



February 4, 2025

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 Families,

What a wonderful week we had celebrating our Catholic school! A heartfelt thank you to the families who dedicated their time to planning and organizing the special events. Your efforts made the week truly memorable!

This morning, I am happy to welcome students back to a regular school day—regular schedule, regular uniforms.

A reminder that registration for current families is still open. Please take a moment to complete the process as soon as possible. Registration for new families will begin on Monday, February 10. If you have any questions, feel free to email me or stop by the school office.

Yesterday, our teachers participated in professional development sessions tailored to their respective grade levels. K-5 teachers attended the sixth day-long session of LETRs training, while middle school and “specials” teachers continued their work on standards-based reporting. Our preschool teachers focused on GOLD Curriculum assessments. It was a full day of learning, but most importantly, every session has a direct and immediate impact on our students’ education.

This morning, I’ll be visiting SJV Mom’s Morning to share news and to answer questions about our school. Later this afternoon, I’ll have the opportunity to tour the new building once again. I’ll be sure to take pictures and share them with you in the next Principal’s Post. This is a thrilling time for our school community, though I will certainly miss our current building—even with last week’s rain leaks and the unexpected loss of our boiler motor!

Please take a few moments to read the announcements below.

Thank you for choosing Lourdes Catholic School and St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. May the prayers of Saint Bernadette and Saint Joan of Arc guide us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katie Selden

Principal

Registration for '25-'26

Registration for the '25-'26 school year at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School is underway for our current families. Information was sent to you via email last Wednesday. The deadline for preferred re-enrollment of current preschool-7 students who are going into grades preschool-8 is February 21. After this date, current families are not guaranteed a spot for next school year. **Completion of online registration plus payment of the \$150 registration fee are required to secure a spot.** If you are not returning to Lourdes/St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, please notify Mrs. Wermes (katherine.wermes@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us).

Fruit of the Spirit KINDNESS



Congratulations to students and teachers who were nominated for showing KINDNESS during January: Mateo B, Easton K, Clark L, Beau K, Molly M, Anna W, Liam M, Max H, Ginny H, Charlie R, Owen C, Emery C, Elowen H, Blake N, Bella R, Grant R, Ruby H, Grace G, Emily W, Lavender W, Rowan H, Adelle H, Aurora N, Sophia G, Dalton B, Harper M, Aiden B, Noah S, Faith H, Lloyd P, Sophia F, Lexi M, Drew K, Ingrid K, Bronwyn H, Molly R, Tate P, Norah T, Casey A, Emily H, Zoe J, Mrs. Kruck, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Goldsberry, Mrs. Heck, Miss Richards

Camp Shalom

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP SHALOM OPEN NOW!

In this world filled with technology and distraction, it is so important for your children to have time and space to play, laugh, and worship away from the noise. Camp Shalom is a perfect place for spending time in a place apart! Camp Shalom is a non-denominational Christian camp nestled in the woods near Maquoketa. This amazing camp is sure to provide your child with wonderful memories of fun and games, as well as wonderful experiences filled with Christ's love. Camp Shalom also fosters independence, and kids come away feeling more assured of themselves and of their relationships with others, as well as with God! The campgrounds include woodland trails, high and low ropes challenge courses, an archery range, canoeing, a soccer field, campfire circles, and more. The staff are committed Christians who seek to serve and nurture faith in others. Certified in first aid and CPR, the staff complete an intensive 2-week training program to prepare themselves to work with campers. If your child has gone to camp, you know how awesome the staff is!

New this year:

The Adventure Program! Campers will have more flexibility in their day as they will be able to choose nature, crafts, sports, or "launch" activities, separate from their cabin choices. Campers will meet more friends, build skills, and explore what they love!

Camp Shalom is a gift that your children will appreciate for years to come. It can be life changing! **Summer Camp Registration now open online. Registration can be found by visiting the Camp Shalom website: campshalomia.org** Questions? Email- campshalom@gmail.com

P.S. Camp Shalom is also in need of summer staff for this summer! Young adults who have finished their sophomore year in high school can apply to volunteer as assistant counselors. Young adults who have finished their junior year in high school can apply to be on staff! Working at Camp Shalom is hard, but so rewarding. Most staff members return year after year, and create lifelong friendships. If someone you know may be interested, they can apply at campshalomia.org.

