

DECEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 11, 2022

Dear Parents,

We have an immediate opening for a long-term substitute for our middle school teaching position starting in January. We know this is going to be a tough position to fill at this point of the school year. Although we have been advertising this opening in various ways, this position remains unfilled. We currently have the position covered until the end of this calendar year. We have been, and are continuing to explore the possibilities on how to fill this position.

If you or someone you know is looking for a long-term substitute position, please contact Mr. Hughes at 563-259-3466.

On a personal note from Mr. Hughes:

Having started my 6th month at Lourdes, I have spent a considerable amount of time reflecting on the journey we are all on together.

First, the word JOURNEY. Yes, this is the perfect word to express how each and every one of us is moving towards something... something special. If we are looking at it as a spiritual journey, we are all in. From our smallest children to the adults, we are being purposeful to create and add to our solid faith-filled foundation. How about building relationships? Check! The love and compassion that is shown renews our faith in the world. The faces I encounter every day bring such joy seeing future leaders, artists, lawyers, educators, and so much more! You can tell I could go on and on about the JOURNEY we are on together.

Second, that all-important word, TOGETHER. As a firm believer that the HAND OF GOD has brought this community together under the LCS roof, the word together means so much more to me. When I am struggling, being TOGETHER helps me refocus and gives me the strength to move forward. When celebrating, having the entire community celebrate brings us all joy and peace. If we are down, being TOGETHER props us up and brings us the compassion and hope needed to center ourselves. Most importantly to me, TOGETHER is what makes LCS an amazing place to be. I can easily say that the LCS community is incredible! I LOVE BEING PART OF THIS FAMILY! THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is the one about whom it is written:

*'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.'*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'" ~Matthew 11:10-11

Respectfully,

Mr. Michael Hughes

December 5 – December 11, 2022

Monday, Dec. 5th

Tuesday, Dec. 6th

SCRIP for sale

3:30 PM Robotics – Blue

K-8 Christmas Program @ 6:30

Wednesday, Dec. 7th

NO ALL SCHOOL MASS - Moved to Thursday

9am 1st and 2nd to Assumption for a play

2:30 Early Out

5 PM - Your Pie Fundraiser in Davenport

Your Pie Pizza, 4520 E 53rd St #400, Davenport, IA 52807, USA

5:30 PM First Reconciliation

Thursday, Dec. 8th

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9 AM All School Mass

3:30 PM Robotics – Red

Friday, Dec. 9th

Saturday, Dec. 10th

7:45 AM Lourdes Lego Robotics BLUE AM Team Competition

12:15 PM Lourdes Lego Robotics RED PM Team Competition

Looking further ahead...

December 21 – January 3rd Christmas Vacation

Substitutes Needed

You are a valuable asset to LCS! Lourdes is in need of substitutes. Thanks to an amazing group of current substitutes, we have been blessed to cover most positions. Luckily, we don't always need a substitute to cover a position, but there are frequent times when we must work as a team for unfilled positions.

We are in need of substitute teachers especially for short-term assignments. **You do not need a teaching degree to work as a substitute teacher.** A minimum of an associate's degree or 60 college degree hours from a college/university are enough to qualify as well as completing VIRTUS. The process to become a substitute teacher includes completion of a 15-20 hour workshop, multiple background checks, and applications with the Iowa Board of Education Examiners. Most workshops, such as the ones below, are now virtual:

- Dec. 12-15, 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 10-13, 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6-9, 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Mar. 7-10, 6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

There is even a self-paced option for the workshop. Iowa's Keystone Area Education Agency has good information: [Substitute Authorization](#)

If you are interested in subbing, but do not have those qualifications, we have a need for substitute aides as well, and aide positions only require that you have graduated high school and completed our VIRTUS requirements. All aides work in a classroom setting with a teacher as well.