





Wednesday, February 8, 2023

<u>Project Heifer update:</u> Our Penny War was a huge success. 4th-6th graders won bragging rights for collecting the most pennies and nickels. Thank you very much to other donors who contributed to our total amount. The generosity of St. Charles parents and community is truly a blessing. The final amount raised for Project Heifer was \$348.58 - CONGRATULATIONS! The Student Council will decide how to spend the money later this week.

<u>Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing):</u> What a lovely showcase of our students' writing. If you weren't able to be here to listen in person, or just want to hear the stories again, you can find the recording on Facebook.

<u>Catholic Schools Week 2023:</u> This was a very enjoyable week for everyone. Students and staff enjoyed the activities and the weather cooperated for our field trip and the sledding during PE. Our field trip to Living Waters was a very active and wonderful day. A pamphlet is included to tell you more about the opportunities available through the summer. Thank you to everyone who made the week successful.

<u>Just a Reminder:</u> St. Charles students have been brought up to be respectful of each other, the adults around them, and to behave according to the place where they are at. The staff at St. Charles also work to instill these habits of behavior, which began at home, with the students at all times. The rules for respectful behavior within the school are posted in the hallways. Please keep in mind that these rules apply even when school isn't in session, such as during an after school or weekend function. <u>For safety reasons students should not be running the hallways, playing with recess equipment in the hallways, entering the classrooms, or running through the kitchen at any time, etc.</u>

<u>Tuition & Registration Form Reminder:</u> The Tuition & Registration form for the 2023-2024 school year was enclosed in last week's family folder. The tuition has been adjusted for the coming year. We ask that you look it over and complete it and return to the office by April 15th along with the \$150 registration fee for each student. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Sedlacek.

Mite Boxes: Ash Wednesday, February 22nd begins all the activities of our Lenten Season. Enclosed in the family folder today you will find a Mite Box for each student. Each year, support from the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) provides for more than 2 million children who are enrolled in catechesis and Christian formation programs, as well as more than 600,000 children in nursery school through secondary school. We ask our students to donate what they are able and to return the mite boxes to school as soon after Easter as possible. See addition information as a flyer. Thank you!

<u>St. Charles Website:</u> Our website is up and running. Miss Donovan (bless her!) will put the Wednesday folder on the website every Thursday. This will include any of the handouts, information sheets, and permission slips. Our plan is to also include any other communication between school and parents on the website, such as monthly calendar, lunch menu, server schedule, any reminders, etc. Paper copies will also be sent home as needed in the Family Folder.

PTO Update: - Please see the PTO update enclosed as a separate sheet:

2023-2024 School Year: Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. If you, OR if you know of families that may be interested, please have them call the office (608) 689-2642 for an application. You may also call or email Fr. Sedlacek (608-689-2646; frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com) OR Mrs. Hytry (608-689-2642; phytry@stcharle.org). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

PTO Scrip Program REMINDER: Thank you to those who have already signed up for the scrip program. It's easy to

earn money back while you are buying your groceries, gas, or shopping around at many retailers. (**Megan Olson 608-385-7815**; mjtrussoni@gmail.com)

Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us: In case you haven't noticed--Winter is here, some days more forcefully than others! So full winter gear is necessary to enjoy the cold and snow. Spare socks and pants might be a good idea to tuck into the backpack just in case kids step in melted snow as they change after recess or get snow down their boots. The little knit gloves may be cute and comfortable, but really do not hold up well with the cold, wind, and snow, so please avoid them. We will go outside unless the real-feel temperature drops below 10 degrees, or at the teacher's discretion.

RootinCrown Consignment Store: Have good used items you no longer need? Please consider donating them to the RootinCrown Consignment Store at 47 Copeland Avenue in La Crosse. Let them know your donations support the St. Charles PTO and a percentage of the sales go to PTO. Please consider shopping there and liking them on Facebook as this supports the PTO. www.rootincrown.com

<u>De Soto Area Schools Message Alert</u>: If you would like a <u>message alert from De Soto</u> concerning school closings or early dismissal due to inclement weather please go to the De Soto Area Schools website. Click on "for parents" at the top of the page. The pull down menu should show "alert sign up". Follow those directions.

<u>St. Charles Wellness Policy:</u> We are required to post the St. Charles Wellness policy on-line for parents – here is where you can find it: http://www.mwt.net/~st.charl/School.html.

St Charles Facebook Page: Like the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events.

Enclosures:

It's A Party (4-6th graders)

Prince of Egypt movie permission (4th-6th graders)

Living Waters Bible Camp summer pamphlet

PTO Update

PTO Minutes

Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Lenten Mite Box/Student & Information Sheet

Dates to Remember:

February 10: Reconciliation at 8:30 (2nd-6th)

February 17: No school, teacher in-service

February 21: No Children's Mass

February 22: Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:30

Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:30

March 2: Optional Parent/Teacher conferences

March 3: Diocese of La Crosse in service (no school)

March 7: In-service (no school)

February Birthdays

February 13: Rosemary Lavey February 19: Dekker Eckes

IT'SAPARTY!

