



# FEBRUARY



## Wednesday, February 26, 2025

**Reminder:** We welcome families to use our facilities, however, proper behavior is still expected. When students are at school during after-hours activities school rules still apply. These rules are posted in both the front and back hallways. Children should stay in the room where the event is taking place or be supervised by parents or other adults. The playground equipment stored in the back hallway is for outside supervised play only. Food must remain in the cafeteria. Parents are responsible for cleaning up after their children. Let's help make this a positive experience for everyone.

**March Parent/Teacher conferences:** These are scheduled for **March 6<sup>th</sup>** and are optional. Your child's teacher will contact you with a conference request if the situation warrants a time to sit down and discuss further academic plans. You are also welcome to make a conference request if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

**Mite Boxes Reminder:** Ash Wednesday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, begin all the activities of our Lenten Season. A Mite Box is included for each student. Each year, support from the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) provides for more than **2 million children** who are enrolled in catechesis and Christian formation programs, as well as more than **600,000 children** in nursery school through secondary school. We ask our students to donate what they are able and to return the mite boxes to school **as soon after Easter as possible**.

**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 was sent home earlier. 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 Night:** Thanks for all that played! Next one will be **Saturday, May 3rd!**
- \* **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!**
- \* **Fish Fry:** Dates: **3/7** (next Friday), **3/21 & 4/4!** Eat in cafeteria or get it to go. Serving from 5 PM - 7 PM or gone. Dinner includes - 3 pieces of cod fish, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans and a bun for \$15.  
Drinks and desserts sold separately. While you visit, play some games & enjoy the camaraderie!
- \* **Spring Carnival: April 27, 2025!** New and exciting games for even more family fun!  
**Raffle tickets** are HERE and have some really great prizes again this year! *Thank you to all our donors!!* Get your tickets from any kid/parent/staff member of St. Charles School.  
Do you have items you want to donate for games, prizes, bucket raffle, kitchen goodies, etc.. Please

either drop off labeled "Spring Carnival" or contact Jessie, or another parent/staff at school or leave at the back of church.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We can't do it without you! Sign up will be coming out closer to the event but if you know where or what you want to help with please let Jessie know now. Thank you so much!

\* **Question/Concerns:** touch base with **Jessie at (608) 780-1146 OR [jbutterfly12384@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mjtrussoni@gmail.com)

**Taking care of the body God gave us:** It's wet! These warmer temperatures are making the playground a soggy mess so please have your child continue to wear boots, snow pants if they want to play in the remaining snow, hats, gloves, and jackets.

**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](mailto: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:**

- Highlights for March (4th-6<sup>th</sup>)
- Server Schedule for March (3rd-6<sup>th</sup>)
- Activity calendar (will be sent out via email)
- March lunch menu (Enclosed)
- Dr. Seuss Day flier
- Mite Box, Mite Box Flyer & Bookmark

**Dates to Remember:**

- March 4: No 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, Fish Fry
- Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:15
- March 14: Reconciliation after Mass (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>), Adoration along with Stations of the Cross, Pi Day
- March 21: End of quarter (De Soto buses will **NOT be running in the PM**), Fish Fry
- March 24: Diocesan In-service, no school
- March 26: Report cards sent home

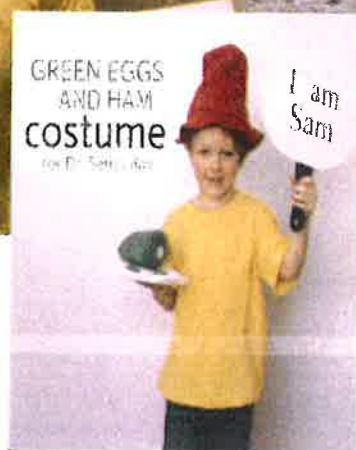
**February Birthdays**

- February 13: Rosemary Lavey
- February 15: Augustine Olson
- February 18: Rosemary Lavey

# Dress like a character from Dr. Seuss!

Tuesday, March 4th

Bring \$1 for the Student Council Fund





## Server Schedule for March

Date	Day	Servers
03/05/25	Ash Wednesday	Celia, William, Autumn
03/06/25	Thursday	Shelby, Thomas
03/11/25	Tuesday	Ari, Keilana, Ezio
03/13/25	Thursday	Celia, Lorenzo
03/14/25	Friday	William, Autumn
03/14/25	Stations of the Cross	Shelby, Dekker, Thomas
03/18/25	Tuesday	William, Lorenzo, Dekker
03/20/25	Thursday	Keilana, Ezio
03/21/25	Friday	Ari, Celia
03/21/25	Stations of the Cross	William, Autumn, Ezio
03/25/25	Tuesday	Celia, Shelby, Thomas
03/27/25	Thursday	Keilana, Lorenzo
03/28/25	Friday	Ari, Autumn
03/28/25	Stations of the Cross	Lorenzo, Dekker, Thomas



