



November



Family Folder - Wednesday, November 5, 2025

From Father Reither: Yesterday, Nov. 4th, we celebrated our Patronal Feastday of St. Charles Borromeo! A patron in the Catholic Church is a special friend in heaven that we can call upon in any need. In a sense, we have permission to "bother him" with our requests for his prayers for us at the parish and school. We can also learn from his teaching. He was a true reformer and taught that any authentic reform in the Church must first begin within our own heart. We ourselves must be a people of prayer. He was quoted as saying that souls are won on our knees. May we continue to follow his example and make prayer a part of our daily lives!

November Turkey Baskets: Turkey Baskets: As we approach the Thanksgiving season we pause to remember those who are not as blessed as we are. Included is a donation request list to put together 5 turkey baskets to be distributed by Vernon County Health and Human Services. Thank you so much for helping us fulfill God's wish that we share the gifts He gives us with others. Vernon County will come to collect the baskets Tuesday, November 25th at 10:30.

Field Trip to Aquinas Musical: They will be performing James and the Giant Peach. 4K through 6th graders will attend the 10:00 showing and be back in time for lunch. 3K will stay at school with Miss Jessica. **Please read through the permission slip, sign, and return as soon as possible. Students should wear a red St. Charles shirt.**

Veterans' Day Community Lunch at 11:15 (Change of time): In recognition of their sacrifices, we'll dedicate our mass on Tuesday, November 11th, for our veterans and their families. 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. We'll present these plus a patriotic choir after a **community lunch at 11:15**. Please let Carol know if you plan to attend and how many will be attending.

Dress Code Reminder: Please remember that, as part of our St. Charles community, our students are expected to follow our dress code. T-shirts may not be worn (except for the St. Charles T-shirt), black dress pants are required for Mass, and leggings may be worn only under dresses or skirts. Please check the dress code enclosed for more specifics.

Jackets! The mornings are cold! Hats and mittens/gloves should be brought, too, since some days can be cold and windy. **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.

PTO UPDATE (Jessie Cina)

- * **Meeting Minutes:** Please read the full November PTO meeting minutes for important information and upcoming dates.
- * **Thank You** to all those who participated, donated or helped in anyway with the Halloween Party Last weekend. The kids sure had a Spooktacular time!
- * **Pancake Breakfast** this Sunday. Bring your baked goods to school by 9:30 AM Sunday. If you haven't signed up to volunteer and can, please let Jessie know ASAP. Remember a little help from each goes a long way!
- * **Volunteer List:** Please see the full volunteer list for your work time!
- * **Take-Aways:**
- * **Bring baked goods** for Sunday's pancake breakfast before 9:30 AM.
- * **Attend Veteran's Luncheon** (arrive at 11:15 AM).
- * **Save the date for Trivia December 6th**

- * **Bring** in any Christmas gift bags or items for the Santa sale **December 5**
- * **Next PTO meeting** will be **December 2nd** 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 jbtterfly12384@gmail.com

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 mitrussoni@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:

Dress code
Turkey Basket information
Highlights for November
PTO Minutes
Worker Signup Sheets
Dress Code

Dates to Remember:

November 06: James and the Giant Peach musical at Aquinas
November 09: Pancake Breakfast at 10:00 – 11:30 AM
November 11: Veteran's Day mass, Guest Reader, community lunch at 11:15 AM
November 12: Report cards go home
November 14: Adoration at 2:30 PM
November 21: Turkey Basket donations due
November 26-28: Thanksgiving break
November 30: First Sunday of Advent
December 05: Santa Sale

Birthdays:

November 26: Lorenzo Trussoni

2) ELEMENTARY STUDENTS' DRESS CODE

Standards for dress at St. Charles School, which comply with the standards set in all of the Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of La Crosse (DSR 5691), are as follows:

1. What is to be Worn

Collared shirts: This includes button down or collared polo shirts. No T-shirts are permitted as primary wear during the school day, except for the official St. Charles School t-shirt allowed on certain days by the administration. Shirts that can be buttoned are to be buttoned appropriately. In most cases, this would mean up to the second to the top button on a normal shirt or blouse. Blouses and shirts should cover the midriff during all movement and activity.

