



# FEBRUARY



Wednesday, February 21, 2024

**Project Heifer update:** The Student Council met and decided to purchase a water buffalo, honeybees, and a dream basket which consists of a sheep, heifer, goat, rabbits, and a flock of chicks, plus training and education in their care. Many thanks to the generosity of our students and their families and all others who contributed to taking care of God's people.

**March Parent/Teacher conferences:** These are scheduled for **March 7<sup>th</sup>** and are optional. Your child's teacher will contact you with a conference request if the situation warrants a time to sit down and discuss further academic plans. You are also welcome to make a conference request if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

**Mite Boxes Reminder:** Ash Wednesday, **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, began all the activities of our Lenten Season. A Mite Box was included for each student last week. 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**.

## **PTO Update: –**

- **Reminder:** Trivia this Saturday night **February 24**. If you want a team, call Mariette Donovan. We may have a kitchen team for those working the event. Anyone helping - setup starts at 4 PM.
- **Fish Dinners:** **March 8** (no bingo) and **March 22** (with bingo to follow) - We will need **VOLUNTEERS** to help for these events. Put up posters enclosed, and share! There are 250 dinners – will serve until gone!
- **Spring Carnival:** Raffle tickets are here!!! **Start Selling!** Each family is asked to sell at least \$100 worth (we have 3,000 tickets to sell). More will be available in the office. There are lots of really great prizes! Remember this is our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year. So please get the posters up and share, share, share the information!
- **Keep shopping** for Spring Carnival prizes (clearance aisles, bulk candy/toys, etc.). More information will be coming out in the coming weeks.
- **Donation Request Letter:** Each family will receive a donation request letter that they can use to help gather donations. Please feel free to copy if you need more than one.
- **PTO Scholarships:** PTO has (2) \$250 scholarships available – one for a former St. Charles School student and one for a member of St. Charles Parish student that is graduating from high school intending to pursue post-high school course of study at either a college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. Applications are available in the church vestibule or at the school office. The due date is March 26, 2024 – postmarks after the date will not be accepted.
- Next PTO meeting **March 5 @ 5:30 PM** in the school gym.

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

**Hunger Knows No Season:** We'll be collecting food once a month from now on. Our next collection will be Tuesday, March 26, just before Easter Break. This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

**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:** Winter has turned unexpectedly mild. However, being in Wisconsin it's best to be prepared for any weather God gives us in February. Everyone will still need winter hats and gloves/mittens for the time being. If your child comes home with hats or mittens which they borrowed from the school, please wash these and send them back.

**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](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 Wellness Policy:** 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:**

Manila Envelopes with Spring Carnival Tickets & Note  
PTO Donation Letter (for Spring Carnival)  
Posters (Spring Carnival and 2 Fish Fry)

**Dates to Remember:**

Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:15

February 24: Trivia Night after Mass

March 1: Adoration plus Stations of the Cross

March 7: Optional Parent/Teacher conference

March 8: Reconciliation (2-6<sup>th</sup> graders), Fish Fry

March 14: Pi Day!

March 22: End of third quarter, Fish Fry

March 27: Report cards go home

March 28-April 1: Easter Break, students return Tuesday, April 2 (DeSoto buses will **NOT** be running the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>).

April 21: Spring Carnival

April 29: Bump-up Day

**February Birthdays**

February 13: Rosemary Lavey

February 19: Dekker Eckes

## ST. CHARLES SCHOOL SPRING CARNIVAL

Hello,

The St. Charles School PTO will be hosting the Spring Carnival on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024! This is our family fun event and largest fundraiser of the year!

The money raised from our fundraisers help pay for books and other educational supplies, field trip costs, yearlong salaries for our Art, Music, and Physical Education teachers as well as other miscellaneous things that are needed along the way. Without these raised funds, these items and more would not be possible.

As mentioned, this event is big, and we can use some help! We are looking for any donations (cash, gift certificates, goods, etc.) for the bucket raffle, jar game, prizes and more. We are asking if you or your business would like to donate to the St. Charles School PTO Carnival?

Any type of donation is greatly appreciated, if able and donators are publicly thanked.

The staff, students, and parents of our school sincerely appreciate your time and consideration.

Jessie Cina – President St. Charles PTO

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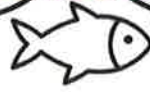
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*(January 2024)*

**St. Charles**

**School PTO**



# FISH FRY

**Friday, March 8**

**Time: 5 - 7 PM**

**\$15.00**  
per dinner

250 dinners, first  
come first serve

Dine-in or Carry  
out

Tip Boards &  
Cash Prizes

## **Dinner Includes:**

- 3 pieces of Cod
- Baked Potato
- Coleslaw
- Baked Beans
- Bun

*Drinks & Desserts are  
available for purchase.*

**Prepared by: Genoa Lions Club**



**St. Charles School PTO**



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**\$15.00**  
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## **Dinner Includes:**

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- Baked Potato
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**Bingo: 7 - 9 PM**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

fun for the whole family!

St. Charles PTO

# Spring Carnival

hundreds of  
**PRIZES!**

raffle

**GAMES!**

food & beverages

dessert walk

**10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**St. Charles School • Genoa, WI**

Raffle Tickets Available! Call 608-689-2642

## **Spring Carnival RAFFLE tickets**

Our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year!

Each family was given \$100 dollars' worth of tickets to start with.

Please sell and pick up more in the office from Carrol. There are 3,000 tickets to be sold.

You can return the sold tickets at any time.

Write your kids name OR last name on the back of the ticket.

Any questions please reach out to Jessie.