



### Family Folder - Wednesday, November 12, 2025

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

It was a great joy to be able to celebrate yesterday with all our family, friends and veterans who could be present as we sought to honor all those who have served in our armed forces and to offer our prayers for their safety and for peace! Yesterday we also celebrated the feast of St. Martin of Tours, the great saint who sought to serve Christ in the poor and to work for peace. May we also follow his example in our own lives.

**Mystery Reader:** Many thanks to veteran Tim Gehde for sharing the book, *America's White Table*, with us as well as his experiences as an Army veteran stationed in Alaska. He joined us, other veterans, and community members for lunch and our Veterans' Day program afterwards. If you were unable to be at school you can check out the live-stream of the Peace readings and singing on our Facebook page.

**November Turkey Baskets:** Turkey Baskets: As we approach the Thanksgiving season we pause to remember those who are not as blessed as we are. A donation request list was sent out last week. If you have any questions or comments, please let the teaching staff know. 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.

**Santa Sale:** Our Santa Sale is a chance for our students to go "shopping" for Christmas gifts for their loved ones. We'll set out a display of gifts (usually donated from the families) and the kids can shop. All gifts are usually \$.50 - \$1.00. The proceeds go towards the next 4th-5th-6th grade retreat to Eagles Bluff. We'll send home gift tags next week so the kids can write the name of who they are shopping for and we can add that tag to the present. If anyone is getting ready for holiday visitors by cleaning out closets and cupboards, keep in mind saving items for our Santa Sale on **December 5th**. We could use like-new or gently used gifts, especially for men, gift bags, and tissue paper.

**Sports Jersey Crazy Day:** The Student Council voted to hold the next Crazy Day on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be a Sports Jersey day. Don't have a jersey? A sweatshirt with your favorite team will work. Be sure to bring \$1 to support the Student Council's cause.

**Holly Jolly Christmas Trivia:** St. Charles School is hosting a Holly Jolly Christmas Trivia on Saturday, **December 6**. Doors open at 5:30 PM, and food and drinks can be purchased all night long. Trivia begins at 6:00 PM. Questions will be ALL about Christmas - movies, traditions, and songs just might be some possible categories. Come and join the fun! The cost is \$10/person, and teams can have from 2-10 players. If interested, please call or email the office and sign your team up!

**Field Trip to Aquinas Musical:** *James and the Giant Peach* was a very enjoyable performance. We just saw the first act so hopefully some of you got to see the whole performance over the weekend. Thank you, PTO, for providing the bus for our trip.

**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.

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

- \* **Meeting Minutes:** Check for important information in the meeting minutes sent last week!
- \* **Thank You** to all those who helped make it another successful Pancake Breakfast and bake sale! The bake sale funds help support the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders Eagle Bluff trip this spring.!
- \* **Save** the date for Trivia **December 6<sup>th</sup>**
- \* **Bring** in any Christmas gift bags or items for the Santa sale December 5. If you want to help the students shop and wrap, please let Jessie know. We could use at least 3 people.
- \* **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 [jbutterfly12384@gmail.com](mailto:jbutterfly12384@gmail.com)

**Breakfast With Santa:** Saturday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Stoddard Legion Hall from 8 - 11 AM. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee (free will offering). **Prizes every 15 minutes!** See enclosed flyer.

**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. 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](mailto: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:**

Report cards  
Trivia Flyer (find a place to post in your neighborhood)  
Breakfast with Santa Flyer

### **Dates to Remember:**

November 12: Report cards go home—these are yours to keep  
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  
December 16: Christmas Concert/Art Show at 7:00 PM

### **Birthdays:**

November 26: Lorenzo Trussoni



# Holly Jolly Christmas Trivia



**When: Saturday, December 6**

**Food and drinks available at 5:30 PM; Trivia begins at 6:00 PM**

**Where: St. Charles School Gym, 707 Eagle St, Genoa**

**How much?: \$10 per player (teams can be 2-10 people)  
(\$5 - \$10 lifelines available for purchase throughout the night)**

**How to sign up: Call or email the school office**



# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



SATURDAY

DECEMBER 6, 2025

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Stoddard Legion Hall

414 Broadway St, Stoddard WI



Breakfast includes: Scrambled eggs,  
Pancakes (Plain or Blueberry )  
Sausage, O.J., Milk and Coffee

## FREE WILL DONATION

Door Prizes every 15 minutes!



PLEASE

help fill our Local Stoddard Food  
Pantry with canned and boxed goods,  
personal care and household items!



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME

Proceeds go to support the Stoddard Food Pantry!

