

Dear Lourdes Families,

Welcome back after our Labor Day weekend. I hope everyone was able to get out for some family time and enjoy the beautiful weather. As we head back to school for this short week, take some time to reflect on the blessings in our lives. One of those blessings includes the 2 day and 3 day Preschool for 3 year olds starts this week!

At the end of our Weekly Letter, please see the attached document. You may also use this link to view the document on the Lourdes Catholic Church website.

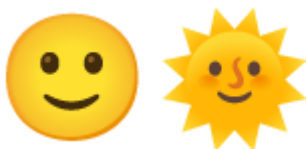
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Please take a few minutes as a family to reflect upon this week's scripture verse for September 11, 2022:

**"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?**

**And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' "** ~  
Luke 15:4-6

Have a faith-filled week!



**September 6 - Pack 199 meeting at 6:30 PM**

**September 13 - Curriculum Night 6-7 PM**

**September 15 & 16 - Fall Picture Days by LifeTouch**

**September 17 - Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival 6-9 PM**



## Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church & School

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August 31, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you are likely aware, Bishop Zinkula sent a letter to the parishioners of OLOL and SJV with a vision of our parishes working together to build a unified Catholic community in Bettendorf. Due to much needed repairs and work on the structure of Lourdes Catholic School, as well as the demographic changes of the city of Bettendorf, it seems advantageous to move to where the city is growing and build anew.

A steering committee comprised of both Fr. Jason Crossen and Fr. Rich Adam as well as parishioners of both parishes has been meeting to help form our vision for the Catholic community in Bettendorf. A parcel of 60 acres has been secured on the northeast corner of Hopewell Avenue and Criswell Street. Mark Miller of Bray Architects has begun early conception plans for a new regional Catholic school and parish church for Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

The Diocese of Davenport has launched the ***Upon This Rock*** capital campaign, in which all parishes of the diocese must participate. Saint John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes, with diocesan approval, envision running a joint campaign in conjunction with the diocesan effort in order to raise the needed capital to bring our vision to fruition.

Before we move forward, however, we need your feedback. Starting Sept. 19, we will begin a comprehensive survey of both of our parish communities. The survey will tell us if the plans we are considering are important and gauge support for a potential major fundraising campaign. The survey is part of a process called a planning study, and we have hired the Steier Group, a Catholic development firm from Omaha, to conduct the study.

In the coming weeks, we will share more details about the study, the project and about the possibility of a major fundraising effort. Your participation in the survey is essential for the success of this planning process.

God Bless,

Father Jason Crossen  
Pastor  
Our Lady of Lourdes

Father Rich Adam  
Pastor  
Saint John Vianney