



Family Folder – Wednesday, December 3, 2025

From Father Reither:

We are beginning again a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. Christmas is coming, but are we prepared to truly encounter Christ in our lives? This Advent I encouraged the kids to find time (if only for a few moments) to enter into the Silence, to hear and pray to God. We need to remind ourselves during this time that the silence of God is never empty or fruitless, but a true encounter with the God who speaks in the silence of our hearts. A good Confession is also essential for making room for the Lord in our lives. The kids will have the opportunity to go to confession this Friday during adoration following Mass (all are welcome). We will also have another opportunity outside the normally scheduled times to pray in Adoration and to go to confession on Friday December 19th 7-8pm at St. Charles. May this Advent season be a true time of preparation for the coming of our Lord!

Catholic Attitudes and Practices Survey & a Faith Knowledge Assessment: Please see the letter enclosed from Fr. Reither for the parents of the 5th grade students at St. Charles.

Congratulations to Keilana! She accurately predicted the first sticking snowfall for St. Charles playground and is now the proud owner of a giant candy bar.

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM! Students will need boots, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, and jackets for recess as well as long-sleeved shirts for the classroom, and shoes to wear in school. Please be sure your child doesn't leave home without these items to keep them comfortable both inside and outside. The little knit gloves might be cute but offer no protection against wind, cold, and wet so please do not have your child wear these to school. We had a drawer full of spare gloves but now are down to just a few mismatched ones so please check at home and return any that don't belong to you.

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!

Santa Sale: This Friday! Plan to send about \$.50 to \$1.00 per gift. We'll help your child shop for that person and put the gift tag on the wrapping. If you need more, please contact Carol in the office. If you have leftovers, please send them back and we'll use them again next year. Shopping starts Friday, **December 5th** after lunch.

Bake Sale, Fellowship Sunday, December 7: Please plan on donating some bake sale items to be sold during Fellowship Sunday in December. The 4th-6th graders should plan on helping with the sales. The proceeds go towards support of future retreats to Eagles Bluff.

Christmas Concert and Art Show: Christmas Concert and Art Show: Do you see what I see? Do you hear what I hear? The children will sing from their hearts as they imagine what happened on that first blessed Christmas morn. How did Joseph feel? Did Mary know just how special her little baby would grow up to be? What did the shepherds think as their peaceful night was interrupted by choirs of angels?! And that star - wow!

Come and join us on Tuesday, December 16 at 7 PM and see and hear for yourself. The children should come dressed in their Christmas Best around 6:45 PM. Come early and enjoy seeing their beautiful and creative art work in the halls!

Christmas Tree Donations: We will be collecting hats, mittens, socks, and underwear for needy families in our area. Thank you!

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):

- Please read the **PTO December 2nd meeting minutes**.
- Families – please complete and return the **Christmas form** by Friday, **December 12th**. Checks to St. Charles PTO!
- Reminder: **24-25 year books** are in! Please send check and Carrol will send them home. Only a few have picked up their book!
- **Trivia – December 6th (This Saturday)!** Soup & Sandwiches served!
- **Santa Sale December 5th – Friday!** Set up begins Friday morning and the kids will shop after lunch.
- **Meeting:** The next PTO meeting is **January 6th** at 5:15 PM in the gym.
- **Questions/concerns:** please text 608-780-1148 OR email at (Jessie) at jbutterfly12384@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 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/Marianna Vosika): 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): The holidays are fast approaching! From finding the perfect gift to taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, there's a gift card for every need. Earn money back for the St. Charles PTO by purchasing gift cards. Orders are due back by **December 12th**. The cards will arrive before Christmas. As always, you can use the RaiseRight app to buy and use electronic gift cards immediately. Questions contact: mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

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.

