



November

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To Be
THANKFUL

Family Folder – Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Turkey Baskets: As we approach the Thanksgiving season we pause to remember those who are not as blessed as we are. We included a donation request list previously to put together 5 turkey baskets to be distributed by Vernon County Health and Human Services. Thank you so much for helping us fulfill God's wish that we share the gifts He gives us with others. Vernon County will come to collect the baskets Tuesday, **November 21st at 10:30 AM.** **Please remember to send in the \$10 towards gifts for the turkey baskets.**

Guest Reader: Thank you Father Conrad, who shared his love of St. Francis with us through his stories. We loved to listen to him read, he is a natural-born story teller.

Inclement weather: We are completely out of mittens/gloves. Please check at home for items borrowed from school to return. If you happen across a sale, please pick up a few pairs for us to keep. Be sure to check your child for weather-appropriate clothing in the morning. **Mittens/gloves, hats, scarves, winter jackets, and possibly boots will be needed for outside recess.** We will be going outside for recess as long as the temperature/windchill is above 20 degrees, or at the teachers' discretion. Students will be in the cafeteria if we can't go outside at the end of the day so come inside to pick your child up.

Santa Sale: If anyone is getting ready for the holiday visitors by cleaning out closets and cupboards, keep in mind saving items for our Santa Sale on **December 15th.** We could use like-new or gently used coffee cups, candles and holders, other knick-knacks, and items for men's gifts. We do have enough books, videos, and picture frames. Thank you!

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):PTO Take-Aways:

- **Pancake Breakfast & Bingo Event:** Thank you to all who came out to help, donate goodies and/or support the Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale and Bingo event this past Sunday! Money raised at these events help pay for the special teachers' salaries, field trips, student, classroom and school needs throughout the year! The bake sale earnings go to the 5th & 6th graders fund!
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- **Fellowship:** Still looking for 2 or 3 volunteers for fellowship after church **December 3rd.** Serve cookies or donuts, juice and milk. Please let Jessie know,
- **Yearbooks:** There are still 9 yearbooks To be picked up. **Please pick up - \$12 Each!**
- **Next meeting: December 8 @ 5:30 PM** in the school gym!
- **Questions,** ideas, agenda items or concerns for PTO, please reach out to Jessie at **Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com** or call/ text **608-780-11**

Scrip (Megan Olson): Thanks to everyone who has been using the Scrip program. If you haven't already, it is easy to join and start earning money for our school while you shop. You can purchase gift cards at face value, and we earn a certain percentage back. Either create an account on raiseright.com or download the Raise Right app. You can use the app or website to immediately buy and use E-gift cards. We'll be placing an order for physical gift cards in December for Christmas so keep in mind for your holiday shopping. Watch for specific dates. Reach out to Megan Olson with any questions at 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information per De Soto instructions for school closures: SchoolMessengerSetup (SMS): De Soto offers text message notification service to all the school families. Email your cell phone number to: jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi. with **SchoolMessengerSetup** in the title. **Three days after you send your request, please text "YES" to 67587 to opt-in to receive SMS messages from De Soto Area Schools.** (Jackie Kreuzer, Adm. Assist. De Soto Area Schools)

Taking care of the body God gave us: Please have your child dress in layers to be comfortable at school. A sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket might be needed for chilly classrooms and can be kept at school just in case. Winter jackets, hats, and thicker, water-proof gloves might be appropriate for some days. **The little knit gloves might be cute but offer no protection against wind, cold, and wet so please do not have your child wear these to school.** If your child brings home a hat, gloves, or jacket that belongs to the school (the teacher will notify you through email), this item should be washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in collecting for the local food pantry! Bring in a nonperishable food item **every Tuesday** to help those in need. We will place the items in the food basket at the altar before Mass. This is sponsored by the Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

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

Enclosures:

Dates to Remember:

November 21: Thanksgiving baskets blessed and given to Vernon County
November 22-24: Thanksgiving break
December Month long Hat, Mittens, Underwear, and Socks tree
December 03: First Sunday of Advent
December 05: No Mass
December 08: Mass of the Immaculate Conception at 8:15
December 12: Christmas Concert/Art Show
December 15: Santa Sale
December 19: Reconciliation (2-6th)
December 22: Last day of school before Christmas break, Adoration at 2:30

Birthdays: **November 26: Lorenzo Trussoni**