



# THE SHIELD

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## Bishop Ricken celebrates Mass, blesses building project

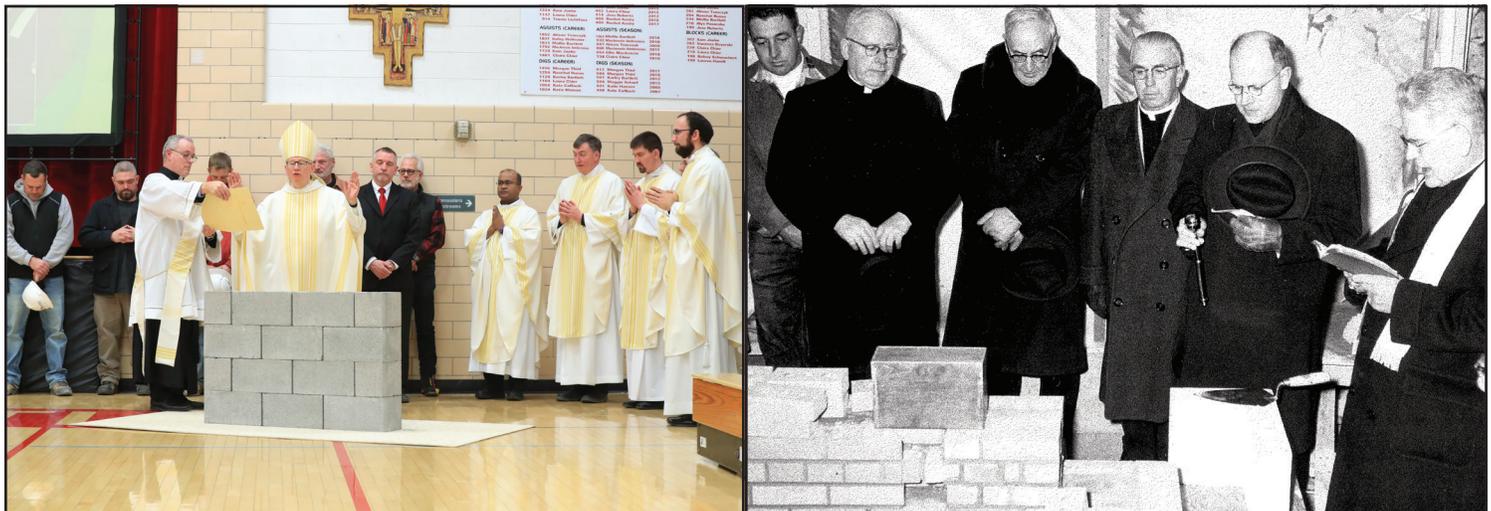


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(Left) Bishop Ricken blesses the construction workers and cornerstone bricks along with Oshkosh priests and System President Dr. John Dinegan. (Right) Bishop Stanislaus Bona blesses bricks used in the original construction of Lourdes High School in 1957.

Students and staff welcomed Bishop David Ricken on February 4 to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with an all-system Mass and blessing of the campus building project under construction.

Joining Bishop Ricken were Fr. Tom Long and Fr. Kevin Ripley of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; Fr. Louis Golamari and Deacon Brad Gallenberg of St. Jude the Apostle Parish; Fr. Jerry Pastors of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish; and Fr. Mark Mleziva and Deacon Dave Parker with the Green Bay Diocese.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Ricken blessed a cornerstone of the new building, as well as the members of the Ganther Construction/Architecture crew working on the project.

"We are incredibly grateful to the team at Ganther for their dedication to this project," said Dr. John Dinegan, Lourdes Academy president. "We pray in gratitude for the entire system and all those who helped make this dream a reality."

As part of the \$10 million *one by One* capital campaign to unify 4K through grade 12 on one campus, work began in November 2021 at the current middle and high school.

The project includes the addition of a high school wing and elementary school cafeteria and worship space, as well as the renovation of existing classroom spaces.

The *one by One* campaign is a partnership between Lourdes Academy and the Oshkosh parishes, with the support of the Diocese of Green Bay and the Catholic Foundation, to raise a total of \$10 million to expand Catholic education and strengthen the Catholic faith in the Oshkosh community. Overwhelming community-wide support from alumni, parishioners, families and friends helped reach the campaign goal in just 11 months. Campaign fundraising continues to allow for unforeseen obstacles, unanticipated needs, and unbudgeted improvements to the existing Lourdes building.

**Construction project...continued on inside flap**

Due to the construction project advancing quickly, the **UKnighted4Life All-Class Reunion** has been postponed until 2023. Mark your calendars for this exciting event where you will be able to tour the newly expanded and renovated Lourdes Academy building and visit with alumni and families of all ages. See page 4 for more information!

A ribbon cutting ceremony and community open house will be planned at a later date once the project is complete. Please keep an eye out for updates as the project continues to move forward! 🏠

## Seniors leave permanent mark in new addition



Lourdes Academy seniors left their mark in the new high school addition by signing a beam that will be installed in the coming months.

