



Family Folder - Wednesday, October 22, 2025

From Father Reither:

Today we celebrate the feast day of Pope St. John Paul II. He was the third longest reigning pontiff in church history. I can only imagine what it must be like to be the leader of over a billion people throughout the world. Yet for all of his responsibilities, his commitment to daily prayer was non-negotiable for him. In fact, he would have said that it was the source of the fruitfulness of his ministry. May we learn from his example and seek to ground our lives in prayer rather than our own strengths and talents!

Jackets! The mornings are cold! The sun might be shining but it doesn't get high enough over the bluffs to warm up the playground very fast. The cold wind whips straight up the parking lot and through the playground. Please have your child bring a warm autumn/winter jacket along with mittens/gloves and hats for the colder recesses. They can always take off a layer if the weather warms up. We do have a small supply of extra winter clothing that your child can borrow. If your child does borrow them they should bring them home to be washed and returned.

PLEASE look around your house for any jackets, mittens, or hats that might not belong to you, or any that don't fit anymore. Please wash them and send them back to school for backup as soon as possible because we'll need them as the weather turns cooler.

Veteran's Day: In recognition of their sacrifices, we'll dedicate our mass on Tuesday, November 11th, for our veterans and their families. During that week the students will also create an addition to our Peace Wall, writing pieces dedicated to peaceful solutions in the hope that one day God's peace will reign here on Earth. Check out the invitation included for more details.

Costume Day, Wednesday, October 29: Time to celebrate the ghosts and goblins! The St. Charles Student Council is sponsoring a Costume Day. Wear your costume for only \$1. Please avoid blood, guts, or gore. Masks or face coverings aren't allowed for safety reasons. The kids will have to go outside for recess so proper foot wear and jackets will be needed. It's also an Art day!

PTO UPDATE (Jessie Cina)

- * **Calling unused Halloween decoration!** Do you have any décor at home you don't use anymore or are willing to borrow for the Halloween party? You can start bringing them in. If you want them back make sure to mark them. We'll be decorating Thursday the 30th right after school.
- * **Free Community Halloween Party!** Thursday, October 30th – see flyer enclosed. Share it and invite your friends. If able to give a head count to Jessie by October 30th that would be great – but not necessary. We'll have some food, drinks, games and music.
- * **Pancake Breakfast** and bake sale November 9th.
- * **2025-26 Yearbooks** will be here the first part of November. They are \$22 and checks should be written to St. Charles PTO. This is who ordered: De Garmo – 2; Venner – 1; Eckes - ; Danielle T – 4; Megan – 1; Mitchell – 1; Vanevenhoven – 1; Albrecht – 1; Lavey – 2; Rach – 1; Buncak – 1. PTO also purchased party years staff each one.
- * **Next PTO meeting** will be November 4th at 5:15 PM in the cafeteria. Would love to see you there!
- * **Questions/concerns:** please text 608-780-1148 OR email me at (Jessie) at jbutterfly12384@gmail.com

Trunk or Treat Events:

- * **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.
- * **Mississippi steamers 4-H Club Halloween Rock Hunt:** Twelve Halloween theme painted rocks are hidden around the Village of Genoa. Search for a rock and return any rocks to Genoa State Bank to redeem for a Spooktacular prize!
- * **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)

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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.

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:

Veterans' Day invitation
Halloween Crazy Day flier
Halloween Party Flier

Dates to Remember:

October 29: Costume Day
October 30: Halloween Party in the gym.
October 31: No School, staff in-service
November 1: All Saints Day
November 4: End of first quarter, St. Charles Borromeo feast day (Birthday cupcakes!)
November 4: PTO Meeting 5:15 PM in Cafeteria
November 6: James and the Giant Peach musical at Aquinas (stay tuned for the details)
November 7: Adoration at 2:30
November 9: Pancake Breakfast at 10:00
November 11: Veteran's Day mass, Guest Reader, community lunch
November 12: Report cards go home

Birthdays:

Ezio Olson, October 22
Clint Johnson, October 30

Costume Day

Time To Dig Out Your Costume!
Wednesday, October 29



Bring one dollar

NO blood, guts, or gore

NO inflatable costumes, please.

Sponsored by the Student Council



You are cordially invited to the
Veterans' Day Community Luncheon Tuesday,
November 11, 2025
Peace Wall readings and music after lunch.

All are welcome!

Number of attendees _____

Please send RSVP by Monday, November 3rd to
St. Charles School
Phone 608-689-2642

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!!!



