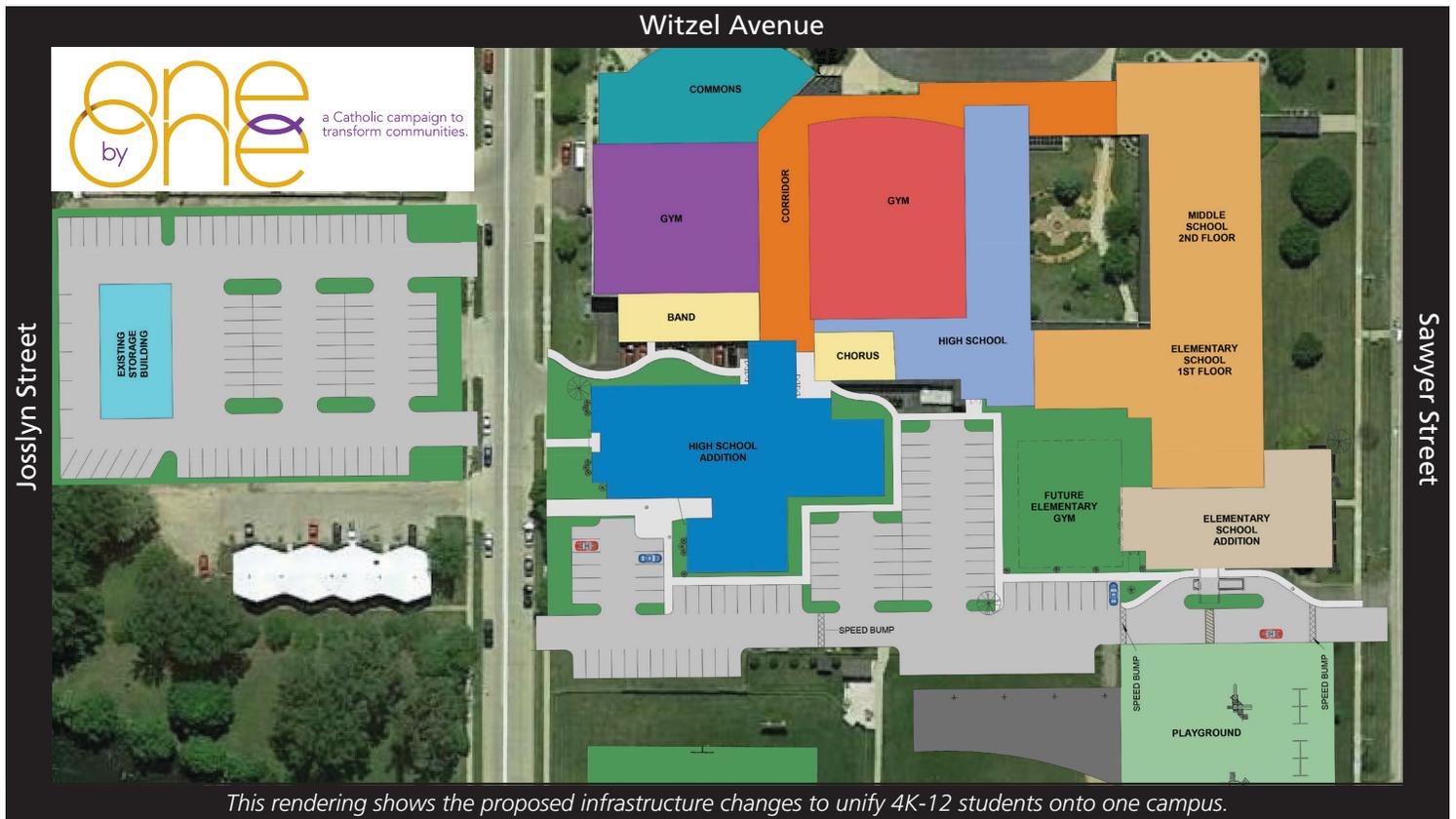




THE SHIELD

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Lourdes Academy builds for the future



This rendering shows the proposed infrastructure changes to unify 4K-12 students onto one campus.

