



Family Folder - Wednesday, October 15, 2025

From Father Reither:

This week at our School Mass we heard from St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." Sometimes our culture pressures us to keep our Faith to ourselves as if it should stay a private or hidden thing. Nothing could be more opposite. We should not be afraid if people tell by the way we live our lives that we are seeking to be friends with Jesus! Certainly, we should not pray to be seen, but neither should we also be afraid to be seen praying. May we always have the courage to proclaim Christ by our words and deeds.

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. This year they are unable to include Adult influenza.

Parent-Teacher Conferences Reminder: We'll see you tomorrow, **October 16th**, at your scheduled time. 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. If you cannot make your scheduled time, please contact your child's teacher and make an alternative meeting time..

Eagle Bluff Retreat Save the Date: The 4th-6th graders will be going to Eagle Bluff in Lanesboro, MN, on Friday, **March 13th**. This will be a full day experience since the children have requested the High Ropes course and Survival activities. We have room for plenty of chaperone drivers so mark your calendars and plan to join us.

PTO UPDATE (Jessie Cina)

- * **Read** the enclosed minutes from last week's PTO meeting.
- * **Free Community Halloween Party:** Thursday, **October 30th** – see flyer enclosed and invite your friends. If able to give a head count to Jessie by **October 28th**, that would be great, but not necessary. We will have some food, drinks, games and music.
- * **Pancake Breakfast** and bake sale November 9th.
- * **Next PTO Meeting** will be November 4th at 5:15 PM.
- * **Questions/concerns:** please text 608-780-1148 OR email me at (Jessie) at jbutterfly12384@gmail.com

Red Hooded Sweatshirts: The polo shirts and tee shirts ordered for students have been delivered and given to the students today! In addition, **Kelly Hutchison** donated red hooded sweatshirts from her shop (**THANK YOU KELLY**) that we had the School House logo put on when we ordered the polo shirts and tee-shirts needed for this year. These hooded sweatshirts are available for a "free will" offering when picked up at the office. The sizes available are: Youth Medium (2); Youth X-Large (3); Adult Medium (1).

Trunk or Treat Events:

- * **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)
- * **Genoa State Bank Trunk OR Treat October 31st 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.

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 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 13th Street. 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.

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: The mornings are cold! Please have your child wear a warmer jacket to school and dress in layers to be comfortable at school. A sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket can be kept at school just in case.

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:

* Halloween Party Flyer

Dates to Remember:

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
November 1: All Saints Day
November 4: End of first quarter
November 12: Report cards go home

Birthdays:

Ezio Olson, October 22

Clint Johnson, October 30

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL—GENOA

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

DATE: THURSDAY 10/30

TIME: 6:00—8:00 PM

Food Includes hot dogs, mac n cheese, drinks & desserts

Halloween themed games , DJ music & a costume contest. Come Enjoy the fun!!!



PTO Meeting - Minutes

October 8, 2025

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Crystal Lavey, Megan Olson, Michelle Rodgers, Michelle Trussoni, Miss Donovan, Father Reither

Father's Report

- The church and school are installing more security cameras around the buildings. PTO approved to cover the school's installation portion of ~\$3500.

Teacher's Report

- Amazon lists were covered – thank you to all in the community who supported our school's needs!
- Field Trips
 - Fall trip to see play at Aquinas – James and the Giant Peach, Thursday, November 6, in the afternoon

Treasurer's report

- We currently have \$31,956.41 in our checking and \$4,879.94 in our savings. Butter braids made roughly \$1200 and trivia did well too.

Business

- Yearbook
 - Will be ordered in the coming weeks
 - Reminder that 6th graders will be making your own videos for graduation.
- Retreat Parade 2026
 - Will likely not participate in this going forward unless there is a strong preference to do so, so that families can focus on our other fundraiser participation
- Upcoming fundraisers! Save the Dates!
 - Pancake breakfast Sunday 11/9, 10:30am-1pm
 - Plan to provide a baked good for this event
 - Trivia – 12/6 (Saturday) Christmas Themed (and brush up on your Office episodes 😊)
 - Will serve soups and sandwiches again
 - Drinks same as last time(Soda, juices, beer)
- Halloween Party
 - Free community event on Thursday, 10/30,
 - Serving hot dogs, mac and cheese, juice, light treats
 - Games, costume contest and music
 - Facebook event will be posted soon – please share and attend!
- Winter Movie Night

- Discussed this as a “cover charge” event idea, play a movie on the projector in the gym, have popcorn/candy/drink available. More details to come.
- Other fundraisers
 - Sip N Paint: tentative date 1/18/25
 - Fish Fry’s: Save the dates now! 2/20, 3/6, 6/20
 - We will definitely need extra potato prep help on Thursday, 3/5 😊
 - Spring Carnival: 4/26
- Special dates/Celebrations
 - Discussed upcoming special staff dates

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 4th, 5:15 in the gym.

Take-Aways:

- Save the date for Pancake breakfast & Trivia!
- Attend the Halloween Party