The class of 2022 stepped outside during a single digit temperature day to write their names on a steel beam. Even though they will not be in the new addition as students, they are excited to leave their mark in Lourdes Academy history.

"It meant a lot to me that Lourdes included us in the new addition that we won't get to attend school in next year," says Camille Clark, Lourdes Academy senior. "It felt great that we all got to sign it, and I really appreciate being included in this next big step for Lourdes Academy."

While signing the beam, Clark reflected on not only her time at Lourdes Academy, but also how Lourdes has prepared her for the future.

"Lourdes has prepared me for my future by teaching me how to value honesty, friendship, acceptance and respect," says Clark. "It taught me how to seek knowledge, and to build a strong relationship with your faith and with others."

## New additions take shape

God bless all of the workers who have been pushing the construction project forward, even during some harsh Wisconsin winter conditions.

Masonry work for the addition walls continues in the new high school wing. More than 30 percent of that work has been completed to date, and blocking around the window openings has started.

Foundation work on the elementary addition has started and should be completed by early April, which would mean 80 percent of the foundation work for the entire project would be complete.

The Design Committee has been meeting frequently as the project continues to pick up speed, and flooring selections have been made.

To stay updated on the construction progress, be sure to follow us on Facebook (@LourdesAcademyOshkosh) or go to our website at [www.lourdes.today/onebyone](http://www.lourdes.today/onebyone). 🏠



The new high school wing is taking shape as walls continue to rise.



The elementary addition foundation is underway and expected to be completed in April.

## Lourdes launches new website

We are excited to announce that we have launched a new website! The new site will allow us to better connect with our current students and families, as well as prospective families and alumni. We are continually making updates to the site, so check it out at [www.lourdes.today](http://www.lourdes.today) and let us know what you think!

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**Save the date!  
44th Annual Auction  
April 23, 2022  
Oshkosh Convention Center**

The 44th Annual Lourdes Academy Dinner Auction is back in person for the first time since 2019. Alumni, families and friends are invited to encouraged to attend this exciting event to benefit our students, our staff and our faith. Whether you live near by or across the country, we'd love for you to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

### WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- **Attend the event** - Tickets are on sale now for the dinner auction for \$125 per person or \$230 per couple. Tables of 10 can also be purchased for \$1,150 so gather your friends, family and fellow alum and get ready for an exciting night.
- **Participate virtually** - If you are not able to attend in person, but would still like to be part of the action, register to participate in the silent auction at no charge. Virtual bidders will also have access to the Bridge the Gap video during the evening.
- **Purchase raffle tickets** - Tickets are on sale now for our special Tiered Raffle and Pick of the Knight Raffle. Lourdes Swag is also available. See the adjacent column for details.

## Raffle-Mania

(Need not be present to win!)

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Central Business Office, 250 N. Sawyer Street, or by contacting Jody Ruark at (920) 426-3626, ext. 541 or [jruark@lourdes.today](mailto:jruark@lourdes.today). Visit [www.Lourdes.today/Auction](http://www.Lourdes.today/Auction) for details.

### TIERED RAFFLE TICKETS



**ATV - \$125**



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**Adirondack Set - \$25**



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1/4 Beef - \$25**

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### PICK OF THE KNIGHT RAFFLE TICKETS

One Pick of the Knight raffle winner will be drawn before the Live Auction. The winner selects one of the following items from the Live Auction.

- Manila Pig Roast
- Manila Boodle Fight
- Becketts Dinner for 8 with Wine Pairing
- Gulf Shores Vacation
- Outdoor Farmhouse Table with Bench
- 8 Tickets to see Jason Aldean at Summerfest with Sprinter Van Transportation
- Green Lake Weekend Experience for 2
- Packer Palooza Memorabilia Package
- Mexico Vacation Package

**Visit [Lourdes.today/Auction](http://Lourdes.today/Auction) for package details.**

# Other Upcoming Events



## UKnighted4Life All-Class Reunion *Rescheduled*

Saturday, June 10, 2023 | 5-10 pm  
Lourdes Academy High School  
110 N. Sawyer St.

Due to the fast pace of construction at the current Middle & High School, the reunion has been postponed until 2023. Mark your calendar for this exciting event, where you'll be able to tour the newly expanded and renovated Lourdes Academy 4K-12 and visit with alumni and families of all ages! Consider volunteering your time and energy to be part of the planning committee. Your creativity and enthusiasm is just what we're looking for.

### Here's a sneak peek at some of the activities planned for 2023:

- Mass celebrated by alumni priests
- Flyover by the Oshkosh Warbirds with a military tribute
- Entertainment by Screamin' Scott at Full Tilt Entertainment - music and entertainment for alumni of all ages
- Food provided by alumni-owned establishments (food included with ticket)
- Fun family-friendly events in conjunction with the reunion
- Plenty of stories to go around!!

For information on U-Knighted4Life, contact Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626, ext. 546 or [kboehm@lourdes.today](mailto:kboehm@lourdes.today) or visit [www.Lourdes.today/UKnighted](http://www.Lourdes.today/UKnighted).

