

April 15, 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,

As we enter into this sacred time, we journey together through Holy Week with hearts open to prayer, reflection, and sacrifice. Throughout the week, our school community will reflect on the final days of Jesus' life through our daily Scripture readings.

We warmly invite you to join us for one of our most cherished traditions—the 8th grade presentation of the **Living Stations of the Cross**. This powerful experience allows our students to prayerfully portray the Passion of Christ and share the message of His love and sacrifice with the community. Details can be found below.

Yesterday, our teachers had the opportunity to engage in a day of professional learning. We focused on deepening our understanding of student engagement, curriculum mapping, the art of asking meaningful questions, and continued our journey with the Science of Reading. It's always refreshing to take on the role of learner, and I believe I speak for all our teachers when I say how much we look forward to returning to the classroom today—renewed and inspired to serve our students.

Thank you for being a cherished part of the Lourdes Catholic School community. May the prayers of Saint Bernadette and Saint Joan of Arc continue to guide and bless us on this joyful journey.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Selden
Principal

[Choir](#)

Rehearsal dates for the remainder of the school year: April 16, May 2, 21
Choir will perform at Living Stations (2:30 Thursday) and 8th Grade Graduation (May 29, 6pm).

[Variety Show](#)

The Variety Show will be May 14 with a performance at 1:15 pm and 6pm. K-8 students interested in participating in the School Variety Show should plan to attend Tryouts after school on April 30th at 3:25. More details to follow!

[Calendars](#)

The K-8 calendars for next school year is attached to this note. I am finalizing the preschool calendars and will share those next week.

[Dress Code](#)

[Dress Code for St. Joan of Arc Catholic School 25-26](#)

[Tapestry Farms Service Project](#)

[Lenten Service Project](#)

[FINAL WEEK!](#)

The “Love Your Neighbor” Project

Join our school community as we partner with Tapestry Farms to welcome refugees. For the Lenten Season, we will come together in learning and action to create the “Love Your Neighbor” Project. A packet was sent home in your child’s backpack on March 25. Throughout the Lenten Season, your family can put the “Love Your Neighbor” Project into action by:

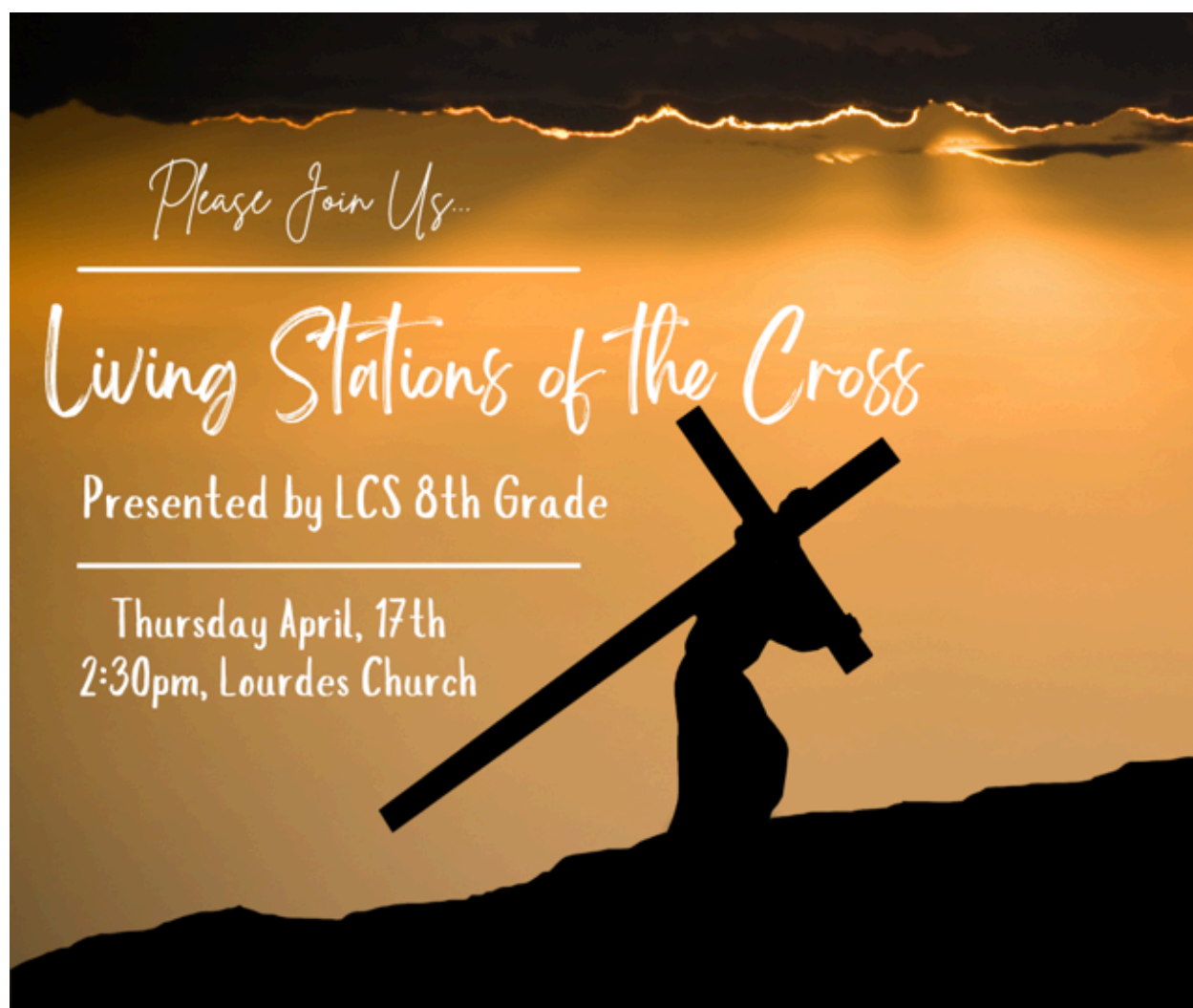
- Giving food, toiletries, or household supplies
- Making affirmation cards for refugees resettling in the QC
- Creating art that represents the Tapestry Farms community

Everything can be sent to school in your child’s backpack or dropped at the front office.

