



**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

**Catholic Schools Week Field Trip:** This year Catholic Schools Week runs from Sunday, January 28th, through Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The PTO is planning a field trip on **Wednesday, January 31st**, as a fun way to celebrate our Catholic School. We will be going to Whitetail Ridge near Ft. McCoy for a day of tubing. The permission slip with waiver is included. Please sign and return the permission slip by **January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Other events planned for Catholic Schools Week will go home next week.

**Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing):** The students will once again be showcasing their writing talents during Author's Chair on Friday, **February 2nd**. This year the students have been exposed to many different genres of literature through their Reading classes and our Guest Readers, so they may choose a genre in which to write a story. Each grade level will have different requirements but they will all end up with a written and illustrated book by the end of the school year, excerpts which will be presented during Author's Chair. Please check your calendar and RSVP as soon as possible so that we can add to our lunch count.

**PTO Updates:**

- Sip n Paint - has 9 spots left - would love to get these filled! Please spread event information if you haven't already.
- Bring **\$10** cash for wine bottles or Venmo Jessie at Jessica-Cina-1 as she's grabbing the wine tonight. We need a few more people to bring **snacks** (already have roll ups and little smokies). Please have them there by **10:30** at the latest Sunday as our event starts at **11 AM**.
- Open house – See the note below - January 28th from **10:30-11:30 AM**.
- Keep looking for Spring Carnival (April 21st) gift ideas. If you have people or places that may want to donate items for raffle baskets, jar game, prizes etc. please reach out to them. The poster should be available by next Wednesday We will need lots of volunteers.
- Next meeting **February 6 at 5:30 PM** in the school gym!
- For questions - text/call 608-780-1148; Jessie Cina jbutterfly12384@gmail.com

**2024-2025 School Year:** Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested, 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@stcharlesgenoa.org). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

**Open House:** There will be an **open house after Mass on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, for any new families seeking to visit our school and learn more about our excellent educational programs. Please stop by, explore the classrooms, and meet the teachers.

**Save your pennies!:** Our service project for Catholic Schools Week will be a Penny War to raise money for Project Heifer, an international company which uses donations to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable community development. Heifer distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. **Read the flyer enclosed** for more information and a story about how this affects not only individuals, but whole communities.

**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 purchase gift cards at face value, and we earn a certain percentage back. Either create an account on [raiseright.com](http://raiseright.com) or download the Raise Right app. You can use the app or website to immediately buy and use E-gift cards. Reach out to Megan Olson with any questions at 608-385-7815 or [ormjtrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:ormjtrussoni@gmail.com). Thanks!

**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.

**Hunger Knows No Season:** Please join us in once again collecting for the local food pantries! 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 Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

**RootinCrown Consignment Store:** Have good used items you no longer need? Please consider donating them to the RootinCrown Consignment Store **now located at 980 Hwy 16 in West Salem..** Let them know your donations support the St. Charles PTO and a percentage of the sales go to PTO. They are taking donations NOW; however, they **WILL NOT** accept them during the month of **February**. Please consider shopping there and liking them on Facebook as this supports the PTO. ([www.rootincrown.com](http://www.rootincrown.com))

**De Soto Area Schools Message Alert:** If you would like a message alert from De Soto 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. .

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

**Enclosures:**

Field Trip Permission Form  
Project Heifer information  
Account Statements

**Dates to Remember:**

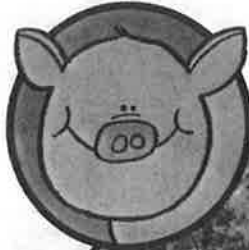
January 05: Adoration at 2:30  
January 19: End of second quarter  
January 22: Teacher In-Service, no school  
January 24: Report cards go home  
January 28: Start of Catholic Schools Week, Open House—other events to be listed later  
January 31: Field Trip to Whitetail Ridge for tubing-more details next week  
February 03: Author's Chair, family lunch, early dismissal

**January Birthdays**

January 17: William Mitchell  
January 26: Thomas Mitchell  
January 30: Isabella Trussoni  
January 31: Arianna Trussoni

Provide a

**PIG**



**I**n 1976, a young Curtis Snell longingly looked at a small farm in Starkville, Mississippi, hoping to one day call it his. Thirty years later, he proudly could.

But while he finally had his dream farm, he struggled to make a living. Starkville was once a thriving agricultural town, but several economic downturns left farmers without processing plants or markets.

That's where donors like you came in. Curtis received training, new equipment and his first batch of piglets. The best part? He knows he's not alone. "Heifer came in to assist me," he said.

Before the gift of pigs, Curtis didn't know if he would be able to make it as a farmer. Now, he is establishing himself as a premiere pastured pork producer in Mississippi.



**Your gift of a pig today empowers farmers like Curtis to turn their dreams into reality through farming.**

**Pig: \$120  
Share: \$10**



**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE  
SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM  
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER**

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to  
Parent or Guardian's name Child's name  
participate in this parish/youth ministry/school event that requires transportation to a location away  
from the parish/school site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish  
employees and/or volunteers from St. Charles  
Name of Parish/School

A brief description of the activity follows:

Date of Event: Jan. 31, 2024 Cost of Event: 0  
Type of event: tubing  
Destination of event: whitetail Ridge near Ft. McCoy  
Individual in charge: Patti Hytry  
Estimated time of departure and return: 8:30 - 2:30  
Mode of transportation to and from event: Bus  
Meal arrangements: Bring sack lunch

I acknowledge that I have previously completed the Comprehensive Child Consent and Release form, providing medical information, permissions, authorizations and releases pertaining to my child. I have listed below any additions and/or corrections to the information provided on that form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Subject to any changes above, I hereby reaffirm any and all such disclosures, permissions, authorizations and releases as though stated herein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to chaperone, \_\_\_\_\_

**DIOCESAN NOTICE  
WISCONSIN'S RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY LAW**

Participants (not property owner) in Diocesan-sponsored recreational activities should be aware of Wisconsin's Recreational Immunity law which limits claims and recovery for death or injury while engaging in recreational activities and which imposes legal duties on participants. These legal duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Acting within the limits of his or her ability;
2. Heeding all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity;
3. Maintaining control of his or her person and equipment devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity; and
4. Refraining from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to the death or injury to himself, herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity.