



Family Folder - Wednesday, September 24, 2025



From Fr. Reither

They say that prayer is the glue of the family and that the family that prays together, stays together (which must be true because it rhymes)! In addition to having spiritual conversations as a family, another indispensable tool to help kids keep the faith is prayer together as a family. I would encourage all of our families to create some kind of daily prayer goal that you can implement practically. In this realm, quality is better than quantity. Three Hail Marys said intentionally together every day is better than a rosary said hurriedly once a week.

Today, in the Diocese of La Crosse is especially set aside for prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest. Please pray in a special way for all of our farmers in our community and that the Lord would continue to bless us with fine weather.

God Bless,
Fr. Reither

Thank You Guest Reader: A warm thank-you to Tom Reichenbacher for coming in to share his love of reading with us. Mr. Reichenbacher is the Superintendent of Schools for the La Crosse Diocese. He read some of his favorite books from when his children were little, answered many questions, and stayed to eat lunch with us.

Flu Vaccine Clinic: Vernon County Health Department will be scheduling Immunization Clinics in October 16. We will give you more information when we receive it from the Health Department.

Trivia Night: TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK! Ready to show what you know? Join us for a night of fun on **October 4th**. It only costs \$10/player, and teams can be as small as 2 players or as big as 10. Soup, sandwiches, snacks, and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening starting at 5:30 PM, and trivia begins at 6:00. Lifelines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10, so come prepared. All proceeds help our great school!

PTO (Jessie Cina): Attached are the meeting minutes from Monday, September 15 – please read through.

Next Meeting: TBD Early October at 5:15 PM in the gymnasium.

- * Read PTO notes from last week!
- * Trivia, October 4th – get your teams signed up – soup and sandwiches will be served!
- * Anyone interested in making the yearbook for next Year? Let Jessie know if you are interested.
- * Return Retreat Fair sign-up sheet – it is this Saturday – September 27th!
- * Let a PTO officer know about the PTO Text Chain!
- * Thank you to all who sold and distributed butter braids@
- * **Questions/concerns:** please text 608-780-1148 OR email me at (Jessie) at jbutterfly12384@gmail.com

St. Charles School Packet Materials: If you haven't already done so, please read the Student/Family Handbook, sign, and return the **compliance sheet** to Carrol.

Snacks and Birthday Treats: We do have students with an allergy to peanuts and dairy. To be safe, **any treats should be free from peanuts and not be a dairy product such as ice cream**. Please remember that any snacks brought to school should be on the more nutritious side, rather than more to the just-sweet side. If you are planning treats for the whole school please avoid foods with nuts and nut products

Influenza Vaccine Clinic: Vernon County Health Department will be at St. Charles School at **10:30 AM on Thursday, October 16th** for a **free** influenza vaccine for students that wish to receive the vaccine. Enclosed are: Letter from the Health Department, **a consent form to sign and return to the office by October 13th**, and an Information Statement – federally mandated to provide.

Inclement Weather Reminder: We will keep the children indoors at the end of the day if the weather is too rainy or cold. Please come into the school to pick up your child if you don't see anyone out on the playground. We will follow De Soto's announcement for any school closings. You can always check the news channels for closures (keep in mind that the announcement will be for De Soto schools, NOT St. Charles school), sign up for a text directly from De Soto schools, (**see instruction below to sign up for Message Alert**), or wait for an email from Mrs. Hytry. If school has to close early for any reason we will notify you through email and follow your emergency pick-up plan that you filled out in your school packet.

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information: Jackie Kreuzer at De Soto Area Schools would like the St. Charles families to send an email to her at jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi.us with the name and number that you would like to use for messages for inclement and/or other school closures. Jackie will input them manually to make certain they get in the system. Please let her know if you are NOT receiving the messages.