4-5-6th

## Highlights for March:

- End of the third quarter is coming up fast! Progress reports will go home this week. Now is the time to sit down and make a plan with your child on where to put extra effort if necessary.
- Ash Wednesday starts our Lenten season on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll take part in the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:15. Everyone is welcome to join us.
- March 6<sup>th</sup>, is an optional parent/teacher conference day. If you feel that you would like to discuss any issues please let me know.
- Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, is Pi Day, a day to celebrate the mathematical symbol which stands for the circumference of a circle divided by the diameter. There will be a Pi contest, a Pi play, and pie to eat for lunch.

**Science:** All students are finishing up projects from prior units. They will all begin a unit on geology, starting with the inner core of the Earth and working our way out to the crust. Volcanoes and earthquakes will make an appearance, maybe an attempt at elevation models, and we'll end with a rocking good time!

**LA:** Verbs are done! We're on to adverbs. In between we continue to write poems for the poetry books.

**History:** 4<sup>th</sup> graders are working through the beginnings of our Wisconsin state government. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders are in ancient China so the room will soon look like an ancient Chinese temple.

**Math:** 6<sup>th</sup> graders are reviewing operations with fractions, 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be multiplying and dividing fractions, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders

will be wading into understanding fractions as soon as they finish division.

**Reading:** By mid-March everyone will be in their next book. 6<sup>th</sup> graders have chosen to read . 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will both read *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. This is the second book in the Narnia series.

**Religion:** This month we'll finish our study of the sacraments.

**Skills we're working on:**

- ERASE! When I have to choose between a 4 written over a 5, I guarantee that I will make the wrong choice.
- Eraser ends stay on the pencil! To be sure there is an eraser to erase with, the eraser ends must stay on the pencil. Pencils sharpened at both ends or with erasers missing will be thrown away.
- Rereading answers to be sure that the question is answered *and* that the answer makes sense.





# FISH FRY



## **St. Charles School & Genoa Lions Club**

**3 pieces of Cod, Baked Potato, Coleslaw,  
Baked Beans & Dinner Roll**

**\$15.00**

*Drinks & Desserts are available for purchase.*

**Friday, March 7**

**Friday, March 21**

**Friday, April 4**

250 dinners, first come first serve

Dine -in or carry out

Tip boards & cash prizes



**Time: 5 - 7 PM**





# The Missionary Childhood Association

## WHAT

The **Missionary Childhood Association (MCA)** is an organization within the Catholic Church that promotes responsibility for missions and supports new and growing Churches in some of the poorest parts of the world that need our help. MCA aims to foster a missionary spirit in individuals, families, parishes, and educational institutions. With the motto of "children helping children" it offers an opportunity for young people to fulfil our baptismal calling to be Missionaries. Through **MCA**, students and teenagers are encouraged to embrace a Missionary mindset and actively participate in Missionary Work. The association helps the missions through prayer, sacrifice, and financial aid and material support. **MCA** It is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, along with the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle, and the Missionary Union

## WHY

MCA is the Holy Father's official mission aid society for children. Whether they live in a country that is mission sending or mission receiving, Catholic children world - wide are taught, as part of their faith formation, to heed the words of Jesus when he said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (MT 28:19-20) MCA members are asked to walk in faithful solidarity with children in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote areas of Latin and South America. They do this as our original members did: with prayer and sacrifice

## HOW

Missionary Childhood members are asked to pray one Hail Mary every day for their brothers and sisters around the world who cannot count on the things we take for granted: healthy food, medicine in times of illness, a proper education, and the knowledge that God loves them. Each MCA member is also asked to spend some time each year financially sacrificing to help support the work of missionaries around the world. They are given a Mite Box to fill, named for the widow who sacrificed the little she had for the good of others in Jesus' parable of the Widow's Mite, The Mite Box is a practical way to collect your child's donations while acting as a visual reminder for them to work on their project.

Mite Boxes and other MCA materials can be ordered by signing up at [www.propfaith.net](http://www.propfaith.net) and donations can be sent to your local diocesan mission office or through the QR code located on the box. Find your diocesan mission office at [www.onefamilyinmission.org/diocesan-offices-list/](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/diocesan-offices-list/)



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