



December 16, 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,

The 3rd week of Advent catches us feeling the anticipation that the birth of Jesus is near. I enjoyed the homily at mass yesterday and the reminder to focus on the presence of Jesus, instead of the presents we give. Such a beautiful reminder.

This week I invite you to attend the K-5 Christmas Program on Wednesday following mass and the Preschool/PreK Program on Friday. Details are below.

For the K-5 Christmas Program, the K-5 students may wear their "Sunday Best" or their uniform. We will celebrate mass and then move to the gym for the 10am Program.

For the Preschool and PreK Christmas Program, the children will perform in the church starting at 10:30am.

Christmas Parties for the K-8 students will be at the end of the school day on Friday. Each classroom has their own plan for their party, so please reach out to your teacher if you have questions. Friday is also a scheduled NUT Day and NUT Day guidelines do apply. After our fun and special NUT Days before Thanksgiving, it is important to get back to our guidelines with shoes, jewelry, no torn clothing, no pajamas, etc. Please review the [NUT Day Guidelines](#).

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 as we move towards the beautiful Christmas season.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katie Selden

Principal

Concerts and Programs

★ K-8 Christmas Program	Wednesday, Dec. 18	10am	Gym
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(wear Sunday Best for K-5; and uniforms for Gr. 6-8)

[Vision Screenings](#)

Thursday, December 19 the 3rd graders will have a Vision Screening at school. Ms. Huiskamp sent an email last week notifying 3rd grade families. Any questions, please contact Ms. Huiskamp.

[Altar Serving](#)

Altar Serving is a Catholic lay assistant (usually 5th-12th grade) to the Priest and Deacon at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. An Altar Server might performs any of the following action at Mass or another liturgy service:

- Leads the Processional & Recession with the Crucifix
- Carries the Thurible and/or Incense Boat for the Priest
- Assists at a Funeral Mass
- Assists in a [Eucharistic Procession](#)
- Assists during Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Assists at Stations of the Cross
- Presents the Sacramentary (Missal) for the Collect & Post Communion Prayer
- Presents the candles during the Gospel
- Assists with Gifts/Offertory before Communion
- Rings the bells during the Eucharistic Prayer & Consecration
- PRAYS the Mass with piety and reverence

Do any of these interest your child? Please find the following [sign-up](#) form if your child is interested in being an Altar Server. This is a preparatory tutorial with videos, rules, guidelines, and instructions relevant for the in-person training which will start in December. I have set the tentative schedule for in-person training for the days below. Attendance will be required at only one of these dates/times. Please note, additional times will be available should these times not work, but we hope one of the following will be sufficient.

- Wednesday, December 18th (2:30 to 4pm)
- Sunday, December 15th (11:45-1:15)
- Sunday, December 22nd (11:45-1:15)

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. God Bless and thank you! Andy Katherman andy.katherman@gmail.com

[Middle School Service Hour Opportunity](#)

Our Lady of Lourdes is in need of your help with decorating our beautiful Church this year for Christmas Masses. We would like volunteers on Monday, December 23rd. **Sign-up [here](#).**

[SCRIP](#)

We have good news to share! Our Christmas “push” to sell Scrip really paid off! We sold \$29,670 in Scrip which earned \$1225 for Home and School. Thank you to all the families who

contributed to our Staff Scrip Christmas Gift Program. We collected an incredible \$10,000!! Every teacher and staff member received a gift card on Friday! Thank you for your generosity and support of our staff and our Scrip program.

Merry Christmas,

Julie Rosales, Cassandra Berneking, Andrea Reilly



[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 20th.

[Library Volunteers](#)

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

[Middle School Youth Group \(MSYG\)](#)

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

[Band](#)

Band and lessons will continue with the usual schedule during the school day while Mrs. Freemyer 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

[Birthdays this week and over Christmas Break](#)

Happy Birthday this week to Ginny (gr. 1), Adelyn (preK), Nathan (gr. 6), Harper (gr. 3), Oscar (gr. 1), Brookelyn (gr. 1), Oscar (gr. 7), Peyton (pre), Paige (gr. 3), Harlan (gr. 4), Daniel (gr. 4), Karson (preK), William (K), Mla (preK), Adelle (gr. 4), Mrs. Quick (Reading Interventionist), Ms. Duda/Ms. Carrie (Kindergarten Aide), Mrs. Camarena (3rd Grade Teacher), Julian (gr. 3), Talon (gr. 3), Cameron (gr. 2), Drew (gr. 7), Beau (K), Sophia (K), Lindy (preK), Hazel (gr. 1), Vera (gr. 1), Dakota (K)

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