For more than 60 years, Lourdes Academy has served the Oshkosh community by providing a faith-filled academic experience; preparing young men and women for college and careers; and developing servant leaders who are engaged in their school, parish and community. Catholic education in Oshkosh has been supported by generations of loyal families, parishioners, alumni and community members.

It is now our turn to ensure that the next generation of Lourdes Academy students has access to those same blessings and opportunities.

We Are Called to Respond, *one by One*

Lourdes Academy, in partnership with the three Oshkosh parishes—St. Raphael the Archangel, Most Blessed Sacrament and St. Jude the Apostle Parish—is engaging in the *one by One* campaign to expand and renovate Lourdes Academy's 5-12 campus, improve our parishes and ultimately grow the Catholic faith in the community.

Over the past five years, Lourdes has experienced steady enrollment and programmatic strength, and this past school year, new enrollment pushed Lourdes to capacity at several grade levels. Lourdes Academy

one by One Campaign Breakdown

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

- New High School construction featuring 11 new classrooms, new administrative space, and faculty lounge
- New parking lot and storm water solutions

Cost: \$5.1 million

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ADDITION

- New cafe & worship space
- Enhanced fine arts facilities
- Updated administrative offices
- New playground

Cost: \$2.5 million

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- Existing building remodel including HVAC system, classrooms, security, lighting and exterior remodel
- CBO & Castle roofs
- Demolition of storage units and maintenance facilities

Cost: \$2.1 million

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

Each parish will complete improvement projects, such as technology enhancement for faith formation, facilities upgrades, security enhancements, and repair historic features.

Cost: \$.3 million

Elementary School, located at St. Jude Parish's St. Vincent site, is bursting at the seams in a 90 plus-year-old building that was not built for the infrastructure and technology needed for today's classrooms. It is now time to ensure that our facilities match the values and spirit of our community, fostering continued growth and deeper engagement with the faith.

"This landmark capital campaign will bring all 4K-12 students onto one campus," said Lourdes Academy President John Dinegan. "Partnering with our Catholic parishes in this team effort will allow our system and the Catholic community in the city of Oshkosh to grow the faith and better meet the challenges ahead in the 21st century."

Typically, 50 percent of all funds raised for the diocesan *one by One* campaign would be allocated toward diocesan ministries and priorities. Bishop David Ricken recognizes how important this campaign is for Lourdes and has granted an exception where 100 percent of the funds raised in Oshkosh will remain local.

"There are moments in our lives when God calls us to do something extraordinary," Ricken said. "Now is our time. Join me in impacting the lives of thousands of young people who will be the future leaders of our Church."

one by One Campaign Details

Funds raised through the *one by One* campaign will be used to expand and renovate Lourdes Academy's existing middle & high school facilities to unite 4K-12 students onto one campus. To accomplish this, a new 11-classroom high school wing will be constructed on the

north side of the building off Josslyn Street.

The existing high school portion of the building (2nd floor) will then be renovated for middle school students. And the existing middle school portion (1st floor) will be renovated for elementary students.

A new elementary school addition will house administrative offices, a cafeteria and worship space, and a new playground will be added. Improvements will be made to the

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~Bishop David Ricken

existing space as well, including upgrades to the HVAC and security systems, lighting and roof repair.

"The current plan addresses the needs of our entire system by ensuring that students at all levels have appropriate and up-to-date learning spaces," Dinegan said. "It also preserves the tradition of our existing school that has served us well for more than 60 years, while providing space to grow for the future."

In addition to the expansion at Lourdes Academy, each parish will receive \$100,000 to complete needed improvement projects, such as replacing temperature control systems, enhancing technology used in faith formation programs, upgrading security features, and repairing a rosette window.

one by One Campaign Goal

The goal of the *one by One*



Stay up to date...