## Save The Date! 2022 Tee It Up For Kids Golf Outing

Friday, August 19, 2022  
Lake Breeze Golf Club, Winneconne



## Lourdes Academy 12th Annual Awards & Recognition Dinner

Thursday, June 2, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.  
LaSure's Hall - 3125 S. Washburn St.

Event Sponsored by:

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Join us as we recognize our outstanding alumni, volunteers and staff, and celebrate the tradition of Lourdes Academy. This year's honorees include:

- *Outstanding Alumni* - Rich Knobloch ('68)  
(Accepted by Sue Knobloch)
- *Distinguished Stewardship* - Todd & Lisa Kaull
- *Athletic Hall of Fame* - 1988 Girls Track Team & Jared Reichenberger ('99)
- *Stanley Spanbauer Education & Leadership* - Barb Muza-Reed ('74)
- *Silver Swords* - Emily Schmidt (elementary), Kris Cater (middle school), and Kevin Wopat (high school)

For more information or to register, visit [Lourdes.Today/Awards](http://Lourdes.Today/Awards) or contact Jody Ruark at (920) 426-3626, ext. 541 or [jruark@lourdes.today](mailto:jruark@lourdes.today).

# It's a Great day to be a Knight!

Thank you for making extraordinary opportunities possible!



Thank you for making Lourdes Day a success on February 11. Our goal was to raise \$20,000, and with your support, Lourdes Academy raised \$32,370 in 24 hours! Thank you to our matching gift donors for your gifts of inspiration.

If you didn't have a chance to give on Lourdes Day, there's still time! Please donate by visiting [Lourdes.today/LourdesFund](http://Lourdes.today/LourdesFund). Consider making your gift recurring to provide ongoing support for our children so they are prepared for college, and prepared for good!



## Coaches Ruedinger & Huizenga to retire

After more than 20 years of coaching and leading Lourdes to many victories, including a 2021 State Championship, Boys Basketball Coach Dennis Ruedinger and Ben Huizenga have decided to retire from coaching.

Look for a feature article in the Summer edition of the *Shield*. Congratulations to both coaches on your retirement!



## Lourdes Knight Mason Carpenter takes second at WIAA State Tournament

After a phenomenal season, sophomore Mason Carpenter finished second at WIAA's Division 3 State Tournament. Carpenter ended his season with a record of 46-5. Congratulations Mason!

## Congratulations 2022 Celebrate Education Grant Winners

Several members of the Lourdes Academy staff were recognized at the 2022 Celebrate Education even on March 14. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Stephen Mosling Excellence in Education Award was presented to Lourdes Academy President Dr. John Dinegan, and the Dr. Stanley J. Spanbauer Education & Leadership Award was presented to Barb Muza Reed ('74). Several teachers were also awarded Celebrate Education grants. Missi Clausen - Relaxing Reading Fund; Karen Coats - Life Cycles; Emily Schmidt - School News; Audrey Conley - Revolutionizing Physics in the Classroom.

These winners will be recognized at our annual Awards & Recognition Dinner on June 2, 2022.



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## UPCOMING LOURDES REUNIONS

### U-Knighted for Life All-Class Reunion *Saturday, June 10, 2023 • 5-10 p.m.* *Lourdes Academy High School, 110 N. Sawyer St.*

Mark your calendars for a one-of-a-kind reunion for all classes as we celebrate Lourdes Academy's 63rd anniversary! Join us for mass celebrated by alumni priests, a military fly-over tribute, tasty food by alumni-owned restaurants, entertainment, and plenty of memories and nostalgia!

We are looking for volunteers to be part of this exciting event! If you are interested, please contact Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626 ext. 546 or [kboehm@lourdes.today](mailto:kboehm@lourdes.today)

<p><b>Class of 1982</b> <b>40th Class Reunion</b> <i>Sat. June 11, 2022   5 p.m.</i> <i>Fox River Brewing Company</i> <i>1501 Arboretum Dr. Oshkosh</i> Casual get-together with a cash bar and cash dinner. Snacks and appetizers will be provided. Please RSVP to Peg by May 20, 2022 at: <a href="mailto:profs@icloud.com">profs@icloud.com</a></p>	<p><b>Class of 1972</b> <b>50th Class Reunion</b> <i>Thu. August 18, 2022</i> <i>The Waters Oshkosh</i> <i>1393 Washington Ave., Oshkosh</i> More information to come!</p>	<p><b>Class of 1971</b> <b>51st Class Reunion</b> <i>Sat. August 27, 2022</i> <i>Elks Club Oshkosh</i> <i>175 W. Fernau Ave., Oshkosh</i> Save the date! More details to follow.</p>	<p><b>Class of 1962</b> <b>40th Class Reunion</b> <i>Sat. Sept. 17, 2022   2-6 p.m.</i> <i>Lourdes Academy Commons</i> <i>110 N. Sawyer St.</i> Event catered by The Roxy Please email Pat Schumerth your current phone number and address: <a href="mailto:pmschumerth@att.net">pmschumerth@att.net</a></p>
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