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Wednesday, January 29, 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 a story about how this affects not only individuals, but whole communities.

Aquinas Bible Bowl: Tonight, is the Bible Bowl at 6:00 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**. 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 – THIS SUNDAY:** We have approximately 20 signed up prior to the event with a max of 40 spots. EACH FAMILY – please bring one appetizer/finger food by Sunday at noon. Share the flyer you received earlier, and sign up if you are interested in joining the event,

* **Trivia Sunday: February 22.** Share the flyer sent earlier and get your teams signed up! May need one or two 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. If you collect donations, please make sure they are labeled Carnival. Raffle tickets are being printed and will be coming to you to sell soon!

* **Yearbook:** Feeling creative and want to put the yearbook together? Let Jessie know!

* **PTO Text Chain:** If you want to be added, let Jessie know (608-780-1148).

* **Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM** (Fish Fry, Spring Carnival, Scholarships, Yearbook)

RaiseRight (Megan Olson): Earn money back for the PTO by purchasing gift cards. If you need an order form, call the office (608) 689-2642. Either create an account on raiseright.com or download the Raise Right app. As always, 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 mjtrussoni@gmail.com.

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.

Health & Wellness: Flyer enclosed on Breakfast and Lunch components to review with your child(ren).

De Soto Area Schools Alert Notification Information per De Soto instructions for school closures (new): School Alert Setup: De Soto offers text message notification service to all the school families. Email your cell phone number to: jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi. with School Alert Notification Setup in the title. You will be added to the notification list to receive text and/or phone notification. (Jackie Kreuzer, Adm. Assist. De Soto Area Schools)

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

Enclosures:

February Server Schedule (3rd-6th)
Highlights for February (4th-6th)
Flyer on Heifer Project
February Menu & Activity Calendar
Spring Carnival Flyer (post in the community)
Health & Wellness: Food Components (Breakfast & Lunch)

Dates to Remember:

January 29: Bible Bowl at Aquinas, 6:30
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 7: Adoration at 2:30
February 13: Bake Sale
February 14: No School, Teacher in-service
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

Highlights for February:

- **Skills we are working on:** STUDYING! Some students haven't taken tests or quizzes seriously and the grades show this lack of effort. We will continue to discuss study habits and why this concept is important. FINISHING WORK! Again, some students have decided not to finish a page. If the answers are missing, there is no choice except to mark those wrong. STOP PULLING ERASERS OFF THE PENCILS AND SCATTERING THE BITS ABOUT THE FLOOR!

Seriously, minding basic manners is an important part of maturing.

- **LA:** everyone is still finishing verbs.
- **Reading:** 4th is working their way through *Little House in the Big Woods*, 5th graders are reading *Inside Out and Back Again*, and 6th graders are reading *The Crossover*.
- **Math:** 6th graders know all they should (and probably more than they want to know!) about integers. Their next unit focuses on fractions.

5th graders will work on fractions and then move into carrying out the operations. 4th graders are working on division.

- **History:** 5th and 6th graders are still in Ancient Egypt but soon will be done. Their final project will be attending a feast in honor of Pharaoh Patricia II. They will have to make a gift to bring to please their pharaoh. 4th grader history is building the state of Wisconsin out of the wilderness during the 1800s.
- **Science:** 6th graders will finish a unit on Bacteria. 4th and 5th graders will finish their unit on habitats. Each section will have a final project. Later in February all students will begin a unit on geology.
- **Religion:** Working our way through the sacraments with Matrimony, Holy Orders, and Anointing the Sick.

Server Schedule for February:

Date	Day	Servers
2/4/25	Tuesday	Shelby, William, Autumn
2/6/25	Thursday	Lorenzo, Ezio
2/7/25	Friday	Ari, Celia
2/7/25	Adoration	William, Keilana, Thomas
2/11/25	Tuesday	Celia, William, Dekker
2/13/25	Thursday	Shelby, Ezio
2/18/25	Tuesday	Ari, Lorenzo, Thomas
2/20/25	Thursday	Celia, Keilana
2/21/25	Friday	Ari, Autumn
2/25/25	Tuesday	Shelby, Ezio, Keilana
2/27/25	Thursday	Lorenzo, Dekker
2/28/25	Friday	William, Autumn

SEND A GIRL TO SCHOOL

You provide your children the best education possible, a necessity many children around the world don't have access to, especially young girls. It's a heart-wrenching reality — especially when the choice is between sending your child to school or giving them a meal.

That's what Catherine of Uganda remembers from her childhood. She hopes that her daughter Maritus' experience will be very different than her own.

With the help of thoughtful donors like you, Catherine received quality seeds and training to start a small business. She now generates a steady income that allows her to afford school fees and ensures the next generation has more opportunities than she had.

Share your dedication to education with a gift today and create a ripple effect of brighter futures for young girls in every corner of the world — girls like Maritus.

Send a Girl to School: \$275

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To order your gift, visit Heifer.org/Catalog or call 855.848.6437

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



Sunday, April 27

St. Charles School Fundraiser

707 Eagle St, Genoa, WI 54632

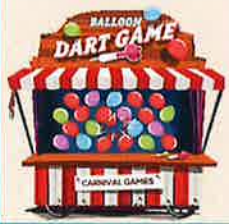
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Fun for the whole family!

FREE ADMISSION - FOOD - DRINKS - RAFFLE TICKETS

NEW CARNIVAL GAMES- BUCKET RAFFLE



The 3 Food Components for Breakfast



Choose at least 3 items

(including $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit and/or vegetable)

For a nutritious meal, choose all!

The 5 Food Components for Lunch



**Choose at least 3 components
(including ½ cup fruit and/or vegetable)**

For a nutritious meal, choose all 5!