Meghan Cornish and Amber Edwards

Publicity - Kris Girskis

New Family Ambassadors - Angie Kaney and Anne Camarena



Would you like to get involved but don't have a lot of time to give? How about being a room parent? Room parents help organize supplies and activities for class holiday parties. It's a great way to be a part of your child's class & get to know their friends & their parents. For more info or to volunteer for your child's class, next year, email Meghan [mpd799@yahoo.com](mailto:mpd799@yahoo.com) or Amber [fisheramberr@gmail.com](mailto:fisheramberr@gmail.com).



Preschool and Prekindergarten families will be celebrating the end of the school-year on Thursday, May 18th, 5:30-7:30pm at the Bettendorf Family Museum. Pizza and cookies will be provided!

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

2 Day Preschool - Thursday, May 18th

3 Day Preschool - Friday, May 19th

AM/PM Prekindergarten - Thursday, May 18th

K-8th Grade - Friday, June 2nd (11:30am)



Thank you again to all who supported the Lourdes Starry Night Fundraiser. The fundraiser was a great success and we are extremely thankful for the generous support of the LCS community. We raised over \$60,000!

Thanks to all of YOU, we will be able to..

- Provide over \$30K toward the middle school science lab
- Replenish the Field Trip Fund, allowing LCS students to participate in various offsite programs throughout the school year (ie. 3rd grade trip to Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City)
- Replace up to thirteen desktop computers and five faculty laptops
- Purchase Reading/Language Arts textbooks for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades
- Potentially purchase Social Studies textbooks for 2nd-5th grades and/or Next Generation Science Standards for 5th-7th grades

**A Big Thank You to the following families, for selling raffle tickets.**

Anselm, Applegate, Armstong, Behnke, Brandenburg, Burman, Burnett, Cabrera, Carroll, Carroll, Cornish, Cox, Crigger, Darling, Delp-Brantner, Derscha, Dodson, Dyer, Dyer, Elledge, Emerle, Etame, Fabiani, Favetti, Foley, Formas, Garciapena, Gartner, Gillitzer, Gimbel, Gimbel, Giovannini, Grobstich, Guy, Halligan, Hayes, Heckinger, Heden, Henson, Herzog, Hoffman, Hurley, Ilginis, Johnson, Jurkowski, Kaney, Kotula, Lavery, Lawrence, Leinart, Lemek, McFate, McLaughlin, Melchert, Merritt, Miller, Moldt, Moore, Morlok, Mosher, Myers, Nikulski, Nyquist, Porter, Preston, Price, Puthoff, Quijas, Reasoner, Reilly, Ritchie, Roach, Robinson, Roeder, Ruhl, Snyder, Stehn, Stephens, Stoflet, Stubbs, Swearinger, Tandy, Timmerman, Tressel, VanSeveren, Wermes, Wilson, Youngberg, Zude

Thank you again for supporting Lourdes Catholic School!

2016/2017 Starry Night Fundraiser Committee

**Updates from the Church Office....**

Our Lady of Lourdes was part of a catastrophic storm claim with the Diocese of Davenport. The Church will be getting a new roof starting June 5. The parish office, PAC, storage and rectory garages are all scheduled for replacement. The project is estimated to take 60 days to complete.

Movers are scheduled to pack up the library books and relocate shelves on June 12, with the carpet installation soon to follow. That project is scheduled to be completed on June 20.

The School and Parish Offices will be closing at noon on Friday's during the summer.





# Trivia Night

Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 6:15pm

Trivia starts at 7:00pm

Lourdes Catholic School Gym

Hosted by Mr. Trivia

Tables of 8

BYO nibbles & drinks

\*This is an adult only event\*

Teams must register in advance by May 8<sup>th</sup>

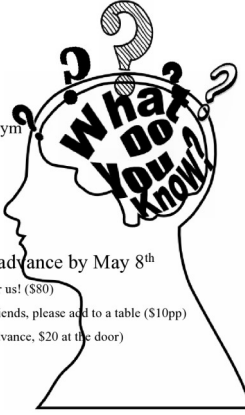
- Yes, please reserve a table for us! (\$80)
- I'd/We'd like to make new friends, please add to a table (\$10pp)
- Mulligans/Doublers (\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door)

Name:

Phone #:

Email:

\*Please send in this form and your money to LCS attn: Sarah Snyder  
\*Checks payable to Lourdes Catholic School \*Any questions please email sjhyclone@aol.com



# FELLOWSHIP

LCS Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff!

Let's celebrate the end of the school year together.  
Please join us for...

## Lourdes Catholic School's Potluck at the Park

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00-8:30 PM

Veterans Memorial Park

1645 23rd Street, Bettendorf

Bandshell Shelter

Cocktail sandwiches will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share, lawn chairs, and beverages of your choice! The Bandshell shelter, stage and sand volleyball courts have been reserved.  
RSVP by Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at [lourdescatholic.org/page/potluck](http://lourdescatholic.org/page/potluck)



In the event of inclement weather, the potluck will be rescheduled at a later date/time.  
For questions, please contact Jenny Grobstich at [jgrobstich@gmail.com](mailto:jgrobstich@gmail.com).

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES SETS SAIL FOR VBS



JUNE 26-30, 2017

# FAITH

### Lourdes Summer Program

We are excited to celebrate the summer with your child! Our summer will be filled with fun activities, learning opportunities, and lots of outdoor play at the Lourdes Summer Program!