Pants: Pants must be dress pants/slacks, khaki, or denim (no denim on Mass days). Khaki or denim shorts can be worn when the weather warrants it, usually from May 1 to October 1. All pants/slacks, jeans must be in good condition and not have any holes, ragged edges, bleached-out or tie-dyed markings.

Dresses: Dresses, skirts, skorts, shorts, etc., are to be longer than three inches above the knee. Dresses do not have to be collared. Leggings, shorts, or yoga pants must be worn under dresses or skirts.

Sweatshirts: Sweatshirts, hooded or otherwise, which have no logo or has the St. Charles, Aquinas, De Soto, or that individual student's non-school sports team logo.

Outdoor Wear: Outdoor wear includes, but is not limited to, coats, hats, jackets, windbreakers, hoods on sweatshirts, etc... No outdoor wear is to be worn within the school building during the regular school day without special permission of the administration. If a sweatshirt is going to be worn that day for outdoor wear, the student is to bring a separate sweatshirt for indoor wear.

Shoes: Shoes must be worn during the school day. The type of shoe is not to pose a safety hazard. Sandals must have a back strap. Closed-toed shoes must be worn for outdoor recess and P.E. activities. Shoes that have laces are to be tied. Flip-flops and other footwear that does not have a backstrap are not permitted.

2. Mass Day Uniform

On days when all the students attend Mass, which is typically Tuesdays and Holy Days of Obligation, students are required to wear the Mass Uniform, which is:

The St. Charles red shirt (t-shirt or polo) and black pants. For the girls only, they can wear a skirt with leggings, shorts, or yoga pants worn underneath.

3. Anything outside of the above is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to:

- T-shirts (exception: The St. Charles official t-shirt on certain days).
- Pants that are over-sized or ill-fitting, torn, ragged, or bleached out.
- Sweat pants, Athletic wear (including athletic shorts), Leisure wear, Pajama bottoms.
- Leggings or yoga pants, unless they are worn under dresses or with a tunic top.

-Any clothing that is deemed by the administration to be less than modest or not in accord with the dignity of the human person.

4. Other Dress Code Rules

- a. Hairstyles must be clean, cut to a reasonable length, and be a reasonably natural color.
- b. Any accessory that draws undue attention to a student is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, makeup, hairstyles, long looping chains, and all unreasonable body jewelry. This also includes, but is not limited to jewelry worn in the tongue, nose, lips, eyebrows, excessive piercings in the ear, etc.
- c. Body art (tattoos) is not to be publicly visible.
- d. Hats, caps, bandanas or other types of headwear are not to be worn in the school building during the regular school day.
- e. At all times there is not to be any saying, picture, or reference on clothing that is inconsistent with Catholic faith and morals. Items which reference drugs or alcohol, songs, or musical groups whose lyrics have content inconsistent with Catholic teaching, are inappropriate for wear.
- f. These directives apply to all students for the entire school year. Exemptions are not to be granted for special groups.
- g. When there is a need for special occasion dress (e.g. field trips, etc...), all dress must fit within the school's guidelines for modesty and safety. The school administration reserves the right not to allow participation in activities if, in the judgment of the administration, dress does not conform to the administration's standards of modesty and safety.

****Revised August 2024**

Highlights for November:

- End of the quarter was yesterday, report cards will go home Wednesday, November 12th. Time flies!
- Dioramas are finished! 4th graders will jump into their Wisconsin History book. History for the 5th/6th graders will focus on explorers coming to exploit the riches of the North American continent.
- English: We'll start the month with a short PEACE Wall writing project. We'll jump into the study of pronouns after that.
- 6th grade Science unit is on the cellular process of mitosis and the intricacies of DNA. Next they'll tackle genetics.
- 4th/5th grade Science will find out how God ordered the universe to move through forces. This might involve a few experiments with hot wheels.
- Math units include adding larger numbers for 4th and division for 5th and 6th. We're still working on accuracy for simple operations.
- We're almost finished with *The Sign of the Beaver*. I think then it will be time to put on a play!!!

- Skills we continue to work on:
 - working accurately with the all-important
add/subtract, multiply/divide math facts
 - using Grammar and Spelling skills already taught
 - remembering that Spelling and LA answers should be
written in cursive to practice that skill
 - paying attention during your lesson, and using your
own brain to give problems a try
- As always, please call me with any homework concerns
at 608-648-2800

Worker sign up

Here is the current list of workers. I am waiting to hear back from a few of you. The 4-5 graders will be working the bake sale until sold.

