



November 25, 2024

*St. Joan of Arc, help us to be fearless and strong in our faith. May we listen to the will of God. Help us to be courageous in our mission to defend the teachings of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, just like you.  
Amen.*

Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings we share as a school community. This is a time to reflect on gratitude—for our faith, our families, our friendships, and the learning we experience together each day. Let us take this opportunity to thank God for His abundant gifts and to share His love with those around us.

We wish all our students, families, and staff a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving. May your holiday be filled with warmth, love, and the joy of togetherness.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to Catholic education. May the prayers of Saint Bernadette and Saint Joan of Arc guide and bless us all.

Sincerely,  
***Mrs. Katie Selden***  
Principal

**No Preschool or PreK this week**

Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences, there is no preschool or preK this week. Classes will resume on Monday, December 2.

**Thanksgiving Break**

Thanksgiving Break will begin on Wednesday this week. Classes for K-8 grades will only be held on Monday and Tuesday. NO SCHOOL Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Classes will resume on Monday, December 2.

**Christmas Greenery available!**

Scout Troop 199 and 1199 have some extra greenery up for sale. Text Kris Girskis (563-505-7946) and she can arrange delivery before Thanksgiving!

25" wreath - 13

36" wreath - 1

Voyager wreath - 2

Itasca wreath - 2

Door swag - 3

Mailbox swag - 1

Centerpiece - 2

Gravestand - 3

Door hangers - 8

## 2024 Boy Scout Troop 199/1199 Greenery

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BALSAM WREATH

### Decorated Balsam Fir Wreath

One of our most popular items, the Balsam Fir Wreath is made from fresh, fragrant and long-lasting Northern Balsam Fir. Decorations include 3 white tipped pine cones with 4 red holly berries per cone for 25 inch wreaths and 5 larger cones and holly berries for 36 inch wreaths.

**25 inch - \$30.00**

**36 inch - \$45.00**

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VOYAGEUR WREATH

### Premier Wreath – Voyageur

The 25 inch Voyageur Wreath is made from a balsam fir and white cedar base. It's decorated with natural pine cones with attached berries, red crab apples and a red and gold metallic bow.

**\$42.00**

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ITASCA WREATH

### Premier Wreath – Itasca

The 25 inch Itasca Wreath is made from a balsam fir and white cedar base. It's decorated with 3 clusters of white-tipped cones and red crab apples, along with a festive plaid bow.

**\$42.00**

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BALSAM SWAG

### Balsam Door Swag

Door swags are charming additions to your home during the holiday season. The Balsam Door Swag is made with a balsam fir base, with white cedar and red pine layered on top of the base. Decorations consist of 2 white-tipped pine cones and a velvet waterproof bow. The Balsam Door Swag is about 24-26 inches long.

**\$30.00**

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HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE

### Holiday Centerpiece

The elegant Holiday Centerpiece is made with a long-lasting fir base and mixed greens in a high-quality basket. The greens are set in a floral oasis that can be watered for continuous enjoyment throughout the holiday season.

**\$40.00**

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### Mailbox Swag

The Mailbox Swag decoration will add curb appeal to any home. It's assembled on a sturdy frame of balsam fir boughs and decorated with white-tipped pine cones and a multi-loop red velvet pull bow. Mailbox Swags are easy to attach to almost any mailbox and come individually packaged with assembly instructions. About 34 – 36 inches.

**\$35.00**



### Holiday Cross

The Holiday Cross has a balsam fir base with white cedar accents. It is perfect for the person looking for a true Christmas decoration. It is decorated with a 4-loop red velvet button bow and a cluster of white-tipped pine cones. When displayed with an optional gravestand, it makes a perfect grave site decoration.

**\$40.00**



### Natural Balsam Garland

The natural Balsam Garland has a black poly twine core that the boughs are secured to by our dedicated workers using a machine designed by Evergreen's founder. It is an excellent product for both indoor and outdoor decorating projects, and can be used almost anywhere. It's ideal for both home and commercial applications.

**\$40.00**



### Gravestand

The 36 inch green metal Gravestand is perfect for displaying one of our natural Christmas decorations on a loved one's gravesite.

**\$10.00**



### Door Hanger

The gold metal Door Hanger will hold your holiday wreaths and decorations securely in place. Simply hang over your door and hang decoration for easy display.

**\$5.00**

## [St. Nick's Shop](#)

The tradition continues! Shop St. Nick Shop starting next week. We will have gifts for all ages, gender, and even pets! All gifts are \$2, no tax. Cash or check to SCCS. Gifts will be wrapped

and tagged for you! Have your student bring completed form with money on their assigned class shopping day. Donations of holiday gift bags, red/green/holiday tissue paper, tape and gift tags are greatly appreciated. Please send to the school office by December 2, Thank you!

### Concerts and Programs

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| ★ K-8 Christmas Program<br>(wear <b>Sunday Best</b> for K-5; and uniforms for Gr. 6-8) | Wednesday, Dec. 18 | 10am    | Gym    |
| ★ Preschool/PreK Christmas Program   | Friday, Dec. 20    | 10:30am | Church |

### Middle School Service Hour Opportunities

St. Nicks' Shop gift wrapping "party" - after school Monday and Tuesday, 3:30-5pm, Lourdes Library. Limiting it to 15 students each day. [Sign-up here!](#)

### Student Hunger Drive REWARDS!

Thank you for supporting our student hunger drive and donating an all-time record number of cans: over 4,000!! While we love seeing the friendly competition among our classrooms, our hearts are overflowing with the impact that these donations will have on our community to help with the needs of many hungry families!

- **Tuesday, November 26th - Free Shoe Choice, Sweet Treat, AND Comfy, Cozy Movie Day** - - Student Council will be passing out sweet treats! Students have a new reward as well: free shoe choice! They may wear Crocs, slides, comfy boots, etc throughout the day. ***If your child has gym class, they also need to bring appropriate athletic shoes to wear for that class period.*** The last reward is a comfy, cozy movie party in their classrooms! Students may wear sweatpants, pajamas, or other school-appropriate comfy, relaxed attire for the day.

### Transportation Reimbursement

#### K-8 Students

#### Form DUE DECEMBER 1—that's this Sunday!

If your family lives within an Iowa school district's boundaries, you are eligible for transportation reimbursement. Students who reside within Bettendorf (more than 2 miles from Lourdes), Pleasant Valley, Davenport and North Scott districts are eligible for transportation reimbursement.

[Bettendorf \(BCSD\)](#), [Pleasant Valley \(PV\)](#), [Davenport \(DCSD\)](#), and [North Scott](#) forms are provided at each of the links above. You may print the form for the school district within the boundaries you live and send it in to the address at the bottom of your form. You may also email a copy to the appropriate school district. The contact information can be found at the bottom of each form. *December 1 is the hard deadline for the first semester, and we know from experience that the school districts do not make any exceptions.* Please do not mail or send your form to Lourdes. They must be sent directly to the appropriate school district.

### Family Movie Night!

### **Friday, December 13th**

Join Home & School in the Gym for a MOVIE NIGHT on Friday, December 13th showing *Charlie Brown Christmas* and *Elf*. All students and families are invited to this free event! Bring your own snacks, drinks and blankets!

### **LCS Mitten Tree in the Library**

As the Holidays approach we are grateful for all the blessings God has given us. Please help our children give back to the community by decorating our Mitten Tree for those less fortunate than us. Throughout November and December Lourdes Catholic School Library will be collecting new or gently used GLOVES, MITTENS, SCARVES & HATS (children and adults). Last day of collection will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Basketball**

Below is a link to a signup genius for volunteers to work the concession stand during game nights. If you are available, please sign up to help. [Lourdes: Admission/Concessions Girls Basketball](#)

### **Backpacks with Snacks**

The Cub Scouts need help filling Backpacks with Snacks for students in our community! See the attached flier for items needed from your student's grade. Please bring food items to school by Friday, December 13th. Thank you for supporting the Backpack with Snacks program!