[Backpacks with Snacks](#)

This year the 2nd grade classes will spend some time learning about serving others in our community by filling backpacks with snacks. This is a ministry of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church that provides nearly 40 students throughout Bettendorf who are in need with a backpack full of snacks each month during the school year. Please help us by bringing in snack items to school for the next two weeks. See the flyer (attached and coming home tonight) for the items we need!

[Living Stations of the Cross](#)



[Job Postings for 25-26 School Year](#)

Preschool (PreK) Classroom Teacher: Must have Iowa certification 100 (PK-3 Teacher, Regular Education/Special Education) or PK-3 Teacher or Iowa certification 106 (PK-3)

Teacher's Aide for grades K and 1: BA, BS, AA or AAS degree or 60 hours of post-secondary credit leading to a degree required; Paraeducator Certification preferred

[Starry Night Items](#)

[AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE!](#)

There's still time to catch a few great deals through the Starry Night OneCause Website!

Please visit: <https://onecau.se/starry2025> where you can find amazing, fixed price items with newly reduced prices. Whether you're looking for a special First Communion Tea Party, fantastic gift cards, unique St. Joan of Arc merchandise or Lourdes memorabilia, you don't want to miss out. Thanks for your support!

Transportation Reimbursement

K-8 grade

If your family lives within an Iowa school district's boundaries, you are eligible for transportation reimbursement. If you live over 2 miles from Lourdes in the Bettendorf School District you are eligible through BCSD.

[Bettendorf \(BCSD\)](#), [Pleasant Valley \(PV\)](#), [Davenport \(DCSD\)](#), and [North Scott](#) forms are provided at each of the links above. You may print the form out for the school district within whose boundaries you live, and send it in to the address at the bottom of your form as soon as you can. You can also email a copy to the appropriate school district. The contact information can be found at the bottom of each form. May 1 is the hard deadline for the second semester. Please do not mail or send your form to Lourdes. Forms must be sent directly to the appropriate school district.

8th Grade Algebra

Mark your calendar! Due to ISASP testing there is NO 8th Grade Algebra Tuesday, April 22.

ESA Information for '25-'26 School year

Mark your calendars for April 16! That is when you may initiate the process for the '25-'26 school year ESA. Details are [here](#).

Scott County Catholic Schools Update

On 4-8-2025 the Iowa Legislature set the ESA (Education Savings Account) rate for the 2025-2026 school year, which allows Scott County Catholic Schools to finalize our tuition rate schedule for the upcoming year. You may note that in some cases this tuition is lower than originally projected. This results from early registrations that indicate significant enrollment increases, continued support from local Catholic parishes, greater opportunity for cost sharing, and guidance from our Diocese.

Grade School

- Parish Subsidized Student - \$ 6,075 - Total parent cost = \$150 registration fee.
- Non-Parish Subsidized Student - \$8,505 - Total parent cost = \$ 522 tuition and \$150 registration fee. (Families facing economic barriers may apply to the Family Tuition Plan for assistance with tuition.)

Registration As mentioned earlier, it is our strong desire to reserve a seat for any returning student who is current on tuition and has paid their \$150 registration fee. If you have not yet registered to return, and feel you have a special circumstance regarding outstanding tuition or payment of registration fees, please contact your school principal to discuss a deadline extension.

Parish Membership If you were previously a member of the Catholic faith, we invite you to consider reaffirming your commitment. If you have never been Catholic but are interested in

joining the Church, we encourage you to seek further information. Any local parish will be able to assist you with details on becoming a member of the Catholic community.

Open Invitation If you were Catholic in the past, we invite you to consider renewing your commitment to the Catholic faith. If you have never been Catholic but have considered joining The Church, we encourage you to inquire. Any local parish can provide you with more information on becoming Catholic.

ESA Registration The upcoming ESA application period is from April 16, 2025, to June 30, 2025. To apply, click the following link https://iowa.withodyssey.com/en/odyssey_auth/sign_up. If you already have an Odyssey account, click "sign in" below the login box. If you do not have access to a computer or otherwise find yourself unable to complete the ESA application independently, you may email martha.korneisel@sccsiowa.org or rose.strickland@sccsiowa.org or call Martha at 563.326.5313 ext. 223 or Rose at 563.326.5313 ext. 269. To apply with the Family Tuition Plan: www.assumptionhigh.org/familytuitionplan

Scholarship for Parish Fee

The Melissa Steinke Scholarship program is accepting applications for the 2025 - '26 St. Joan of Arc school year through April 30, 2025. Please apply at sjafdn.org, under the Parents/Families tab. Thank you!

Library Volunteers

April Sign-Up. Happy Reading! ~Mrs. Emerle: erindunn78@gmail.com

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday this week to Jack C (5th gr), Owen W (6th gr), Sullivan (preschool), Emily H (8th gr), Jovie C (Kindergarten), Jack S (1st gr), Jay S (1st grade), Gianna (gr. 7), Addie C (8th gr), Harvey M (Kindergarten), Oliver M (Kindergarten)

- [Weekly update](#) from **Assumption High School**
- Please see the attached flier for information about the Futures Football Camp

School Calendar

- [School Calendar 24-25](#)

Parish Information

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