[Spelling Bee WINNERS!](#)



1st Place: Charlie K **2nd Place:** Liam S **3rd Place:** Storm M



1st Place: Shane L 2nd Place: Phillip W 3rd Place: Elsie M



1st Place: Casey A 2nd Place: Izzy H 3rd Place: Noah S

[Children's Choir](#)

Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choir: Sing to God this Easter! Join us for our first rehearsal with light refreshments to follow this Sunday, February 9th after the 10:30 AM Mass in the choir loft. For more information, contact Grant Lenz: bettlourdesmusic@diodav.org

[Starry Night!](#) [25 days from today!](#)

🎉 Join us for an unforgettable evening at **Starry Night 2025** — a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising to support Lourdes Catholic School! ✨ Your presence will make a meaningful difference as we raise money for essential school needs, enhancing our children's learning experiences and providing additional resources for teachers and staff to elevate Catholic education. 🙌

✨ **Event Details:**

- **Date:** March 1st, 2025
- **Suggested Dress Code:** Cocktail Attire
- **Location:** At the Stardust 218 Iowa St. Davenport

Your generous contributions will help meet these critical needs:

- St. Joan of Arc T-shirts for every student (for Field Day and Spiritwear Days)
- New Middle School sports jerseys and cheerleading uniforms
- Tables and Chairs for school-wide events at St. Joan of Arc
- Replenishing the Field Trip Fund
- Supporting the arts (annual play and music department)
- High-quality soccer goals for the new school
- Home & School hosted events and annual budget

📅 **Reserve your tickets and even book a room at the Blackhawk Hotel today** by visiting <https://onecau.se/starry2025>. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a lasting impact and have a lot of fun with fellow Lourdes Catholic School supporters! Let's come together to support Lourdes Catholic School and continue the tradition of excellence in Faith and Academics. Your donation will help make it all possible!

👉 **See you at Starry Night 2025!**

[Starry Night Auction Items](#)

Interested in donating auction items for the Starry Night fundraiser? To help make the fundraiser a success, we are on the lookout for auction items such as gift cards or an experience (tickets to an event, lessons for an activity, etc.) These items are always popular. Drop off items at the front office our contact LcsTarryNight@gmail.com Items are needed by February 18 (preferable sooner to list on the auction site). Many thanks!

[Starry Night Raffle Ticket Sales](#)

If you would like to help sell Starry Night raffle tickets after the Masses at OLOL and SJV, please [sign-up](#).

[Starry Night Sponsors needed!](#)

Thank you so much for your support of Lourdes Starry Night, the primary fundraiser for Lourdes Catholic School. We are so excited for all the new adventures 2025 will bring and look forward to moving into our new school, St Joan of Arc Catholic School. Moving into a new space is certain to bring new needs so we are hopeful you will continue your support!

Attached is information regarding this year's event, which will be held on Saturday, March 1st in downtown Davenport, At The Stardust. We hope you join us for food, fun and fellowship and consider supporting the event financially once again. For more information, visit our event website at: https://onecau.se/_85ane1

Your support makes a world of difference in enhancing our children's experiences and expanding learning opportunities at our Catholic school!

We truly appreciate your consideration,

Jennifer Foley & Betsy Flaherty

Lourdes Starry Night Co-Chairs

[Career Fair](#)

The Annual [Career Fair](#) is scheduled for Friday, March 7. Please consider participating to help our students.

[OLOL Outreach Meal Basket Drive](#)

[DONATIONS NEEDED](#)

Once again the Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach Committee is providing hungry families in our community with a basket full of nutritious meals. Help is needed with food donations, packing, and delivering the baskets. Please use this link to sign up to help in any way:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FA4AD28A1F85-54772267-2025>

Food may be left in the Gathering Space beginning Saturday, February 8th. **All food is needed by 8 a.m. Saturday, February 22nd for sorting and delivery.**

If you prefer, drop off a check (please write "Outreach" in the memo) in the Parish Office.

Scrip will be purchased and the shopping will be done for you—this also benefits Lourdes Catholic School! Another option is to purchase Scrip after Mass and place the gift cards in the 'Neighbors in Need' box in the Gathering Space. Questions? Please call Angie Joers (563-505-5629) or Kelly Rashid (563-340-5619). Thank you for your generosity!

[Iowa Catholic Youth Conference \(ICYC\)](#)

See the attached note! Sunday, March 30 and all students grades 6, 7, 8 are invited!

[Library Volunteers](#)

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

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

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

SJV Preschool Trivia Night

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PRESCHOOL'S

TRIVIA

Night

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2025
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM - TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM
ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

\$100 per table of 8 | \$15 per seat
Includes mulligans and a doubler.
Bring your own snacks and drinks!

Sign up in the SJV Parish or Preschool Office,
or online by using the QR code. Please pay by
cash or check payable to St. John Vianney,
memo SJVP Trivia Night.

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday this week to Camden (gr. 5), Ruby (gr. 3), Clark (gr. K), Izaac (gr.4), Ethan (gr. 2), Ellie (gr. K), Mrs. C (preschool)

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

School Calendar

- [School Calendar 24-25](#)

Parish Information

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

- [St. Joan of Arc Foundation](#)

Construction Update