RedLouLibraray reminder: For the entire month of September if you order the pizza of the month from the menu a portion of the sales from these pizzas comes back as a donation to RedLou Library. Stop by and have a pizza of the month and help contribute to RedLou Library. If you choose not to have a pizza of the month you can donate to RedLou Library in a RedLou tip jar. Ask at the drink counter. RedLou Library will be at the Roadhouse each Friday in September. Thank you.

Romance Pumpkin Patch – Pick Your Own Pumpkin: Friday, **October 3rd** from 11 AM – 5 PM; Saturday, **October 4th** 9 AM – 5 PM; and, Sunday, **October 6th** from 9 AM – 12:00. **Where:** S44502 Blackberry Lane in Genoa. Orange Jack-O-Lanterns will be available for “pick your own”. Other varieties will also be available at the farm. Wear boots and bring a blanket to set them on. Cash or Venmo Only.

The Second-Hand Shack (Ellen Michuta): The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street. Longtime employee of Thrifty Pickins' & Buckles, Sarah Studinger is the owner/operator of this new business. Sarah is passionate about supporting the community by donating a portion of her profits to local non-profits and veterans. She has chosen to start this venture with St. Charles PTO. With the change of ownership at the West Salem store, we appreciate this new funding opportunity from outside the St. Charles community. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact Sarah (608-615-1005) for donation times, acceptance and exclusions. Thank you to Sarah Studinger for partnering with the St. Charles PTO. **SHOP.... VOLUNTEER...DONATE...REPEAT**

Scrip (Megan Olson): **Scrip (Megan Olson):** If you have questions, please feel free to contact Megan at mjtrussoni@gmail.com.

Taking care of the body God gave us: With the daily temperatures changing as we move into Autumn please have your child dress in layers to be comfortable at school. A sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket can be kept at school just in case. Watch the weather to see if shorts are appropriate to wear.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in collecting for the local food pantry every Tuesday! This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

St Charles Facebook Page: Like” the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events occurring at school.

Handouts:

October server schedule
October Menu & Activity Calendar
Vernon County Health Department letter; **Vaccination Consent Form**, and an Informational Statement
Livin' in the Wild, Wild West Days flyer

Dates to Remember:

September : all month focus on peace as the first Fruit of the Spirit
September 25: Vision & Hearing Screening
September 26: No School, Diocese of La Crosse teacher in-service
October 1: Cowboy Crazy Day, Dress like a Cowboy for \$1
October 4: Trivia Night
October 10: Adoration @ 2:30 PM
October 16: Flu Vaccine Clinic, Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 17: Reconciliation for 3-6th graders
October 31: No school, Teacher In-service

Birthdays:

September 07: Peter Albrecht

Server Schedule for October

Date	Day	Servers
10/07/25	Tuesday	William, Keilana, Dekker
10/10/25	Friday	Keilana, Thomas
10/10/25	Adoration	William, Keilana, Dekker
10/14/25	Tuesday	Shelby, Thomas, Lorenzo
10/17/25	Friday	Ezio, Gio
10/21/25	Tuesday	William, Ezio, Thomas
10/24/25	Friday	Lorenzo, Dekker
10/28/25	Tuesday	Shelby, Ezio, Gio

Livin' in the Wild, Wild West



Show your wild cowboy spirit for

only \$1.00

Wednesday, October 1st

(No Weapons, please)

Brought to you by the Student Council

Vernon County Health Department

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Phone 608-637-5251 FAX 608-637-5514



Dear Parent:

Vernon County Health Department will be at DeSoto Area Schools, as well as St. Charles and St. Matthews, to provide **free** influenza vaccine for children/students that wish to receive the vaccine. We will administer to those interested at the schools on **Thursday October 16th** in the morning, and Stoddard Elementary early afternoon.

We are enclosing a consent form for your signature along with the Vaccine Information Statement that discusses the vaccine. Please review the materials and return the signed consent form to the ***school secretary or classroom teacher*** no later than **Monday October 13th**.

