



JANUARY

Wednesday, January 15, 2025



Open House at St. Charles: Please join us after Mass on Sunday, **February 2**, to view the classrooms, see what we've been doing, grab a brochure, and pass the word along to anyone who might want to register with us.

Schedule details reminder: On Friday, January 17th, DeSoto has a half day of school while we have a full day of school. The buses will not be running for pick-up in the afternoon. Please make arrangements to pick up your child between 3:15 and 3:45 unless you would like After School Care.

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.

Catholic Schools Week Field Trip : Our CSW field trip will be on Wednesday, **January 29th**. We'll leave school at 8:45 to arrive at St. Rose Chapel at 9:30. The Franciscan nuns will give the students a tour of the chapel and fill us in on the history of this beautiful building. At 10:30 we'll gather for lunch in the commons so please pack a lunch for your child. Our next stop is High Rollers for an afternoon of roller skating fun. We'll be back at school about 2:30. Many thanks to the PTO for arranging this trip. **A permission slip went home last week, please sign and return by Friday, January 24th.**

Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing): The students will once again be showcasing their writing talents during Author's Chair on Friday, **January 31st**. This year the students have been hard at work on exploring and writing different types of poetry. They will all end up with a written and illustrated book of poems 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 February 2:** Adult/Kids welcome. We are asking for one appetizer/finger food per family. Share the flyer enclosed and sign up if you are interested in joining. Need 2-3 people to help run kitchen.
- * **Trivia Sunday February 22:** Share flyer and get your teams signed up! May need 1-2 people for Kitchen crew.
- * **Spring Carnival April 27:** All families are expected to help set up Friday and/or Saturday and all families work Sunday.
- * **Yearbook:** Do you want to work on the yearbook this year? Let Jessie know!
- * **PTO Text Chain:** Let Jessie know (608-780-1148)
- * **Next meeting:** Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM (Fish Fry, Spring Carnival, Scholarship, Yearbook)
- * **For questions:** text/call 608-780-1148; Jessie Cina: jbutterfly12384@gmail.com

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 raiserright.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. Thanks!

Taking care of the body God gave us: 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. 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.

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)

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

Enclosures:

Penny War/Project Heifer flyer
CSW Crazy Days flyer
Sip 'N Paint Flyer

Dates to Remember:

January 17: End of second quarter, we will have a full day of school, no school buses in the PM.
January 22: Report cards go home
January 26: Start of Catholic Schools Week
January 29: Field Trip to St. Rose Chapel and High Rollers
January 31: Author's Chair, family lunch, early dismissal
February 2: Open House after Mass, Sip n Paint
February 22: Trivia Night

January Birthdays

January 17: William Mitchell
January 26: Thomas Mitchell
January 27: Toby Vanevenhoven
January 30: Isabella Trussoni
January 31: Arianna Trussoni

CELEBRATE!
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE GREAT!

January 26th to 31st

Sunday: All School Mass, Students will sing and read

Monday: Start of the Penny War!

Class Day (classes will switch to different teachers: Miss Donovan for Math Tricks, Mrs. Donovan for English Games, Mrs. Hytry for Science Labs)

Tuesday: PJ Day, bring a blanket and stuffy
Read Bible stories

Wednesday: Field Trip to St. Rose and High Rollers.

Thursday: Dress your best for Mass, Game Day

Friday: Author's Chair, Family Lunch, Early dismissal
(De Soto buses are not running at this time)
Dress as an author!

Project Heifer International

Dear Parents:

Our service project for Catholic Schools Week 2025 will be a Penny War to raise money for Project Heifer International. This non-profit company works to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable community development. Our pennies will help buy a farm animal, clean water, seeds, bees, or send a girl to school for a family in another country. Along with this gift will come individual training and education to see this gift to its fullest potential.

The list on the back shows the cost of the gifts available through Project Heifer. If you would like more information please don't hesitate to call me. You can also read more about this organization at www.heifer.org or call 877-243-4337.

