



**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

**End of Year Field Trip:** Enclosed is the permission slip for our field trip to Niagara Cave in Harmon, MN, on **Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please fill out the permission slip and return as soon as possible. We'll leave at 8:15 and plan to be back to school by 3:00. The cave will be cool so plan to bring a jacket and wear comfortable walking shoes, no sandals. Bring a sack lunch. Thank you, PTO, for covering the cost and providing a snack for the trip back. Never too early to start praying for nice weather!

**Save the Date, Volunteer Luncheon:** We would like to show our appreciation for all the volunteers we have within our parish and school. To show our tremendous gratitude for all they do for us, we are planning a Recognition Luncheon on **Friday, May 16, at 11:30 PM**. An invitation is enclosed for you to complete and return by Friday, May 9th. In addition, please feel free to share it with other parish, school, and/or community volunteers that help us throughout the year.

**Support for the RedLou Library:** Check out the information about attending a Viroqua Chamber of Commerce May Soup Event to support our RedLou Library. All the students have certainly been enjoying the many choices of books provided.

**Bump-Up Day:** We've set aside **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, as a Bump-Up day**. If you know of anyone who would like to join us on that day to check out our wonderful school, please encourage them to contact Carrol.

**Trip to Madison:** 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders will be on their way to tour the state capitol in Madison on **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hytry. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders have the itinerary in their folders to share with their parents.

#### **PTO Updates:**

Wow what an amazing **Spring Carnival!! Thank you all** for your hard work not only over the 3-day weekend as we all know we've been prepping much longer than that!!! It was great to see the teamwork in action to make this event a success for our school!

\* **Picture day Monday 5/5** - Miss Donovan will be taking a picture of our kids on Monday to use for our Thank You that will be sent to all the donors. If you have someone who deserves a thank you please get the name and address to Jessie by next Tuesday as we will be sending them out after the PTO meeting.

\* **Trivia** - this **Saturday 5/3** starts at 6 PM. If you want to get a team in let Miss Donovan know. Walking Tacos are on the menu!

\* **Last day of school** - Need to know which parents will be there. Pulled Pork and Hot dogs are being served, provided by the PTO. \*

\* **Yearbook** - please upload any pictures from the year to Shutterfly; User name: [stcharelspto@outlook.com](mailto:stcharelspto@outlook.com); Password: Yearbook!

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

**2025-2026 School Year:** Enrollment is open for St. Charles 4K-6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com)) OR Mrs. Hytry (608-689-2642; [phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org](mailto:phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org)). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

**Elementary Summer School Reminder:** De Soto Area Schools will provide an elementary summer school program for **Grades 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade**. This was sent to the families (via email) and a copy was also sent home. If you choose to participate, feel free to return the form to the school office as soon as possible and we will make certain they get to the appropriate destination.

**Tuition & Registration Form REMINDER:** The Tuition & Registration form for the 2025-2026 school year was sent home earlier. The tuition has been adjusted for the coming school year. Please look it over and **if you**

**haven't returned same to the office**, please do so, along with the \$150 registration fee for each student. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Sedlacek.

**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**.

**Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us:** Spring temperatures are still fluctuating and the wind can make a sunny day a little chilly. We'd like the students to still bring warmer jackets just in case they are needed. We're also asking that outside jackets or sweatshirts not be worn in the classroom but be reserved for outside recess only. **Reminder:** Shorts, when the weather warms up, must be 3 inches above the knee or below the fingertips when standing—whichever is longest. Any sandals must have a back strap for safety. Gym shoes are still required for PE.

**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.

**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:**

Niagara Cave permission slip  
Volunteer luncheon RSVP  
Ben-Hur permission slip (4-6<sup>th</sup>)  
Progress reports (4-6<sup>th</sup>)  
Highlights for May (4-6<sup>th</sup>)  
Server schedule for may (4-6<sup>th</sup>)  
RedLou Library soup event information

**Dates to Remember:**

May	2: Trip to Madison (4th-6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
May	3: Trivia at 5:30
May	4: First Communion during Mass
May	5: Bump-Up Day
May	6: Mary, Queen of May, crowning at Mass
May	13: Spring Concert/Art Show at 7 pm
May	16: Volunteer Luncheon, Spy Crazy Day (stay tuned for details), Graduation videos due to Father Sedlacek, Reconciliation (2-6th)
May	21: End of Year Field Trip
May	22: Genius Hour
May	23: 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Mass, Last Day Games!

**April Birthdays**

April 18: Keilana Rodgers

St. Charles Parish & School would like  
to show our appreciation for your  
continued support as a volunteer.