WHY: CELEBRATE ST. VALENTINE!

WHEN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

WHO: 4TH-6TH GRADERS

WHAT TO BRING: YOURSELF, VALENTINES FOR YOUR CLASSMATES



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Dear	Parent	S:

I would like to show the movie *The Prince of Egypt*, a Disney cartoon from 1998, during our Valentine's Day party. It is a blend of our Religion and History as seen through the eyes of Disney :)))

It is rated PG so your child needs permission to view this. Please sign and return the permission statement below as soon as possible.

Yes, my	child has 1	ny permissio	on to watch	the video	The Prince	e of Egypt.
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PTO meeting

February 6, 2023 / 6 PM

Attendees

Jessica Cina, Danielle Trussoni, Megan Olson, Ashley Eckes and Miss Donovan

Treasurer's report

We have \$9,585.60 in our checking, \$4,879.24 in our savings, \$1,283.48 for the 5th and 6th grade fund.

Old Business

Year books are in! They are \$16.24 a book.

Reminder - we have our **Culver's fundraiser** on **March 21** from 4:30 to 7 PM in La Crosse. We could still use one more person, and if not, the 3 will make it work.

Our Sip and Paint is this Friday at 6 PM. Kids will help set up the gym on Friday. Please remember to bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Please have it at the school Friday morning. Limited spots available! Please spread the word and help us get to our 40 max participants.

New Business

We will be hosting **Bingo** again. This time it will be a Sunday **March 12** with a St. Patrick's Day theme after church from 10 AM until 1 PM. There will be pulled pork, baked potato and coleslaw available for lunch. Food served from 10 AM until it is gone and we will do some carry outs.

If you haven't yet, mark your calendars! The **Spring Carnival** will be Sunday **April 23** with set up starting Friday as we take over the whole school. Each family will be expected to sell at least a \$100 worth of tickets and buy 5 prizes per child for the jar game (\$5-\$20 values). More details will be sent out next Wednesday.

March PTO meeting will focus mainly on Bingo and Spring Carnival

April PTO meeting will focus mainly on Spring Carnival

Next Meeting will be Tuesday March 7th, at 6 PM in the Gym

PTO REPORT

(Jessie Cina: text/call 608-780-1148)

<u>Yearbooks 21-22</u> are finally HERE! They are \$16.24 each. Please send in your money (checks made out to St. Charles PTO) to Carrol and she'll send them home OR stop by the office to pay and pick them up. PTO will again pay for 1 per staff.

Steph agreed to make next year's book! Keep in mind what we will be looking for next year. Please make sure to upload pictures to the PTO's Shutterfly account. Some albums have been created so you can add to them or make new ones but please label each event and the year. The username is: Stcharlespto@outlook.com; the password is: Yearbook1!

Here are the rest of the fundraisers for the year. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do! We truly couldn't do it without you!

<u>Sip n Paint February 10th</u> – the posters went out 2 weeks ago. Please help spread the word. We have roughly 15 spots left! Carrol has an envelope in her office for people's entry fees and she will update me as she receives any. If you have someone that wants to sign up please let me know ASAP so we can make sure the first ones to sign up get on my running list. They can pay by cash, check, venmo (Jessica-Cina-1).

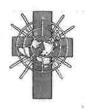
- **Asking** each family to provide one <u>snack/finger food</u> and <u>1 bottle of wine</u> for the Sip n Paint. This can be brought Friday anytime. This is what I know is coming at this point.
 - Ashley cheese, meat and crackers
 - Michelle Cookie bars
 - Patti smoked salmon spread and crackers
 - Jessie Veggies and dip

<u>Culver's</u> – No responses or slips were received from the Culver's signup sheet sent out on January 11th. The 3 of us will take care of Culver's in La Crosse <u>February 21st</u> from 430-7 PM. Posters will be coming no later than next Wednesday, but feel free to start spreading the word and plan to pick up your supper! Please consider signing up to help the evening of **Monday <u>March 6th</u>** (thinking from 430-7 PM) in Viroqua and let Jessie know ASAP.

Another Round of Lucky Bingo!

Sunday, **March 12th** after church. We'll sell a Pulled pork, baked potato and coleslaw meal starting at 10 AM then Bingo games will begin at 11 AM and will go until 1 PM. We're going to need a few volunteers to help work the event. No raffle basket this time and we will do a 50/50 drawing.

