



Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Project Heifer update: Our Penny War was a huge success. Congratulations to the **Champions!** This group includes Ari, Keilana, Dekker, Hazel T., Augi, and Tobias and won bragging rights for collecting the most money for Project Heifer. Thank you very much to other donors who contributed to our total amount. The generosity of St. Charles parents and community is truly a blessing. Thanks to generous donors, the final amount raised for Project Heifer was **\$468– CONGRATULATIONS!** The Student Council will decide how to spend the money later this week.

Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing): What a lovely showcase of our students' writing. The students will work on finishing their books and bring them home later this year.

Catholic Schools Week 2024: This was a very enjoyable week for everyone. Students and staff enjoyed the activities and the weather cooperated for our field trip to the Children's Museum and High Rollers. Thank you to everyone who made the week successful.

PTO Updates:

- * See **PTO meeting** minutes for full details;
- * **Trivia Sunday 2/22:** Share the flyer and get your teams signed up! May need one or two people for kitchen crew;
- * **Spring Carnival 4/27:** **ALL** families are expected to help set up Fri and/or Sat and all families work Sun. 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! A list will be coming for family's expectations including signing up to ask for donations.
- * **Fish Fry events: 3/7, 3/21 & 4/4** - will need helpers to serve;
- * **Next meeting: Monday, 3/4/25 at 5:30PM** (Fish Fry finalization, Spring Carnival);
- * **Question/Concerns:** touch base with Jessie at (608) 780-1146 OR jbutterfly12384@gmail.com.

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 raiserright.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.

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:

Parent permission for The Prince of Egypt (4th-6th)

Bake Sale Flier

Valentine's Day Party (4th-6th)

Dates to Remember:

February 7: Adoration at 2:30

February 10: Bake Sale

February 14: No School, Teacher in-service

February 22: Trivia Night

February Birthdays

February 13: Rosemary Lavey

February 15: Augustine Olson

February 19: Dekker Eckes

Bake Sale

When: Monday, February 10th, after lunch

Where: St. Charles Lello Room

Why: to raise money for the 4th -6th grade retreat to Eagles Bluff

Who: brought to you by 4th-6th graders

How Much: treats will be available for \$.50 each



PTO Meeting - Minutes

February 4, 2025

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Megan Olson, Crystal Lavey, Miss Donovan, Michelle Trussoni, Ashley Eckes, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Hytry

RedLou Mobile Library

- We had the owners of RedLou Mobile Library come talk about their program – it is a non-profit, free library that kids can check out books. The books are switched out and requests can be made ahead of time. Keep a lookout in the family folder for a sign up sheet, one per family. Looking to get everyone signed up and started in our school in a few weeks. Library will be in the music room.

Teacher's Report

- Open house
 - Was this past Sunday during Fellowship. It went well and looking to do another one this spring. Discussed advertising more via Facebook, bulletin earlier, having parents be available to chat too, etc.
- Field Trips
 - The 4-6th graders “petitioned” some field trip ideas, which PTO welcomed and discussed. Will keep brainstorming.
 - Madison Zoo/Capital/Gardens – May 2nd, Mrs. Hytry working on final details and bus.

Treasurer's report

- No new report since meeting was early. Megan will update for March meeting.

Business

- Trivia Saturday, Feb. 22nd 6pm!
 - Serving walking tacos – Ashley to make meat, looking for 5# beef donation. Talk to Ashley or Jessie if you would like to donate.
 - Menu: tacos, Doritos, cheese, lettuce, salsa, black olives, sour cream. We will purchase cookies this time, no desserts needed
 - Raffle off a charcuterie board – thanks to those who donated this!
 - Drinks need to be pulled ahead of time out of basement to be chilled. If you plan to work Trivia or can help out ahead of time, please let Jessie know.
- Fish Fry's – 3/7, 3/21, 4/4
 - Dates confirmed with Buck, please let Jessie know if you can help out
 - Menu: 3 pcs cod, baked potato with butter, baked beans, roll, coleslaw
 - Discussed supplies and ordering
- **Spring Carnival – 4/27**
 - Raffle tickets are being printed

- Reviewed information sheet – Michelle T will update and it will be included in an upcoming family folder – please read and review!!
- This is our biggest fundraiser of the year – plan to donate and help out that weekend!!
- Reviewed contact list for donations. A google sheet will be send by Jessie, please sign up for 4-5 businesses to contact for donations. These donations are used as basket items, Jar game items, \$\$ to purchase supplies, etc.
- Yearbook
 - Crystal will work on – please send pictures to yearbook account or Crystal via Facebook or email crystaltholen@gmail.com.
 - 6th Graders should be working on their videos!

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, March 4th, at 5:30pm in the gym.

Take-Aways:

- Trivia 2/22!
- Lookout for library membership information in family folder!
- Save the date, spread the word and start donating to Spring Carnival 4/27!
- Next meeting Tuesday, 3/4 at 5:30pm!