For more information on the *one by One* campaign, a campaign video, methods of giving or to make a pledge, visit www.lourdes.today/onebyone. Pledges can be made for up to five years. Or give online at <https://one.catholicfoundationgb.org/give/>.

Class Challenges make donations go even further

Alumni are finding creative ways to inspire giving and encourage class participation to the *one by One* campaign. See how these classes are getting on board.

Class of '70 - \$50,000 challenge

An anonymous donor from the class of 1970 is donating \$50,000 as a challenge match gift to celebrate the class' 50th reunion last year—that's \$1,000 for every year since they graduated!!

Class of '99 - \$75,000 challenge

Two anonymous donors from the class of 1999 are donating \$75,000 as a challenge match gift to encourage their classmates to give!

Do you want to support this historic campaign and encourage others as well. Contact Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626, ext. 546 or kboehm@lourdes.today to learn more.

campaign in Oshkosh is to raise \$10 million. During a past campaign effort in 2014, \$1.5 million was raised, leaving a new money goal of \$8.5 million.

Since the campaign launched on December 23, 2020, more than \$6.3 million in new money has been raised combined with the existing \$1.5 million for a total of \$7.8 million.

Alumni, families, parishioners and community members have generously stepped up to offer their support and help propel the campaign forward.

"Lourdes Academy has provided young men and women with a faith foundation that will guide them throughout their lives," said Tom Baum ('64), retired teacher, principal and coach. I'm proud to have served our Catholic schools for more than 40 years as an educator, coach, administrator, volunteer and alumnus, and I am excited to be part of a project that ensures the future of Lourdes Academy for generations to come."

Be a Part of the Success

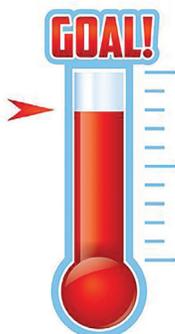
Today, we have an opportunity to impact future generations by supporting the *one by One* campaign. For more information about the *one by One* campaign or to make a gift, visit www.Lourdes.today/onebyone, or return the enclosed pledge card. 🇺🇸

Help us reach our goal!

Thanks to the support of Bishop David Ricken and the Green **\$10 Million**

Bay Diocese, 100% of the funds raised in the *one by One* campaign will remain in Oshkosh. Please consider a gift to the *one by One* campaign by visiting

www.lourdes.today/onebyone



Alumni pave the way "one by One"

Early success for the *one by One* campaign has been possible because of the dedication of alumni and community volunteers who are working tirelessly to help Lourdes Academy reach its goal. Learn why these alumni decided to get involved and support the campaign.



Mary Buttke ('70)

Why is the *one by One* campaign important to you?

As a member of the Lourdes Academy Foundation Board, I have worked for many years on the vision for uniting all Lourdes students on one campus. A successful *one by One* campaign will make it possible for Lourdes Academy to implement that vision. My five grandchildren who attend Lourdes Academy will all benefit from the implementation of the vision.

Why did you decide to get involved & support the campaign?

I strongly believe in the goals of the *one by One* campaign. I wanted to help in whatever ways possible to ensure the success of the campaign. I have had many personal meetings with potential donors to encourage them to participate in the campaign. The opportunity to connect with fellow alumni and parishioners to explain the details and the value of the campaign has been very rewarding.

My family has been blessed to have four generations attend Oshkosh Catholic schools. I wanted to do my part to ensure a quality Catholic education system will continue to exist in Oshkosh for future generations.

How is Catholic education important to growing the faith?

The Catholic faith and its values are a fundamental part of every school day. The teachers, students and families are all a part of this. This environment leads to the Catholic faith becoming an intrinsic part of the students' lives.

How has your Lourdes experience helped you over the years?

