



### **Family Folder - Thursday, October 2, 2025**

#### **From Father Reither:**

Yesterday was the feast of St. Therese of Lixoux who promised to spend her time in heaven doing good on earth. It is also the anniversary of my diaconate ordination which happened 5 years ago in 2020 (a very good year) in a very empty St. Peter's Basilica. Every priest is ordained a deacon before they are ordained a priest as we are reminded that we are ordained first to serve others. Here is a prayer of St. Therese that you can use to pray with your family this week:

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose  
from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors

I now place with confidence in your hands ...

(mention in silence here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in

God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day. Amen

**Influenza Vaccine Clinic:** Vernon County Health Department will be at St. Charles School at **10:30 AM on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** for a **free** influenza vaccine for students that wish to receive the vaccine. This year they are unable to include Adult influenza Please sign the form included last year, and return the **consent form to the office by October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Our conferences are on the night of October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-6:00. This is your chance to sit down with your child's teacher, ask questions, find out your child's strengths, and areas that might need extra work. The schedule for conferences is attached. If you can not make your scheduled time, please contact your child's teacher and make an alternative meeting time.

**Fire Prevention Week:** Fire Prevention Week is **October 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** this year. The local fire department will come for their annual fire prevention program for **3K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**. This will be held outdoors at **2 PM** on Tuesday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>**. We are fortunate that we have a local fire department willing to do this prevention program for us each year!

#### **PTO UPDATE (Jessie Cina)**

- \* **Trivia Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** - this Saturday! Soup and sandwiches available. Workers are Crystal, Megan, Michele T and Kelly H - thank you for connecting and signing up to help! We'll be setting up at 4:30 pm.
- \* **October PTO** meeting is **October 8<sup>th</sup> @5:15 PM** - **some agenda items are school needs, Halloween party planning, field trip, pancake breakfast scheduled November 9<sup>th</sup> - reminder we will need your hands to help!**
- \* **Text chain** to stay up to date and help with decisions/planning send a message to Jessie 608-780-1148 to be added
- \* **Yearbook** - feeling creative?! If you're interested in making the yearbook for next year, Let Jessie know.
- \* **Questions/concerns:** please text 608-780-1148 OR email me at (Jessie) at [jbutterfly12384@gmail.com](mailto:jbutterfly12384@gmail.com)

#### **Trunk or Treat Events:**

- \* **Genoa State Bank Trunk OR Treat October 31<sup>st</sup> 4 – 7 PM:** Treats will be handed out & collecting items for the Stoddard Food Pantry. If you would like to decorate a trunk and hand out treats, please call 608-689-2655 to reserve a post.
- \* **Vernon County 4-H Presents Halloween Hide and Seek October 18 7 PM:** Open to Youth Ages 7-18; Trunk or Treat for ALL Aged Youth **5:30 to 6:30 PM**; Costume Contest for All Youth and Adults. Pre-Registration for Hide and Seek is \$10; Night of Registration is \$15. (A fundraiser for the Vernon County Trauma Task Force, County K-9 Programs, and School Lunch Fund Payoffs)

**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, - come prepared! **Call or text Mariette at 608-381-0220 or email her at [mdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org](mailto:mdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org) with your team's name, number of players, and contact person's name and phone number. It would help us with planning if you could let us know by Thursday, October 2nd.** If you don't know until the last minute, you're still welcome to come and play. Hope to see you there for a night filled with laughs and fun!

**Inclement Weather Reminder:** 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](mailto: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.

**The Second-Hand Shack (Ellen Michuta):** The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:**

Parent-Teacher conference schedule  
Highlights for October (4th-6th)  
Halloween Trunk or Treat (Genoa State Bank)  
Halloween Hide & Seek: Wild West Days Grounds

#### **Dates to Remember:**

October 04: Trivia Night  
October 08: Fire Department visit at 2:00 (3K-3rd)  
October 10: Adoration at 2:30  
October 16: Influenza clinic at 10:30, Guest Reader, Parent-Teacher Conferences  
October 17: Reconciliation at 8:45 (3-6th)  
October 29: Costume Day  
October 31: No School, staff in-service

#### **Birthdays:**

Ezio Olson, October 22  
Clint Johnson, October 30

Parent-Teacher Conference Schedule, Thursday, October 16th.

Please take a look at the following schedule. If you can not make the scheduled time, please check with your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Sandy will have bus duty on that day but her duty ends at 4:00. Any children on the playground after that should have parent supervision.

| Time      | Miss Donovan | Mrs. Donovan | Mrs. Hytry |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 3:00-3:20 |              |              |            |
| 3:20-3:40 | Ada          | Bella        | Keilana    |
| 3:40-4:00 | Asher        | Gio          | Ezio       |
| 4:00-4:20 | Toby         | Augie        | Lorenzo    |
| 4:20-4:40 | Clint        | Addy         | Dekker     |
| 4:40-5:00 | Greg         | Raegen       | Thomas     |
| 5:00-5:20 | Norby        | Hazel T      | William    |
| 5:20-5:40 | Shay         | Rosemary     | Shelby     |
| 5:40-6:00 |              | Hazel D      |            |
| 6:00-6:20 |              | Peter        |            |
| 6:20-6:40 |              |              |            |



## Highlights for October:

- Parent teacher conferences are set for Thursday, October 16th. The schedule is enclosed. If you can't keep your scheduled time please contact me and we can set an alternative time.
- I'll give out progress reports to the students on Friday, the 3rd. This is a great time to talk about strengths, weaknesses, goals, and how to study.
- In October I will have the students write a short report on a chosen saint and then create a life-sized picture of that saint to hang in the church as All Saint's Day approaches.
- Everyone will have a Math test soon. How to study for a Math test--they all have a Notes Book which contains examples and explanations of the lessons in chapter 1 to study from. After any test I allow the students to make corrections using their book or notes. They can turn the corrections in with Mom or Dad's signature for 5 extra points since not everyone is a great test-taker. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will then perfect their skills at adding and subtracting, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will jump into multiplication.
- Language Arts—everyone is studying nouns and learning/remembering how to diagram sentences. Pronouns are next.
- History—everyone knows where the continents and oceans are (spelling is another matter for another year:). We're following humans out of Africa and then will be making a diorama depicting the settlement of a Native American group. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will chose from a native group living in Wisconsin, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will chose from a native group living in North America.

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Scientists continue with cellular structure and function. The next unit includes the study of DNA and passing traits on from parent to offspring.
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade work is continues with chemistry. Some labs include mixing/unmixing solutions, signs of a chemical reaction, acid/base solutions, and Chemistry in a Bag exploration.
- Reading finds everyone getting into *The Sign of the Beaver*, finding out what happens to a boy left alone in the wilds of Maine in the early 1700s.

With so many different classes to teach, we're often behind my projected schedule. Please be assured that the concepts are being thoroughly taught. Now it is your child's turn to do their job as a student and study to learn.

Skills we work on:

- being a good role model for the younger students
- using book and notes to be sure of the answers
- rereading directions
- studying for quizzes/tests

- Call, call, call: 920-573-0207 or 608-648-2800
- Email: [phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org](mailto:phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org)

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Sponsored by Genoa State Bank &  
Mississippi Steamers 4H Club





Vernon County 4-H Presents



# HALLOWEEN

*Hide and Seek*

18 OCTOBER

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