Enclosures:

- Letter to 5th grade parents, Religion assessments
- Permission to visit Creamery Creek for concert practice
- PTO Minutes & Scrip Order Form
- Scrip Order Form
- December Menu & Activity Calendar
- My Pyramid for Kids Quiz Sheet (Health & Wellness)

Dates to Remember:

December : Hat, mitten, socks, and underwear tree
December 5: Santa Sale, reconciliation at 8:30 (3-6th graders), Adoration at 8:30 for everyone
December 7: Bake sale during Fellowship for Eagles Bluff
December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:15, no children's mass on Tuesday
December 9: Creamery Creek Concert at 1:45
December 12: In-service, no school
December 14: First reconciliation before Mass for our second graders
December 16: Christmas Concert/Art Show at 7:00 PM
December 17: PJ Crazy Day, bring \$1
December 20-January 2: Christmas break, classes resume January 5, 2026!

Birthdays: December 8, Ada Seidel

MaryKate

Server Schedule for December

Date	Day	Servers
12/02/25	Tuesday	Ezio, Keilana, Lorenzo
12/05/25	Friday	William, Dekker
12/05/25	Adoration	William, Dekker, Thomas
12/08/25	Monday	Shelby, Lorenzo, Thomas
12/09/25	Tuesday	Ezio, Gio
12/16/25	Tuesday	William, Keilana, Gio
12/19/25	Friday	Shelby, Ezio

Eat Smart With MyPyramid For Kids

Draw a circle around the foods that are in the Grain Group



Bread



Sweet potato



Popcorn



Pasta (bow tie)



Cereal



Candy

Draw a rectangle around the foods that are in the Vegetable Group



Carrots



Spinach



Grapes



Pasta (macaroni)



Broccoli

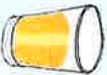


Swiss cheese

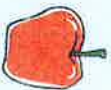
Draw a square around the foods that are in the Fruit Group



Corn



Orange juice



Apple



Banana



Strawberries



Muffin

Draw a triangle around the foods that are in the Milk Group



1% Milk



Yogurt



Egg



American cheese



Cookies



Orange juice

Draw an oval around the foods that are in the Meat and Beans Group



Peanut Butter



Egg



Beans



Chicken



Pork chop



Fish

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PTO Meeting - Minutes

December 2, 2025

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Megan Olson, Michelle Rodgers, Mrs. Donovan, Father Reither

Father's Report

- Security system update – all set up and PTO portion payment sent.
- Registration fee - if late paying, where does that money go? - Father is looking into
- Finance committee meeting update.
 - Discussed accrediting the school
 - Current grant tuition donation (k-6) possibly going away next year
 - Possible enrolling in choice school program if accredited
 - Father is going to gather more information and set up a parent (possibly parish/community members) meeting to answer questions and get feedback to assist with the decision and next steps if deciding to move forward. Many hands on deck would be needed.
 - Any QUESTIONS, please send them to Father so he can be as prepared as possible for the meeting. Date TBD and more communication will come.

Teacher's Report

- Christmas concert – Dec 16th, cookies and drinks provided by PTO.
- Field Trips
 - Jan 28th Catholic Schools week – looking at options will confirm @ Jan meeting
 - Eagles Bluff trip for 4-6 grade – 3/13
- Santa Sale 12/5 with snow day check 12/15
 - Megan, Michele T, Cindy G and Michelle R – helping shop/wrap

Treasurer's report

- Pancake breakfast with match donation from Catholic Financial Life brought in about \$1800.

Business

- Upcoming fundraisers! Save the Dates!
 - Trivia – 12/6 (Saturday) Christmas Themed (and brush up on your Office episodes 😊)
 - Will serve soups and sandwiches again
 - White chicken chili - Crystal
 - Chili – Kris
 - Potato & Ham Soup - Justin
 - Deli and grilled cheese sandwiches
 - Drinks same as last time (Soda, juices, beer)
- 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, January 6th**, 5:15 in the gym.

Take-Aways:

- **Santa Sale – Friday!**
- **Trivia – Saturday**
- **Any field trip ideas send to Jessie.**