I have been involved with Lourdes in many different roles over the years including student, parent, grandparent and volunteer. I have been blessed to meet and work with many wonderful people who have become lifelong friends. Many of these people have shown me inspiring examples of how to live the Catholic faith and helped me to become a better person.

What is your hope for Lourdes Academy in the future?

My hope is that Lourdes Academy continues as a vibrant, faith-filled education system that provides an outstanding education for students of the Oshkosh area.

one by One Leadership Team

Campaign Cabinet Members:

Mary Buttke ('70), Todd & Lisa Kaull & Carrie O'Connor ('96)

Volunteers: Bob & Laurie Brooks, Chris & Lori ('75) Enders, Jennifer Flora, Ben Heinzen, Joe Kaufmann ('75), David Spanbauer ('67), Carol Staszkiwicz, Randy Walter ('67), Tony Wihlm & Kevin Wopat

Learn how you can help by contacting Karlen Boehm at (920) 426-3626, ext 546 or kboehm@lourdes.today.



David Spanbauer ('67)

Why is the *one by One* campaign important to you?

The *one by One* campaign was important to me as I have 6 grandkids in the system along with a son who is an elementary teacher at Lourdes for the last eight years. My wife and I are Lourdes graduates, and our three children graduated from Lourdes. Also my father Killian Spanbauer represented Sacred Heart Church when Lourdes was being built.

Why did you decide to get involved & support the campaign?

Being a volunteer provided me with the opportunity to visit with several people who were involved with the original campaign to build Lourdes and are continuing to support catholic education in Oshkosh.

How has your Lourdes experience helped you over the years?

Lourdes provided the core values to be successful in life with what I call the 3 F's—Family, Faith and Friends.

What is your hope for Lourdes Academy in the future?

My hope for Lourdes is that having one campus will help grow the system with more students and continue to provide a choice for education in the Oshkosh area.

Randy Walter ('67)

Why is the *one by One* campaign important to you?

I believe this project of bringing all 4K through 12 Catholic education to the Lourdes Academy site at



Witzel and Sawyer Streets is long overdue. I believe His Holy Spirit is guiding the three Catholic parishes, Lourdes Academy personnel and the Diocese of Green Bay in this project. The campaign is also important to me because our children now and for generations to come deserve the best from the Oshkosh Catholic population. As a grandparent of two girls in Catholic schools, I have traveled to both Xavier and St. Mary's Central and marvel at the facilities they have. We should be able to do the same in Oshkosh.

The campaign is important to me because I believe it is my turn to give back for the benefits I received by attending eight years at St. Vincent's Grade School and four years at then "Lourdes High School." How many people sacrificed so I could attend Catholic schools? Now it is my turn to sacrifice so generations to come can have the opportunities I have had.

Why did you decide to get involved & support the campaign?

Father Louis, my pastor at St. Jude Parish, asked me to work with him on the capital campaign. I was 100% in from that point forward. What I have found most amazing is the cooperation between the three Oshkosh parishes and Lourdes Academy. In particular, the three pastors, Fr. Louis Golamari (St. Jude), Fr. Tom Long (St. Raphael) and Fr. Jerry Pastors (Most Blessed Sacrament), are owed a debt of gratitude for the leadership and cooperation they have demonstrated.

I believe the Lord has blessed my wife, Irene, and myself in countless ways, not just financially. I also believe that the Lord continues to

bless us for being generous givers. We should give back to the Lord for all that he has given us.

How is Catholic education important to growing the faith?

Statistics show that for the most part the leaders of the Catholic church have attended Catholic schools. Consider the names Br. Roger Betzold, Fr. Dan Schuster, Father John Putzer and Fr. Ben Johnson. I have been blessed and proud to call the last three names as students of mine while at Lourdes, and Br. Roger Betzold, was my principal at Lourdes for a number of years.

How has your Lourdes experience helped you over the years?