Shifts:

Sunday 9-11:00 am

Sunday 10:30 – 12:30 pm

Ideal number of workers needed – 9 to 11

2 – making eggs

3 – making pancakes

2 - set/start up

4- servers

2 (5/6th grade kids) – bake sale (needed at 9:45 am)

10:30-12:30 or gone/clean up

2 – making eggs

3 – making pancakes

4 – servers

1 – runner/refilling

2 (5/6th grade kids) – bake sale (till sold)

Thank you!

9-11 am

Kris

Patti

Randy

Michelle R

Nalani

Keilana

Chasity

Jessie

Shelby

11-1230

Megan

Patti (till 12)

Randy (till 12)

Beth (after church & eating)

William (after church & eating)

Thomas (after church & eating)

Abigail (after church & eating)

Jessie

Shelby

Albrecht parent (after church & eating)

Peter (after church & eating)

PTO Meeting - Minutes

November 4, 2025

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Crystal Lavey, Michelle Rodgers, Mrs. Hytry

Teacher's Report

- Field Trips
 - Fall trip to see play at Aquinas – James and the Giant Peach, Thursday, November 6, in the morning. Please turn in your permission slip ASAP.
 - Eagles Bluff trip for 4-6 grade – 3/13
- Veteran's Day program – 11:15 at school lunch and music
- Santa Sale 12/5 with snow day check 12/15
 - We will need donations of bags and gift items, feel free to start bringing in labeled "Santa Sale"

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

- Halloween Party
 - Big success – thank you for everyone who helped, provided decorations and attended! We may do this again next year, to be determined.
- Upcoming fundraisers! Save the Dates!
 - Pancake breakfast Sunday 11/9, 10:30am-1pm
 - **Plan to provide baked goods for this event**
 - Discussed who is bringing what and volunteers
 - Trivia – 12/6 (Saturday) Christmas Themed (and brush up on your Office episodes 😊)
 - Will serve soups and sandwiches again
 - White chicken chili
 - Chili
 - Deli and grilled cheese sandwiches
 - Drinks same as last time (Soda, juices, beer)
- Thanksgiving baskets
 - PTO will supply all additional items (games, gift cards, etc.)
 - List of family food items to bring in will be in Family Folder
- Other fundraisers
 - Sip N Paint: Save the 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, December 2, 5:15 in the gym.

Take-Aways:

- Bring baked goods for Sunday's pancake breakfast before 9:30 am
- Attend Veteran's day luncheon (arrive at 11:15am)
- Save the date for Trivia (12/6)!
- Bring in any Christmas gift bags or items for the Santa sale 12/5



Thanksgiving Baskets



This Thanksgiving season, the students and staff of St. Charles School will once again work together to collect food for families of Vernon County in need of some extra help. The items will be collected and combined to form a complete Thanksgiving dinner for a family.

Please bring in your child(ren)'s item(s) by **Friday, November 21**. If something should be kept refrigerated or is best fresh, please wait until closer to November 21 to bring it in.

We want to say a big "thank you" to the St. Charles PTO for helping to purchase gift cards and games for each basket in addition to the food you are donating. The St. Charles Women's Group will be purchasing the turkey for each basket as well. We greatly appreciate their assistance!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

	3K-K Basket	1-3 Basket	4-6 Basket	Staff Basket #1	Staff Basket #2
5 lb. bag of potatoes	Ada	Addey	Dekker	Kelly	Mariette
2 cans/jars of gravy	Asher	Augi	Thomas	Kelly	Mariette
2 boxes of stuffing	Clint	Bella	Ezio	Fr. Reither	Paula
2 cans of cranberries	Greg	Hazel D.	Keilana	Fr. Reither	Paula
2 cans of vegetables	Greg	Peter	Keilana	Sandy	Carrol
2 cans of sweet potatoes	Shay	Rosie	Lorenzo	Sandy	Carrol
Dinner rolls	Tobias	Raegen	William	Patti	Mary Kate
1 lb. of butter	Tobias	Hazel T.	William	Patti	Mary Kate
Pumpkin Pie	Norby	Gio	Shelby	Patti	Mary Kate

