

# LOURDIES

## Academy

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## Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

We've had a great start to the school year! We are excited to be back and to work with our students as they aspire to achieve their goals of College and Heaven.

We celebrated our first school Mass on Thursday followed by the blessing of the classrooms by Fr. Phil.

This week we look forward to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders leading Mass and welcoming family and friends every Thursday as we celebrate our school liturgies.

This week also began our first series of MAP assessments and they will continue into next week. With the results, our faculty and staff will analyze this data to better serve each of our students.

We look forward to working together with you to provide the best education possible for every individual!

Students, best of luck on your assessments!

## School Events

- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Schools Night
- Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 1 – MAP testing (continued)
- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Diocesan Data Day (no school)
- Sept. 4 – Mother Teresa canonized
- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day (no school)
- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – School Picture Day!



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."  
- Nelson Mandela



# Home and School Association

Our HSA is planning several fundraising events and activities to take place throughout the school year, starting with a *Fall Festival on October 28th*. This event is an expansion on our traditional Halloween Party and is shaping up to be HUGE. As always, there is a great need for volunteers so we are asking those who are able to provide contact information online via <http://signup.com/go/9sagNV> - and a member of the HSA will be in contact with details!

The first HSA meeting will take place in the school's Media Center at 5:45 PM, Wednesday, October 12th.



A poster for Catholic Schools Night featuring a baseball player in a Dayton uniform. The text includes: "Catholic Schools Night", "August 26th", "Jackie Robinson Ballpark!", "Game Time: 7:05 PM", "THRESHERS VS TORTUGAS", "\$8 Game Ticket", "Includes Voucher for FREE Meal. Choice of hamburger, hot dog, or pizza, chips, and a drink. Compete in On-Field Promotions!", and "Show your School Spirit, Wear your School Uniform or T-shirt and Receive a FREE 'No Uniform Day' Pass". At the bottom, it says: "For information regarding Volusia Catholic Schools Night at the Ballpark, contact Jim Jaworski: 386-257-3172 • jimjaworski@daytonatortugas.com • daytonatortugas.com".

## Catholic Schools Night

Join us this Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Jackie Robinson Ballpark for Catholic Schools Night! The Tortugas take on the Threshers at 7:05 PM and students that wear their Lourdes Academy t-shirt will receive a 'no uniform pass' at the game! Come join our school and parish community on this fun night!



## Fun Facts

1. The average pencil can write 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long!
2. The oldest school in the United States was founded in 1635 in Boston, MA.
3. The University of Notre Dame would likely have closed during WWII had it not been for the U.S. Navy who agreed to send their officers to ND to be educated. As a tribute, the Irish play the Midshipmen each year in football.

## Mission and Vision

During the summer, the faculty and staff at Lourdes Academy developed our school's vision statement. This statement is different than a mission statement in that it depicts the transformational qualities that each student will possess when they graduate from Lourdes. Keep an eye out for these mission & vision statement posters that will be visible soon in the classrooms and throughout the school!



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## Saint of the Month

Clare's parents wanted a good life for their daughter, who was born in Assisi, Italy in 1194. But what they wanted for Clare was not what Clare had in mind. At age 15 she refused to marry. One day she heard St. Francis, who was also from Assisi, preach. At that moment, she knew what she must do with her life. She knew she wanted to be like Francis. She would live a humble life dedicated to Jesus.

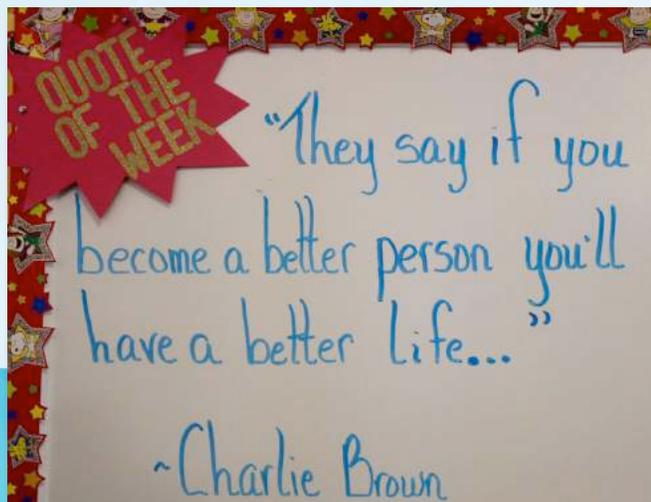
At age 18, Clare ran away from her parents' home on Palm Sunday to become one of Francis' followers.

Under Francis' guidance, Clare became the founder of an order of nuns. They lived in a convent at San Damiano in Assisi. Today, this order of nuns is known as the Poor Clares. The nuns ate no meat and wore no shoes. They slept on the ground and were mostly silent. Yet, they were happy serving the Lord. Even Clare's mother, Ortolana, eventually joined the order.

People admired Clare's prayer life and her trust in God. One time, soldiers came to attack Assisi. She told the nuns not to be afraid and to trust Jesus. Then, Clare prayed to God for protection. Immediately, the soldiers fled!

She died in 1253 and was canonized in 1255 by Pope Alexander IV. Clare's feast day is August 11.

*Stay tuned for more news from Teachers, Athletics & more...*



## *Blessed Mother Teresa*



On September 4, 2016, Blessed Mother Teresa will be canonized a saint by Pope Francis. Mother Teresa emulates our vision at Lourdes Academy that students will be Christ-centered leaders. What many people don't know about Mother Teresa is that she had her doubts about God because she saw so much suffering in the world. Through prayer and proper actions, Mother Teresa realized that God was acting through her as she helped many people, most of who did not believe in Jesus. "It is Christmas every time you let God love another person through you."