I cherish my Lourdes High School education and experience. I had so many opportunities to develop as a person and leader academically, spiritually and athletically. I must also mention that I met the love of my life, Irene Drexler, while attending Lourdes. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last summer. My "Lourdes experience" also includes 35 years as a teacher, coach and administrator at Lourdes. I have been blessed to count as colleagues some amazing educators. Among those have been Bill Behring, Glen "Red" Kemp, Paul Trader, Tom Baum, Judy Jacobson, Sister (Bio) Clement Bressina, Sister Henriette Lechnir and Sister Michael-Marie Laux to name just a few.

Finally, I must mention my good friend and math teacher colleague for many of those 35 years, Richard Knobloch. I am "Pibb sure" I learned many lessons from Mr. K.

What is your hope for Lourdes Academy in the future?

My hope and vision are for the Lourdes Academy system to continue to thrive and provide the high-quality education that has been its trademark for 60 plus years. My hope is that through scholarships and continued community and alumni support a "Lourdes education" would be affordable to any Catholic family for generations to come. 

It's a Great day to be a Knight!

Hats off to our Alumni!



Just in time for summer, we have a variety of hats for sale! Each hat is only \$25 and can be purchased at the Central Business Office (250 N. Sawyer St. Oshkosh, WI 54902).

Show off your Future Knight with FREE swag!



It's truly amazing to see all of the "little" blessings God has provided for our alumni over the past year. With that, we would love to see the newest addition to not only your family, but the Lourdes Academy family as well!

If you have a little one or are expecting a child in the near future, please call or email Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626, ext 546 or kboehm@lourdes.today to receive a free onesie!

All we ask that you snap a picture of you and your Future Knight sporting their onesie and email it to promo@lourdes.today so we can show off our Lourdes pride and celebrate the new addition to your family!

Very Reverend Dan Felton ordained Bishop



Congratulations to Bishop Dan Felton who was ordained the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Duluth, MN on May 20.

Bishop Dan Felton served as the President of Unified Catholic Schools (now Lourdes Academy) from 1998-2000.

We thank Bishop Felton from the bottom of our hearts for his service, for sharing the sacraments, for growing the Catholic faith in the Oshkosh community, and for his support of Catholic education. We wish him the best as he continues to do God's work for the Diocese of Duluth.

Congratulations Sr. Pam!



Congratulations to Sister Pam Biehl, pastoral leader for St. Mary - Omro and St. Mary - Winneconne parishes, on her retirement! She is a role model of faith for all of our students, staff and families and we will miss her in everything she has done for Lourdes Academy.

She not only made a lasting impression within Lourdes Academy, but within the Oshkosh, Omro and Winneconne areas in the parishes she served. God's blessings to Sr. Pam as she starts a new chapter!

Lourdes honors outstanding alumni, staff, volunteers

Lourdes Academy's annual Awards & Recognition Dinner was held on June 10 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. The event recognized 2020 and 2021 winners due to last year's event being postponed. Continue reading to learn more about the 2021 winners and go to [lourdes.today/awards21](#) for a full description of the 2020 and 2021 winners. (2020 winners were recognized in last year's edition of *The Shield*).

Outstanding Alumni - Ken Mauritz



Ken Mauritz wins the 2021 Outstanding Alumni Award

Ken Mauritz ('62) made history at Lourdes as a member of the very first graduating class in 1962 and he's been making history ever since. Ken earned a Bachelor's degree in physics and math along with a Master's in Physics and a Doctorate in Macromolecular Science. Ken is an internationally-known polymer physicist who has published more than 200 research articles and co-authored a definitive article in *Chemical Reviews*. In 2018, he also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from UW Oshkosh.

