



LOURDES

Home & School

Newsletter

MARCH 2021



MESSAGE FROM LOURDES

Greetings, Families!

I hope everyone is planning to participate in the Virtual **Lourdes Starry Night** Auction during the week of March 22. Winning bidders can pick up their items on Saturday, March 27th at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion. **Thank you to our parent volunteers who are working hard to get this organized.** Where would we be without all of the fabulous parents at Lourdes?

Pre-registration season is upon us here at Lourdes. If you know any families interested in Catholic education, please encourage them to **contact me** for more information and/or a tour. The pre-registration fee (doc fee for PreK) is \$100 per child. We have openings for all ages.

In case you missed it, Our Lady of Lourdes has been blessed with a seminarian! His name is Isaac Doucette, and you can read more about him in **this bulletin**. Isaac visits the school every Thursday and has been leading our school in the morning prayer and pledge on Thursdays. He is a fun addition to our day on Thursdays!

Don't forget that the Board of Education meets once a month on a Tuesday. Contact **Tom Melchert**, President, or go to **this link** for more information about the meetings, which are still being held via Zoom. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 23rd at 6pm.

Our 5th and 8th graders enjoyed the musical **Shrek**, performed at Assumption High School on March 4th. We are blessed to have had the opportunity for a safe off-site field trip – the first one in a long time! Thank you, Assumption, for the invitation.

Lourdes students enjoyed their visits from Fr. Jason and Fr. John March 4th – rescheduled from Catholic Schools Week. It was reported to me that the reaction of Fr. Jason and Fr. John relaying all of the fun stories to each other afterwards had both of them laughing!

May God Bless You,

Jennifer Alongi

Jennifer Alongi
Lourdes Catholic School Principal

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The board continues to work with Ms. Alongi and members of the staff as we make plans for the 2021-2022 school year, including the overall budget, Covid-19 related issues and extra-curricular activities.

We were pleased to see athletic competition return under the guidance of our new Athletic Director Dan Colbrese.

The board has been very happy with the small number of Covid-19 cases the school has incurred this school year and appreciates the guidance and leadership Ms. Alongi has provided. We look forward to continued strides for the students and staff toward life after Covid-19.



Tom Melchert
Board of Education President



UPCOMING Events

- MAR 3 K-8 Early Out
- MAR 5 K-8 NUT (No Uniform Today) Day!
8th Grade Career Fair
- MAR 9 K-8 Early Out
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- MAR 10 K-8 Early Out
NO PRESCHOOL / PREK CLASSES
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- MAR 11 K-8 Early Out
NO PRESCHOOL / PREK CLASSES
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- MAR 12 NO SCHOOL
- MAR 13 Safe Haven Sunday (Year 2)
- MAR 14 Safe Haven Sunday (Year 2)
- MAR 15 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- MAR 16 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- MAR 17 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- MAR 18 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- MAR 19 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- MAR 23 Board of Education Zoom Meeting
- MAR 24 K-8 Early Out
- MAR 26 **K-8 11:30AM DISMISSAL**
- MAR 31 K-8 Early Out



THE LENTEN SEASON

We asked ten Lourdes families how they're celebrating the Lenten season. These are some creative things they're giving up, taking on, praying for, or giving to.

1 My wife and I both deactivated our social media accounts. It's been wonderful to reconnect with each other and our children without distraction.

2 We gave up buying things we don't absolutely need. For us, this has been a great way to thank God for what we already have.

3 Our family gave up fast food! No more grabbing something quick on our way to practices. We've been much more intentional with our meals.

4 Unbeknownst to my children, I decided to not a break a hug during Lent. When my children give me a hug I refuse to be the first to let go.

5 Our family selects one friend or family member to pray for every day. We spent five minutes doing an intentional family prayer for that person.

6 Our family gave up snacking after dinner. Instead, we try to go for a family walk, play a game, or watch a movie together.

7 We are donating \$10 a day to different charities. We've selected forty charities to support throughout the season.

8 My daughter is mailing a letter or card to someone every day. At the end she writes "Just want you to know I'm grateful for you!"

9 I made it my goal to thank my spouse or give them a compliment three times a day. Trying to be more vocal with my love during Lent.

10 I'm allowing myself 30-minutes to rest every day. I can't pour from an empty cup.



HOME & SCHOOL

The month of March always seems to go very fast for me. There is always a lot going on and much to look forward to, especially at our school. First, we have the opportunity to visit with our child's teacher at spring conferences and learn all the wonderful things they are doing at school. Then, we get a break to spend some time with our families - hopefully outdoors in the sun!!

