



Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Open House this Sunday: Pass the word around! St. Charles School will host an Open House Sunday, April 6th, after Mass. This will be a great opportunity to take a peek in the classrooms, see what your child has been up to lately, and talk with the teachers. Be sure to bring along friends and any new families who might want to join our St. Charles Family next year.

Tuition & Registration Form: The Tuition & Registration form for the 2025-2026 school year was enclosed earlier. The tuition has been adjusted for the coming school year. Please look it over, complete it, and return to the office by April 15th along with the \$150 registration fee for each student. If the registration fee is paid by April 15th, this fee will be applied towards tuition for next school year. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Sedlacek.

2025-2026 School Year: Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. If you know of families that may be interested, please have them call the office (608) 689-2642 for an application. You may also call or email Fr. Sedlacek (608-689-2646; frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com) OR Mrs. Hytry (608-689-2642; phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

Who can keep up? To be prepared for any weather God gives us, everyone will still need winter hats and gloves/mittens for the time being. If your child comes home with hats or mittens which they borrowed from the school, please wash these and send them back.

Mite Boxes Reminder: We ask our students to donate what they are able and to return the mite boxes to school **as soon after Easter as possible.**

PTO Updates:

- * **Meeting:** Tonight, Wednesday, April 2nd at 5:30 PM in the Music Room.
- * **Fish Fry:** Friday, April 4th – Last one! Please let Jessie know if you're helping.
Potato cleaning & prepping: April 3rd starting at 5 PM. All are welcome!
Desserts: Each family should bring at least 1 pan of desserts to sell for the Fish Fry (these are sold separately from dinners). They've been delicious!
- * **Spring Carnival:** April 27th – less than 1 month away! Raffle tickets...sell, sell, sell! More in the office. Write your family or kid's name on the back for carnival play credits. Keep contacting your businesses for donations. We are seeing some donations come in! Sign up for at least 1 of the shifts for the actual carnival and plan to help with set up and or take down. We really need everyone's help! See Volunteer sheet and sign up for your spot ASAP!
- * **Scholarship applications:** Applications are available and need to be returned by **April 15th**. Know someone, let them know.
- * **Whole School End of the Year Trip:** May 21st to Niagara Cave, Harmon, MN. Mark your calendars if you want to join.
- * **Yearbook:** Please upload any pictures from the year to Shutterfly.
User name: stcharlespto@outlook.com; Password: Yearbook!
- * **Question/Concerns - touch base with Jessie at (608) 780-1146; jbutterfly12384@gmail.com.**

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.

St. Charles Wellness Policy: We are required to post the St. Charles Wellness policy on-line as information for parents. It may be found at: <http://stcharlesgenoa.org>

St. Charles School Unpaid Meal Charles Policy: A requirement for our hot lunch program is that we have an Unpaid Meal Policy in place. If you would like another copy call or email the office.

Enclosures:

Highlights for April (4th-6th)
Account Statements

Dates to Remember:

Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:15
April 4: Fish Fry
April 6: Open House after Mass
April 15: Registration due
April 17-21: Easter break
April 22: Singing at Creamery Creek
April 27: Spring Carnival
May 2: Trip to Madison (4th-6th graders)
May 4: First Communion during Mass
May 5: Bump-Up Day
May 13: Spring Concert/Art Show at 7 pm
May 21: End of Year Field Trip
May 23: 6th grade Graduation Mass, Last Day Games!

April Birthdays

April 18: Keilana Rodgers

Highlights for April:

- I am not ready for April!
- 6th grade parents: how are the graduation videos coming? Invitations for Graduation Lunch will be sent out closer to May.
- All **Science** students are becoming geologists. We've studied the interior of the Earth and how the layers work to bring us earthquakes and volcanoes. Classes are filled with demonstrations, labs, and videos. Before Easter break I'd like the students to build a spaghetti tower to test on my Jello Earthquake Machine to see how buildings in earthquake zones need to be reinforced. Hopefully there will be a volcano demonstration in there, too. After Easter we'll move on to rocks and other natural features of the crust.
- **Math**: 4th grade students are working on fractions followed by a short unit on understanding graphs. 5th grade students are multiplying and dividing fractions, then a short unit on probability and graphing. 6th graders are finishing their fraction unit to be followed by per cents and proportions.
- **Language Arts**: 4th graders are finishing a chapter on punctuation. This is their last section about grammar so now comes the time to use their skills with writing pieces—starting with a letter to a Wisconsin political figure. 6th and 5th graders are finishing a unit on prepositions so will work on their punctuation skills

next.

- **History:** 5th and 6th graders are finishing Ancient China. After that we'll read *I Am Gandhi*, a graphic novel about Mahatma Gandhi and his use of peaceful resistance to counter the harsh British rule in India. They'll finish the year studying Ancient Rome.
- **Wisconsin History:** 4th graders are finding out more about the political structure in Wisconsin. We'll write some letters to political figures prior to our visit to the state capitol in May.
- **Reading:** 6th graders are reading *The Giver* while the 4th/5th graders are just getting into *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.
- **Skills we're working on:**
- **FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS! REREADING TO BE SURE OF THOSE DIRECTIONS!**
- **FINISHING ALL PROBLEMS!**
- Studying for tests—creating those all-important study skills for future success. This doesn't happen only at school.
- Using the book and notes as reference for correct answers (yes, a little extra work is worth a better grade!)
- Using English and Spelling skills across all lessons
- Penmanship.....Erase instead of writing over!