<u>Spring Carnival April 23rd 10:30 am - 1:30 pm</u> - Raffle tickets are in its late stages and we are hoping to have them in your hands to start selling along with posters to put up next week. We are very excited to bring this event back as it is a lot of fun; however, it comes with a lot of work by all of us and involves many volunteers (**roughly 60 or more**). Set up will start Friday night with some on Saturday and working Sunday. Next Wednesday the <u>Parent expectations and signup sheet</u> will be coming home in the family folder. Please read this over carefully. I will send the signup sheet to our parents/staff first to choose, and then it will send out to the parish and community to fill our volunteer gaps.



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The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

A PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY

MEMO: Lent 2023

To: Educational Administrators in the Diocese of La Crosse

From: The Mission Office

Re: Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Lenten Mite Box Program

Lent is now fast approaching. Ash Wednesday, this year February 22, 2023, is always a celebration of hope strengthening us for sacrifices, purging and generosity. We never have to look too far to find others with a worse plight than our own. The Mission Office is a privileged place from which our diocese remains connected with those suffering under the conditions of poverty in the world. They witness to us the joy of the Gospel under all circumstances. Thank you for all you do in prayer and support to bring their needs to the people of faith who can help. You help build the bridge between our children and theirs through the Lenten Mite Box Program of the Missionary Childhood Association. This long-standing collection was begun by Blessed Pauline Jaricot in France for that very purpose.

Each year, support from MCA provides for more than 2 million children who are enrolled in catechesis and Christian formation programs, as well as more than 600,000 children in nursery school through secondary school. Additional help is sent for more than 700,000 children benefiting from programs for "protection of life." This includes health care (basic, rehabilitation, children with disabilities and special needs), advocacy (orphaned children, street children, child soldiers, human trafficking), and outreach (food, water).

DETAILS FOR 2023 MITE BOX COLLECTION

The MCA boxes distributed from our national office can only be used to take up the collection for Missionary Childhood Association. Unless you had notified us of changes, mite boxes, bookmark/prayer cards and posters have been ordered in the same quantities as last year. We appreciate the notices we receive since accurate numbers reduce waste and avoid repeated shipping costs. Please let us know if any changes in your order are necessary into the future.

Funds should be collected at the parish and school any time after Easter Sunday. Totals are to be sent to the Mission Office by the end of the Easter Season.

May God reward you for your efforts to help our brothers and sisters in Christ,

Rev. Woodrow H. Pace,

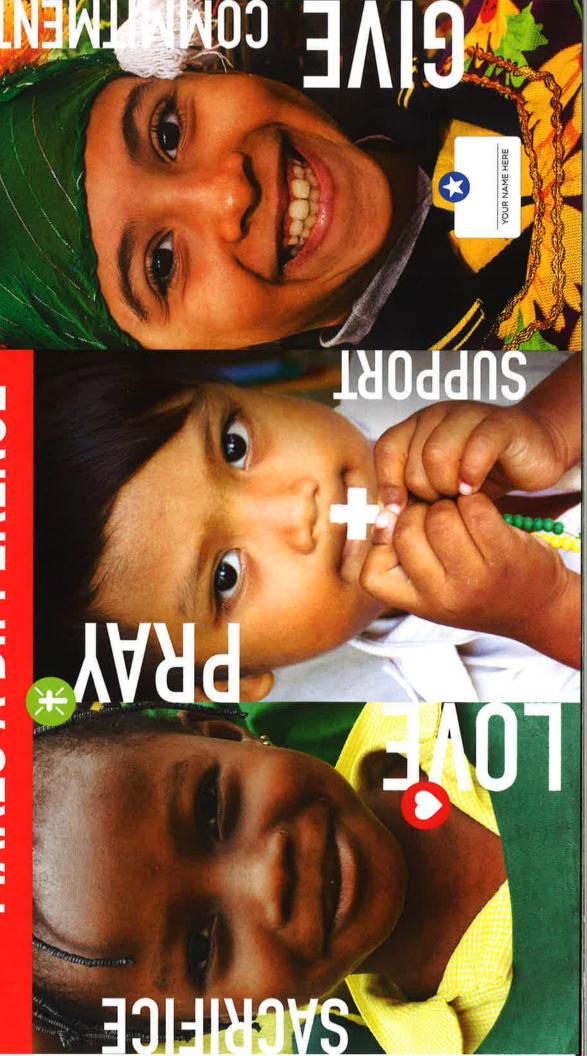
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Director of the Mission Office



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Registration opens January 1st

Sat, June 24 2023

























































Sat, July 29 2023

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Insects play an important role in God's creation but go largely unnoticed. They do the hard work with great strength without seeking recognition. Much like the ultimate servANT, our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to do the hard work of saving souls but never sought his own glory we will learn how we can become mighty servants of God.

Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

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Sun, Aug 6 -











































































