Thank you,
Patti Hytry
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608-689-2642



GIFT ORDER FORM

GIFT	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Help a Mother Feed Her Children		\$25,000	\$
The Gift Ark		\$5,000	\$
Community Solar Kit		\$5,000	\$
Honeybee Farm		\$2,500	\$
Joy to the World Gift Basket		\$1,500	\$
Share of Joy to the World Gift Basket		\$150	\$
Biogas Stoves for a Village		\$1,000	\$
A Biogas Stove		\$50	\$
Mating Pair of Cattle		\$1,000	\$
Milk Menagerie		\$1,000	\$
Share of Milk Menagerie		\$100	\$
Water for Life		\$750	\$
Heifer		\$500	\$
Share of a Heifer		\$50	\$
Gift of Clean Water		\$300	\$
Send a Girl to School		\$275	\$
Family Solar Kit		\$250	\$
Water Buffalo		\$250	\$
Share of a Water Buffalo		\$25	\$
Goat		\$120	\$
Share of a Goat		\$10	\$
Sheep		\$120	\$
Share of a Sheep		\$10	\$
Pig		\$120	\$
Share of a Pig		\$10	\$
Garden Seeds		\$60	\$
Share of Garden Seeds		\$10	\$
Hope Basket		\$50	\$
Honeybees		\$30	\$
Flock of Chicks		\$20	\$
Food Basket		\$20	\$
Friends of Heifer®		\$10/mo	\$
Where Most Needed			\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$

Gift to the
 World's
 Most
 Needy
 Children
 and
 Families
 in
 100
 Countries
 Worldwide