Distinguished Stewardship - Patty Neubauer



Patty Neubauer wins the 2021 Distinguished Stewardship Award

Patty Neubauer ('79) started her Lourdes Career in 1999 as an Administrative Assistant and Middle School Athletic Director. In 2003, she became the Assistant Athletic Director for the system and soon began managing PowerSchool, Lourdes Academy's student information system. Through her many roles, in 2018 she moved offices to the Counseling Suite where she serves as the SIS Coordinator and Counseling Assistant. In addition to helping students with scheduling and transcripts, and many other duties, she is instrumental in awarding merit-based scholarships - coordinating nominations, communications and recognitions.

Athletic Hall of Fame - David Lambert

David Lambert ('88) was a multi-sport athlete, having lettered in basketball, cross country and track and field.

He set records in cross country and track, and still holds the school record for the 3200M run. In 1988 he earned the running triple crown with a state championship in cross country and track (3200M and 1600M runs). He was named WISAA Class B Track Man of the Year.

Silver Sword Awards - Dan Heiser, Rob Mullen & Alissa Schade

Silver Sword Awards are presented to one teacher at each level (elementary, middle & high school) who goes above and beyond to foster a love of life-long learning in their classrooms.

Dr. Stanley Spanbauer Education & Leadership Award - Andrew Thorson

This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to Lourdes Academy and improving the overall quality of education in Oshkosh.

Andrew Thorson served on the Lourdes Academy Board of Trustees, Facilities and Building Committees where he helped develop long-range goals for the facility to serve our students and plans for upcoming upkeep and improvements.

He also successfully led the effort to pass a nearly \$115 referendum for the Neenah Joint School District.



Heather Thorson accepts the Dr. Stanley Spanbauer Education & Leadership Award for Andrew Thorson

Retirees - Kathy Horjes, Dr. Patrick "Jake" Jacobs & Robin "Rocky" Luft

God's blessings to each of you as you begin your new adventures.

Milestones - 10 Years

Thank you Karen Boehm, Susan Trofka and Barb Weich for your commitment to Lourdes Academy.



UPCOMING LOURDES REUNIONS

Class of 1971 50th Reunion - POSTONED

After consultation with the class of 1971 reunion committee members, it was decided that the 50-year class reunion would be postponed until 2022 due to the continued concerns about Covid still lingering among people and how that might affect travel plans.

~George Benz - Class of 1971 Reunion Committee Member

Class of 1962 60th Reunion

Mid September 2022
Details to be Determined
Contact Pat Schumerth for more
information
920-379-6058

Class of 1980 40th Reunion - POSTONED

This reunion will be postponed to 2025 (45th) reunion. Watch for details for the new date.

Rescheduled

Mark Your Calendar for 2022

U-Knighted4Life Reunion

Celebrating Lourdes' ~~60th~~ 62nd Anniversary

Saturday, June 11, 2022 • 5-10 p.m.
Lourdes Academy High School
110 N. Sawyer St.

Join us in 2022 for a one-of-a-kind reunion for all classes to celebrate Lourdes Academy's 62nd anniversary.

You won't want to miss:

- Mass with Lourdes alumni/faculty priests
- Food from local alumni-owned establishments
- Memorabilia, prizes & games
- Fun, interactive music & entertainment

Wanted:
Pictures, articles,
memorabilia or anything
you may have to make this
event more memorable.
Contact Karen Boehm for
more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PLAN THIS SPECIAL EVENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626, ext. 546
or kboehm@lourdes.today
WWW.LOURDES.TODAY/REUNIONS

Planning a reunion? Contact Jody Ruark at 920-426-3626, ext. 541 or jruark@lourdes.today for assistance. Lourdes Academy offers free mailing lists and facilities usage for Lourdes class reunions.



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16th annual "Tee It Up for Kids" Golf Outing

Friday, August 20, 2021 @

Lake Breeze Golf Club, Winneconne

7:30 am registration & breakfast | 9 am shotgun start

\$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome

2 pm - Happy Hour & Raffle Prizes

For more information or to register, visit

www.lourdes.today/golf

or contact Jody Ruark at jruark@lourdes.today

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