



# January



**Wednesday, January 22, 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.

**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 trip to St. Rose has been canceled due to a funeral. We will go to the Children's Museum instead. We will leave the school at 8:30. We'll still go to High Rollers in the afternoon and be back at school about 2:30. We'll let you know about the changes as soon as possible. Many thanks to the PTO for arranging this trip.

**Aquinas Bible Bowl:** We've been invited to the Bible Bowl taking place at 6:00 on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Aquinas High School Theater. Our St. Charles team will be Ari Trussoni, William Mitchell, Lorenzo Trussoni, and Thomas Mitchell. **Congratulations and good luck!**

**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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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:** Adults/Kids welcome. We are asking for **one appetizer/finger food per family by Sunday at noon**. Share the flyer from last week and sign up if you are interested in joining. We need 2-3 people to help run the kitchen.
- \* **Trivia – February 22:** Share the flyer from last week and get your teams signed up! We may need one or two people for the kitchen crew.
- \* **Spring Carnival - April 27:** All families are expected to help set up Friday and/or Saturday and all families work Sunday.
- \* **Yearbook:** Feeling creative and want to put the yearbook together? Let Jessie know!
- \* **& Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM** (Fish Fry, Spring Carnival, Scholarships, Yearbook)
- \* **For questions:** text/call 608-780-1148; Jessie Cina: [jbutterfly12384@gmail.com](mailto: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 [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 [ormjtrussoni@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Rules

We Like St. Charles because.....

**Dates to Remember:**

- January 26: Start of Catholic Schools Week, All School Mass
- January 27: Class Day
- January 28: PJ Day, bring your blanket and stuffies, read Bible stories (no Mass)
- January 29: Field Trip to St. Rose Chapel and High Rollers
- January 30: Dress your best for Mass, Game Day
- 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

# Penny War Rules

Add the pennies and nickels to your class jar; these are added to your total.

Add other silver coins and \$1 to other jars; these are subtracted!

Winning class will enjoy bragging rights for the year!

We'd like to ask each student to add only \$1 in paper money to the other jars per day to avoid discouraging other classes.



# GIFT A GOAT

**BUILD A COMMUNITY**

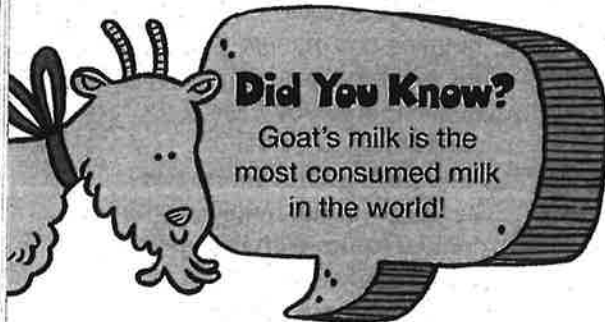
**H**ave you dreamed of using your gifts to help others and build stronger communities? Anuradha did. Despite her love for poetry and dreams of teaching in India, family struggles and an early arranged marriage interrupted her dreams.

A donor provided Anuradha's family with goats and training to care for them. Now, Anuradha leads a group of women who pool resources and

support each other. She teaches them to care for their animals and make a living.

"When you come together as a community, you are able to do things that you would not be able to do individually," Anuradha said.

**Anuradha's story is an inspiration for how we can show up in our own communities. Your gift of a goat can transform not just a family, but an entire community. That's the lasting difference YOU can make.**



Goat: \$120  
Share: \$10



SCAN  
TO GIVE  
A GOAT

## THE JOURNEY OF YOUR GIFT

1 A FAMILY JOINS A HEIFER PROJECT AND LEARNS HOW TO CARE FOR GOATS.

2 THE FAMILY RECEIVES THEIR OWN GOAT.

3 THE FAMILY DRINKS THE GOAT'S MILK, PROVIDING NUTRITION TO THEIR DIETS.

4 THE FAMILY JOINS A COOPERATIVE AND EARNS EXTRA INCOME SELLING MILK AND GOATS.

5 THE FAMILY DIVERSIFIES THEIR FARM AND STARTS A BUSINESS.

6 THE FAMILY PASSES ON THEIR GIFTS TO OTHERS.

7 THE FAMILY THRIVES AND YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON!