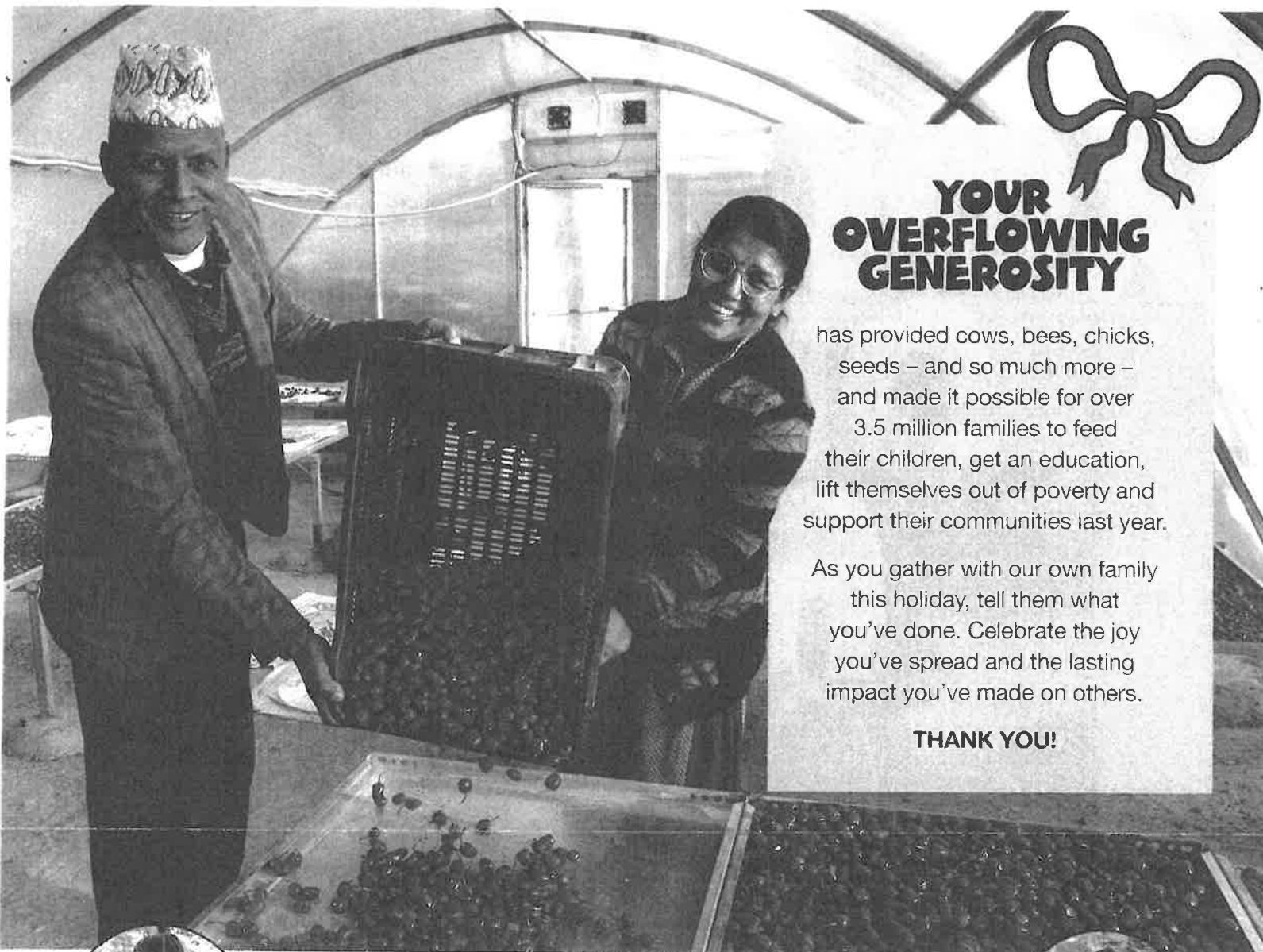


HONOR
 CARDS

Please send me

**Honor Cards
 directly so I can
 send them to
 friends and
 family.**

Please check
 this box if you do
 not want Heifer
 International
 to share
 your contact
 information.



YOUR OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY

has provided cows, bees, chicks, seeds – and so much more – and made it possible for over 3.5 million families to feed their children, get an education, lift themselves out of poverty and support their communities last year.

As you gather with our own family this holiday, tell them what you've done. Celebrate the joy you've spread and the lasting impact you've made on others.

THANK YOU!



“From darkness,
Heifer brought light.”
SANGITA DEVI | **INDIA**



“If you give me something
I will make sure I will not
let you down. In everything
we do, we are improving.”
ROFIAT IBRAHIM | **NIGERIA**

THE JOY YOU'VE SPREAD

You probably don't even know it,
but you've got friends around the world.

These hard-working people love you
for what you've done to help them live
better lives... lives with jobs, nourishment,
education, community, hope, dreams
and most importantly, lives with JOY!



“You have remembered us even
from far away. Despite not meeting
us you have liked our work. We
have the utmost respect for you.”
NARAYAN G.C. | **NEPAL**



“I am very grateful because I can start
to accomplish everything. Thanks to you
who were part of this whole process.”
ZUEMÍ ARELY KÚ CIMÉ | **MEXICO**

WATER

CLEAN ENOUGH TO DRINK



Did You Know?

Access to safe water sources and proper sanitation could save the lives of up to 1.5 million children a year.

Pouring your child a glass of water is likely an unconscious act. Yet millions of people around the world lack access to clean drinking water.

You can be part of the solution by providing families and communities clean, healthy water for daily living. Such a gift changed everything for Susan, a young mother in Uganda. Susan now has a 5,000-liter rainwater collection tank that supplies her family with water for farming and cooking most of the year.

Your gift of Clean Water installs water filters, treadle pumps, rainwater tanks and irrigation systems for families. Or, help an entire community with the gift of Water for Life, which provides solar-powered wells and water kiosks. All gifts come with water conservation and sanitation practices.

By providing families with a sustainable, safe water source, you pave the way to a brighter, healthier tomorrow.

Water for Life: \$750
Clean Water: \$300

Sip & Paint

Sunday, February 2

St. Charles School

Fundraiser

Let Your Creativity Shine!

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Snacks Provided

Drinks Available

Reserve Your Spot Today

Call/Text (608) 780-1148

Created & Taught By:

Kelly Hutchison



\$20 Kids \$30 Adults

TRIVIA

50/50
Raffle

No Team?
No problem!
Sign up and
we will find
you a team.

Cash
Prizes!

When: Saturday, February 22
Food and drinks available at 5:30 PM; Trivia begins at 6:00 PM

Where: St. Charles School Gym,
707 Eagle St., Genoa, WI, 54632

How much?: \$10 per player (teams can be 2-10 people)
(\$5 - \$10 lifelines available for purchase throughout the night)

How to sign up: Call/text Mariette at (608) 381-0220 or
email at mndonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org

