



February



Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Redlou Library: We're very excited to introduce our students to the Redlou traveling library. This library is the vision of Mary Mulvaney-Kemp and her husband who will help us set up and upkeep a mini-library in the current Music Room. **A brochure and registration card went home last week. If you have not already done so, please fill out the registration card and return it to school.** After the card is returned, each family will be given a log-in code which the teachers will use to help check out and check in books. The students will be able to look through the books, choose ones to check out, and then take home in a Redlou library bag provided by the library. We hope to be able to start in March. Student requests and teacher suggestions for books will help keep the library personal to us. Please contact Mrs. Hytry with any questions or concerns.

PTO Updates:

- * **Trivia:** Trivia is this **Saturday 2/22** - hope to see you there with your team or on the kitchen crew!
- * **Spring Carnival 4/27 – Raffle tickets are here!** Please start selling! We have 3,000 to sell. Grab more from the office! Write your family or kid's name on the back for carnival credits.
- * **"Parent Roles":** See the handout sent last week in the family folder.
- * **Donations:** Please check your **email and sign up** for donations if you haven't yet. Thanks to those that have already signed up!
- * **Scholarship applications:** Applications are available and need to be returned by **April 15th**
- * **Fish Fry events- 3/7, 3/21 & 4/4** -approximately 8 **volunteers** are needed to help serve at the events! A good crew makes for an even better event!
- * **Next meeting: Tuesday, 3/4/25** at 5:30 PM (Fish Fry finalization, Spring Carnival). Hope to see you there!
- * **Question/Concerns:** touch base with **Jessie** at **(608) 780-1146 OR jbutterfly12384@gmail.com**.

PTO Scholarships: The PTO will provide two (2) \$250 scholarships - one to a **former St. Charles student** who is a graduating senior, and another \$250 scholarship to a **graduating senior of a St. Charles parishioner (whether or not they attended St. Charles School)**. If you know of anyone interested in filling out a scholarship application for a graduating high school senior, the application will be available in the school office and in the church vestibule. They may be returned to office when completed. **Applications are due April 15!**

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:

PTO Spring Carnival Tickets with a note inside

Dates to Remember:

February 22: Trivia Night

March 4: No Children's Mass, Dr. Seuss Day

March 5: Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:30

March 6: Optional Parent-Teacher conferences

March 7: No School, teacher in-service

March 14: Reconciliation after Mass (2nd-6th),

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

March 21: End of quarter (De Soto buses will **NOT** be running in the PM), Fish Fry

March 24: Diocesan In-service, no school

February Birthdays

February 13: Rosemary Lavey

February 15: Augustine Olson

February 19: Dekker Eckes