We are inviting you to a  
"Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon"  
It will give us the opportunity to show our  
appreciation for your volunteer efforts  
here at St. Charles Parish & School.



Please join us for the noon luncheon  
Friday, May 16, 2025 @ 11:30 AM  
Please RSVP

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Number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP by **Monday, May 12** with this form  
to St. Charles School or Phone (608-689-2642)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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The RedLou Library has opened a small library in our Music room which allows the students to check out and read many different kinds of books. Please consider supporting them.

RedLou Library has been selected by the Viroqua Chamber of Commerce as one of the presenters for the May Soup Event. For those of you who have not attended a soup night please consider checking it out. They are lots of fun. We will be at Second Nature. A gorgeous setting to have an outdoor meal. Four local groups give a 4 minute presentation. At the end of the evening all those who paid for soup will vote on who they think should receive the money that evening. I hope you will attend and support RedLou Library.

### **Chamber Soup Event**

#### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025
- **Time:** 5:00 PM
- **Location:** Second Nature at Reads Creek
- **Cost:** \$5.00/meal

#### **Event Format:**

- Enjoy a shared meal of soup, bread, and butter listening to inspiring pitches.
- Attendees will vote for the project that resonates most with them, and the winning pitch will receive all the proceeds raised that evening.



## Server Schedule for May

Date	Day	Servers
04/29/25	Tuesday	William, Ezio, Thomas
05/06/25	Tuesday	Celia, Keilana, Lorenzo
05/13/25	Tuesday	Ari, Autumn, Dekker
05/15/25	Thursday	Shelby, Keilana
05/16/25	Friday	Lorenzo, Thomas
05/20/25	Tuesday	William, Autumn, Ezio
05/22/25	Thursday	Celia, Ari
05/23/25	Friday	Shelby, Lorenzo Dekker





## Highlights for May:

- And here it comes—a race to the finish!
- Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is our Graduation Mass at 10:00, followed by videos, and a picnic lunch for families and students. Outdoor games planned by Sandy will follow, then everyone is free to go home for the summer!
- Meanwhile, education does continue.....
- Math: 6<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing percentages, 5<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing decimals, 4<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing fractions.
- English: Everyone will be done with their grammar lessons so now will use them in writing a “How-to” piece.
- Reading: We're still in mixed groups, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> are reading The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe while 6<sup>th</sup> graders are reading To Kill A Mockingbird.
- Science: Everyone is finishing up a unit on volcanoes and their test will include earthquakes. We'll build a volcano in the backyard and see how high we can get the lava to shoot!
- History: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will start a short, very

short, unit on Ancient Rome. I'd like to show the movie "Ben Hur", released in 1959, during class time. I realize that the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will also be watching so be sure to check out the permission slip for more details.

- **Wisconsin History:** 4<sup>th</sup> graders should finish up their Wisconsin Trivia pages for their notebook.
- **Religion:** Last two sacrament, Extreme Unction and Holy Orders.
- **Skills this month** include taking pride in doing the best work, with the greatest effort, and creating a showcase for all to see and admire. Actually opening the book to complete a lesson or using the notes to find answers easily.
- Whew! Thank you for all your prayers and support.

**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE  
SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM  
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER**

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to  
Parent or Guardian's name Child's name  
 participate in this parish/youth ministry/school event that requires transportation to a location away  
 from the parish/school site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish  
 employees and/or volunteers from \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parish/School

A brief description of the-activity follows:

Date of Event: May 21 Cost of Event: 0  
 Type of event: End-of-year field trip  
 Destination of event: Niagara Cave, MN  
 Individual in charge: Jessie Cina  
 Estimated time of departure and return: 8:15 - 3:00  
 Mode of transportation to and from event: Bus  
 Meal arrangements: Bring sack lunch

I acknowledge that I have previously completed the Comprehensive Child Consent and Release form,  
 providing medical information, permissions, authorizations and releases pertaining to my child. I have  
 listed below any additions and/or corrections to the information provided on that form:

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Subject to any changes above, I hereby reaffirm any and all such disclosures, permissions,  
 authorizations and releases as though stated herein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The cave will be cool so bring a jacket  
 and wear comfortable walking shoes - no sandals.*

**DIOCESAN NOTICE  
WISCONSIN'S RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY LAW**

Participants (not property owner) in Diocesan-sponsored recreational activities should be aware of Wisconsin's Recreational Immunity law which limits claims and recovery for death or injury while engaging in recreational activities and which imposes legal duties on participants. These legal duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Acting within the limits of his or her ability;
2. Heeding all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity;
3. Maintaining control of his or her person and equipment devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity; and
4. Refraining from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to the death or injury to himself, herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity.