

Dear families,

I was thrilled to welcome our new families and personally greet our returning families during our parents' evening sessions. Thank you for trusting your children to our excellent staff and educators. There is a reason we're Lourdes!

Safety, safety, safety! Our children's safety is our commitment. During our question section, a parent asked why we are closing the back gates by the field. As your Pastor and Administrator, it is my responsibility to keep the children and adult population on our campus safe. It is required by the Catholic School Athletic Association in the Archdiocese of Louisville to keep our field safe during practices and games at all times. The Catholic School Athletic Association requested the gates. Closing the gates assures us that there is no traffic of any kind closer to the field, and no one would be hurt. It is an issue of safety and campus liability.

What is liability? It protects you financially if you're responsible for someone else's injuries or property damage. What is inconvenient for a few is that this is the only assurance of 100% safety. Arrive early before practices and games. We have three additional gates that provide access to our campus on the east and north sides. On Macon St., we have a walking gate available if you park on the western side of our field. No cars or other vehicles should be parked between the gates at any time. If you see the gates open during a practice or game, please take the initiative to close them. We are a pro-life parish; no one should be hurt!

Many neighbors believe that Lourdes's campus serves as a shortcut and provides private parking for their extra cars. During this summer, we had a car accident in this area that destroyed trees on our property and our neighbors' fences. After the accident, Catholic Mutual, our insurer, was on campus policing the speed of many cars that use our campus to cut through.

On another safety matter, be aware that our field is not a dog park; dogs must be on a leash at all times on campus, out of the field, and out of the playground. A child was bitten on our playground last year, and a dog mutilated another dog on our campus in a previous year.

Remember, Lourdes Campus is private property, and as such, we need to protect our parish from legal issues. As your Pastor, I have to deal with these situations constantly. Please help me keep our campus a safe environment.

Paz,

Fr. David Sánchez  
Pastor