And then we have our big fundraiser, Starry Night at the end of the month! We are very excited this year and have a lot of new auction items. You may also choose to make a donation to help fund important technology and individual teacher needs. This year will again be virtual but we have some surprises up our sleeves, so get excited for March 22-March 27 for all the fun to come!

Finally, we have Easter to look forward to. Let us also use this month to prepare our hearts for this holy time and work to keep Jesus at the center of our celebrations. Enjoy this month and all that's to come!


Megan Stopulos
Home & School President

STARRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WHAT IS STARRY NIGHT?

Lourdes Catholic School hosts one annual fundraiser each year to benefit the school in a variety of ways to continue its excellence in Faith and Academics.

Normally we would get together for an evening full of food, fun, and fellowship; however, safety is our top priority!

This year we encourage all parents to participate in the virtual auction. Look for more details to come about auction items for sale. Feel free to share the website link with friends and family.

HOW TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The virtual auction during the week of March 22nd-27th to bid on items. Winners can pick up items on 3/27/21 at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion.

DONATE. Donate items for the Silent Auction or Student Raffle Baskets. Do you have any unopened Christmas presents, know a local business who would be interested in donating, or even want to put together a specifically themed basket? We could certainly use your help!!

DROP OFF ITEMS. Drop off items at the school office or contact LcsStarryNight@gmail.com to arrange for a pick-up. Please include the value of items and name of who donated the items for the auction catalog.

VOLUNTEER. Volunteer on a planning committee.

SPONSOR THE EVENT. Contact LcsStarryNight@gmail.com for more info.

BUY / SELL RAFFLE TICKETS. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20. Need more raffle tickets? Contact LcsStarryNight@gmail.com or call/text (563) 940-7811. They will send raffle tickets home in your child's backpack.

CONTACT

The Starry Night Committee at
LcsStarryNight@gmail.com for more information.





WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 5:00PM



DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Monday: 5:30PM



BLOOD DRIVE

March 23 4:30PM-7:30PM

[Sign up here](#)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Church

Monday Lenten Schedule (3/8, 3/15, 3/22)

4:30 Confessions

5:00 Stations of the Cross

5:30 Mass

3/29-Stations of the Cross ONLY

Consecration to Mary

33 Days to Morning Glory

Thursdays at 7:00 pm ZOOM ([link here](#))

Lead by Deacon Mike Snyder &
Isaac Doucette

Saturdays at 9:00am ZOOM ([link here](#))

Lead by Deacon John Weber &
Emily Andes

March 12 - Confessions 2:15pm

March 26 - Confessions 2:15pm

March 19 - Solemnity of St.

Joseph-Eucharist & Adoration 1:00pm

Holy Hour - Wednesdays at 7:00pm

(livestream & in person)

Divine Mercy - Fridays at 3:00pm (livestream
& in person)

Saturday Confessions at 4:00pm

LCS Living Stations of the Cross - April 1

2:30pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:30pm

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 2:30pm,
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

Easter Sunday - 7:00am, 8:30am and
10:30am (NO 5:00pm MASS)

Happy Birthday to Fr. John Lamansky on
March 5 & Deacon John Weber March 26



REMINDERS & UPDATES

TO DO: SIGN UP FOR SCRIP

Scrip is a major fundraiser for Lourdes Catholic School. You earn money for our school without spending a single additional penny. You can purchase Scrip cards from Hy-Vee, Target, Walmart, Starbucks, and many other local & national merchants.

You can use eGift cards and physical gift cards to earn on gas, groceries, eating out, clothes—the list goes on. It's easy, it's rewarding, and it fits right into your busy schedule.

Merchants that you shop at every day offer a rebate back to Lourdes. For example: You purchase a \$100 gift card for Hy-Vee for your weekly groceries. You purchase the gift card for exactly \$100. Hy-Vee pays back to Lourdes a rebate of 3%. Rebate amounts vary by merchant.

Learn more and sign up here: https://lourdescatholic.org/school/get-involved/_scrip/

BLOOD DRIVE

SIGN UP TODAY for the Knights of Columbus Parish/School Blood Drive! This will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 4:30 -7:30 pm in the Gymnasium. Sign up **here**, call the parish office at 563-359-0345, or send an **email** for more information. COVID-19 safety protocols followed, and a gift is given to anyone who donates. Give the gift of LIFE!

MASKS

We now anticipate that masking will be needed through the end of the school year. If you haven't already, please talk to your child about the importance of wearing his/her mask, and wearing it correctly.

YEARBOOK

If you didn't purchase a yearbook yet, there is still time! Each yearbook costs \$20. Order at **this link** by March 22nd.