### **Angel Tree**

The Outreach Committee has been diligently preparing angel tags and compiling a list of families and individuals from Lourdes Parish and individuals in our community who need our support this year. Angel tags will be available for pickup in the Gathering Space after each service on November 23 and 24. Please return the unwrapped gifts to the Gathering Space with the tag attached and, if possible, with wrapping supplies. You can drop off the gifts on November 30-December 1 or December 7-8. All gifts need to be returned by December 8 by 5PM Mass. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our Parish families and community this year. For any questions, please contact Katelyn Darling at 319-415-8990 or [katelyn@katelyndarling.com](mailto:katelyn@katelyndarling.com). Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be placed in the "Neighbors in Need Box" located in the Gathering Space. Please label these donations as "Angel Tree." Thank you for your generosity and support!

### **St. Joan of Arc Foundation**

@sjafdn's profile on [Instagram](#)  
[St. Joan of Arc Foundation](#) website



SJA QRCode for donating:



### **[RaiseRight—EASY fundraising!!](#)**

Fundraising with RaiseRight is easy! Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. Groceries, gas, clothing, home goods, home improvement, or whatever you're spending money on, funnel those dollars through a gift card to raise money for Lourdes. No extra money spent! Download the RaiseRight [app](#) on your phone or go to <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll> to get started. Use enrollment code B35FE9FB1543 when signing up. Contact our program coordinators with questions: Megan Wilkinson at [Megan.M.Wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:Megan.M.Wilkinson@gmail.com) or Ryan Wermes at [Ryan.Wermes@gmail.com](mailto:Ryan.Wermes@gmail.com)

### **[Box Tops](#)**

Join us in earning money for Lourdes by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference. Download the app, scan your grocery receipts with your phone's camera, and earn money for our school! Plus, use the referral code E8LR2FTD when you sign up and you'll get

25 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2025, while supplies last. Use the link below to download the Box Tops app:

[https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\\_code=E8LR2FTD](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=E8LR2FTD)

### **Facebook**

You are invited to follow the school Facebook page! Regular updates include pictures from school, reminders about events, etc. Click [here](#).

### **Tuition, Fees, Lunch Payments**

Checks for tuition, fees or lunch accounts should be made out to SCCS (Scott County Catholic Schools)

### **Coats, hats, mittens**

Winter weather has arrived! Please send appropriate items so your child is warm at recess.

### **Library Volunteers**

[November sign-up](#). Happy Reading! ~Mrs. Emerle: [erindunn78@gmail.com](mailto:erindunn78@gmail.com)

### **Lunchroom, Recess Volunteers**

To view our other volunteer needs and sign-up options for recess, lunch, morning greeters, and library [here](#)!

### **Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)**

Wednesdays 6:16-7:45 in the LCS Gym: Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, 10; March 12, 26; April 9

### **Band**

Mrs. Freemyer is scheduled to have her baby on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Band and lessons will continue with the usual schedule during the school day while she is on leave.

### **Choir**

Choir is on hold until Mrs. Freemyer returns. Please consider joining the Christmas Eve Children's Choir (see below).

### **Christmas Eve Children's Choir**

A Children's Choir is being put together for the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass. If you have a child who is interested in singing, please contact Grant Lenz: [bettlourdesmusic@diodav.org](mailto:bettlourdesmusic@diodav.org)

### **Birthdays this week**

Happy Birthday this week to: Will G (6th grade), Milo R (4th grade), Connor G (K), Berkley S (6th grade)

### **Assumption Sports and Activities**

- [Weekly update](#) from **Assumption High School**



### **School Calendar**

- [School Calendar 24-25](#)

### **Parish Bulletins and Information**

- [Our Lady of Lourdes](#)
- [St. John Vianney](#)
- [St. Joan of Arc Foundation](#)