Since we want to give your child the opportunity to participate in activities, games, and learning appropriate to their age, we will be dividing the kids into groups throughout the day. Remember, your child's age will be based on the grade they are going to be in for the 2017-18 school year. Field trips will be scheduled throughout the summer. You will be notified of our field trips via email.

Our registration sheets are attached, and should be completed and returned no later than Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. You can register for particular weeks, or certain days of the week. Or, you can register for be with us for the entire summer!

Once you are registered to attend the summer program, you will receive more information about the details of the program, including drop off, special events, permission slips, and any other paperwork you will need to complete.

#### SCHEDULE

We will be utilizing the Little Lancer Center and the school classrooms, gym, computer/library space, and Big Toy playground. Our programs are open from 7:00-5:30 Monday-Friday, with the exception of Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our preschool, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten students will have the option of signing up for summer care June 5<sup>th</sup>- August 18<sup>th</sup>. Our 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the option of signing up for summer care June 5<sup>th</sup>- August 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*Please note: There will NOT be summer care available for the 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students August 14<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# FUN

# FAMILY

# SO MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT LOURDES!



We've raised \$1,148.70 in box tops rewards this year! Way to go LCS!

We hope to finish the year strong with one last SCRIP and Box Tops contest, in the coming weeks! Details coming soon!



\$257,378.09 in SCRIP sold!

### What does SCRIP pay for?

- Classroom parties
- Classroom supplies
- Fieldtrip Fund
- Lego robotics
- Bingo Night
- Drama Club
- Mock Trial
- Battle Books
- Field Day
- Fine Arts Club
- Chess Club
- Brag Tags
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Reading Counts
- Prayer Buddies
- Red Ribbon Week
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- Unpack the Backpack
- Variety Show
- Visiting Authors
- Yearbook Club
- Career Fair
- Popsicles in the Park
- Spelling Bee
- Catholic Schools Week
- Middle School Events
- Playground equipment
- 8th grade graduation
- Parish Contribution

[SCRIP order form \(in stock\)](#)

[SCRIP order form \(need to order\)](#)

Do you shop at Schnucks? Schnucks has a rewards card that gives back to local schools. Pick up a rewards card at the checkout counter and go to <http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/index.jsp> and select Lourdes, as your designee.

Don't forget to setup your AmazonSmile account! It's an easy way to direct a percentage of sales back too LCS! Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you!



### SHOP LOCAL!

K & K Hardware: Located in downtown Bettendorf at 1818 Grant Street, K & K Hardware will give 5% of your total purchase to Lourdes Catholic School if you mention it to the cashier upon check out. Sales items, net items and tax are not included.

## Sacraments

### Strengthening God's Family

The seven sacraments that we celebrate as Catholics are some of the most rich and robust parts of our faith. They are wonderful gifts from God that show us that he is present in our lives. Each sacrament has physical aspects that help us experience with our five senses the grace that God gives us through the sacrament. This grace heals, strengthens, and grows his family, the Church.

Like anything that we experience frequently, sacraments can sometimes become part of our routine. When things become routine, we tend to forget how special and meaningful they truly are. This time of year we celebrate a lot of sacramental first's and it's a great opportunity to pause our routine and take a look at what makes each sacrament awesome.

### Sacraments of Initiation

#### Baptism

Sons and daughters of God are adopted into his family as heirs to eternal life through Jesus' death and resurrection. Parents promise to teach a baby about God and the Church. Adult can receive baptism too! The whole church celebrates the growth of God's family. Making the Sign of the Cross with holy water each time we come to Mass helps us to remember that through baptism, we belong to God's family.



Saturday

#### Eucharist

The family of the God gathers at Mass to celebrate together. Just like any family, God's family shares a meal. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, we receive Jesus' body and blood and remember the meal he shared with his disciples at the Last Supper. We also remember his sacrifice for us on the cross. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist fills us with love and peace and strengthens us to share his love with others.



Sunday

#### Confirmation

After a time of preparing through prayer, study, reflection, service, and fellowship and a baptized member of God's family makes a commitment to the Church that they want to live as a disciple of Jesus. The bishop confers the sacrament and through the power of the Holy Spirit, God's sons and daughters receive the charisms, or gifts we need to continue grow closer to God and to serve him, and his family well.



**Please welcome our new lunch program director - Dawn Korth!**

Q: Where did you grown up?

A: Parkview

Q: Where do you live now?

A: Bettendorf

Q: Where did you work, before coming to Lourdes?

A: The kitchen of a Bettendorf elementary school

Q: Do you have kids?

A: Yes, three boys, ages 23, 21 and 17.

Don't forget to check your [lunch account](#) balance! Any remaining funds can be rolled over into next school year.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: popcorn

Q: What is your favorite meal to cook?

A: Spaghetti and sauce

Q: What is one thing about you, that might surprise people?

A: I love to golf.

Q: What is your favorite thing about working at Lourdes?

A: The people!

**Athletics**—Mr. Clark is still hoping to have enough people signed up for the following events. Please email him if you are interested in signing up.

June 14th - Dyersville Trip

July 7th - 1:20pm Chicago Cubs vs. Pittsburgh Pirates Game

**Scouts**



Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby and Potluck on April 8th. We had a great turnout of family and friends to cheer on the boys. Our Speed Demon Trophy for the fastest car, went to Aiden Dyer.



**Coming Up!**

May 8-12 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 12 LCS Spring Trivia Night

May 13 LCS Family Picnic <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea8ad2fa1f49-lcspotluck1>

May 18 AM/PM PreK End of Year Celebration

May 18 Spring Concert

May 31 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony & Mass

June 1 Field Day

[Full Calendar](#)