



December 9, 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 Second week of Advent reminds us to focus on peace. We will begin our school week at 9am Mass today to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Tomorrow our students in grades 3-8 will attend Reconciliation and Wednesday we will attend 9am Mass. Visiting our church 2-3 times this week is a wonderful way to celebrate and continue to embrace our faith as we focus on peace during this busy season.

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

[Fruit of the Spirit: Peace](#)



Harper W, Grace N, Emery C, Calvin K, Tripp S, Delia R, Palmer C, Julianne B, Julia C, Lydia K, Gracelyn E, Sie'Ayre M, Brooke A, Matt D, Isabelle L, Ryan D, Liam S, Colleen G, Glenn N, Nash C, Aurora N, Iona P, Rayce J, Nick D, Miguel C, Logan K, Brayden E, Agnes K, Kaia J, Noah S, Lucas E, Allison A, Xavier R, Kate G, Lucy E, Miles H, Kael G, Norah T, Ellamae M, Grace S, Joseph C, Emily H, Sean E

Keeping Christ in Christmas
Poster Contest Winners



Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Keeping Christ in Christmas poster winners. The following will be moving on to the statewide contest: Harper and Louis (KA), Calvin and Lucas (KB), Maya and Julia (1A), Soren and Hayley (1B), Gaby and Serephia (2A), Isabella R and Isabelle L (2B), Teresa and Arianna (3A), Max and Julian (3B), Adelle and Iona (4A), Grace (4B), John, Kaia, Elsie, Rhylee, Tenley (5), Brenna C and Teagan (6A), Lexi and Coletter (6B), Nicholas, Greyson, Lucy, Bronwyn and Lucia (7), Taylor, EllaMae, Norah, Millie, Lilliana, Eli, Zoe (8)

[December Home and School Newsletter](#)

If you missed the newsletter last week, please see the attachment

[Teacher and Staff Christmas Gifts](#)

A friendly reminder that if you would like to participate in our school- wide gift program for our wonderful teachers and staff this year, please see the attached form. *Please remember to send in paper forms (see attached) with your money allocation after sending Venmo payments.*

Deadline is Monday, December 9th.

Wishing you a joyful and blessed Christmas season,
Cassandra Berneking, Andrea Reilly, Julie Rosales

[Altar Serving](#)

My name is Andy Katherman and I lead the Altar Server Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish. A few months back, I spoke with the students about the opportunity of serving at Mass and what a privilege it is to be an Altar Server. Finally, I am opening up the signups with training to commence in December. In short, an Altar Server 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.

While the Altar Server training is primarily for our Lourdes Catholic Parish students, those who are Catholic and attend a different parish are certainly welcome to enroll especially if they would like to serve at the school Mass. In order to be an Altar Server at your own parish (such as St John Vianney), please note additional training most likely will be required. Learning to serve at Mass will enlighten students on the many beautiful elements of the liturgy including the "why" and purpose for the movements, postures, and actions of the Priest and Laity. It is also something many students can use to grow in their faith and love of the Eucharist. After enrolling, students will be asked to complete a short online "course" hosted on the website [SursumCorda.net](#) (latin for "Lift Up Our Hearts"). 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 11th (2:30 to 4pm)
- 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

Girl Scouts Meeting Reminder

Girl Scouts this Friday, Dec 13th, 3:30-4:30 PM in the library. Parents, please join us at 4 PM for the Christmas party, cookie season kickoff, and cookie sales info.

Concerts and Programs

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

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!

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](#).**

Candy Cane Grams

Spread Christmas Cheer by sending a Candy Cane Gram! \$1 each. Turn-in the completed forms and money in an envelope to Mrs. Heck by Friday, Dec. 13. Additional forms are available in the school office. Delivery of grams will be December 19th.

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.

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!

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: Dec. 11; 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

Happy Birthday this week to: Zoe (gr.8), Alena (preK), Isla (gr. 5), Colleen (gr. 3)

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](#)