If you have any further questions/concerns, please feel free to contact the DeSoto School Nurse, the school office, or Vernon County Health Department. We look forward to seeing your children.

Stay Well,

Emily Olson, RN BSN
Public Health Nurse/Deputy Health Officer
Vernon County Health Department

Loralee Wetter, DeSoto School Nurse
St. Charles Office Staff
St. Matthews Office Staff

2025-2026 SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE CONSENT FORM

Information collected on this form will be used to document permission for your child to receive the 2025-2026 seasonal influenza vaccine at your child's school. Record of this immunization may be shared through the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) with other health care providers directly involved with your child's care.

SCHOOL: _____

Student's Name (Last, First, Middle initial)			Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female	
Student's Birthdate Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	Student's Age _____	School Grade _____	Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number () _____	
Home Address _____ City _____		County _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Parent/Guardian's Name _____		Okay to share the seasonal influenza immunization data with the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR)? ☐ Yes ☐ No		

Please answer the following questions (circle Yes or No):

1. Does your child have a serious allergy to eggs?	YES	NO
2. Does your child have any other serious allergies? Please list _____	YES	NO
3. Has your child ever had a serious reaction or allergic response to past flu vaccinations?	YES	NO
4. Has your child ever had Guillain Barré syndrome (a type of temporary severe muscle weakness) within 6 weeks after receiving a flu vaccine?	YES	NO

VACCINE FOR CHILDREN ELIGIBILITY (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Native American ☐ Badger Care ☐ Medicaid Eligible ☐ No Health Insurance ☐ Insured, Vaccines Not Covered
- ☐ Insured, Vaccines Covered

CONSENT FOR CHILD'S VACCINATION:

I have read, or have had explained to me, the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for the influenza vaccine. I have had a chance to ask questions that were answered to my satisfaction. I understand the benefits and risks of the vaccine requested and ask that the vaccine be given to the student named above for whom I am authorized to make this request.

Parent Signature X _____ Date _____

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VIS date: 1/1/2025

Clinic/Office Address _____

2025-2026 Seasonal Flu: Route (circle one) = IM Body site (circle one) = RD or LD

Manufacturer _____ Lot No. _____ Expiration: _____

Signature and title-person administering vaccine: X _____ Date Administered: _____

Vernon County Health Department 318 Fairlane Drive Viroqua, WI 54665 Phone: 608-637-5251

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): *What you need to know*

Many vaccine information statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite www.immunize.org/vis

1. Why get vaccinated?

Influenza vaccine can prevent influenza (flu).

Flu is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections, and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, cancer, or diabetes, flu can make it worse.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

In an average year, **thousands of people in the United States die from flu**, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

2. Influenza vaccines

CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated every flu season. **Children 6 months through 8 years of age** may need 2 doses during a single flu season. **Everyone else** needs only 1 dose each flu season.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against the influenza viruses believed to be likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season.

Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Influenza vaccine **does not cause flu**.

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

3. Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccination provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**
- Has ever had **Guillain-Barré Syndrome** (also called "GBS")

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination until a future visit.

Influenza vaccine can be administered at any time during pregnancy. Women who are or will be pregnant during influenza season should receive inactivated influenza vaccine.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.



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4. Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where the shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccination.
- There may be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated influenza vaccine (the flu shot).

Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) and/or DTaP vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your health care provider if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

5. What if there is a serious problem?

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call **9-1-1** and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at www.vaers.hhs.gov or call **1-800-822-7967**. *VAERS is only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff members do not give medical advice.*

6. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Claims regarding alleged injury or death due to vaccination have a time limit for filing, which may be as short as two years. Visit the VICP website at www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation or call **1-800-338-2382** to learn about the program and about filing a claim.

7. How can I learn more?

- Ask your health care provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Visit the website of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for vaccine package inserts and additional information at www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call **1-800-232-4636** (1-800-CDC-INFO) or
 - Visit CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/flu.

