



# DECEMBER



**Family Folder – Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

**From Father Reither:**

On Friday this week the Church celebrates the great feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Mary first appeared to St. Juan Diego in December of 1531. Juan Diego was by nature a worrier, always running off late to something, always trying to take care of many things at once and feeling the crush of not having enough time to do it. Once he even tried to avoid the interruption of his heavenly visitor by making his way around the opposite side of the hill where he usually encountered her because he felt he needed to care for his uncle. But Mary reassured him with these words: "Let not your heart be disturbed... Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything." May we continue to have faith in our Lady's prayers and care for us too!

**DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM!** 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.

**Behavior Reminder:** Please remember that during gatherings at St. Charles School which are outside of school functions, all guests should stay in the room/rooms where the event is taking place. For example: if the event is in the cafeteria, all adults and children should stay in the cafeteria or entrance area which includes the bathrooms. This is for safety but also out of respect for our school, the children's work which hangs in the hallway, our school supplies, and the teachers' rooms. We'd also like to remind parents that young children should not be in the kitchen area at any time for any reason. Not only is this for sanitary reasons but for safety, especially when hot stoves, hot food, hot water, or slippery surfaces are present. This little school is busier than ever, which is good to see, but we'd like to keep everyone safe.

**Reschedule for Creamery Creek Concert:** Everyone was disappointed when school was canceled due to the winter weather approaching and we had to cancel our concert appearance at Creamery Creek. However, with a little juggling, we've rescheduled for **Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 10:00.** A new permission slip is enclosed. Please sign and return as soon as possible.

**Santa Sale:** We came, we saw, we shopped! Thank you to all the parents and the PTO who made this possible. The kids love being able to give their own gifts.

**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! The PTO will have cookies, milk, and juice to enjoy after the concert. Please plan to help set up our cafeteria for the following day.

**PTO Update (Jessie Cina):**

- **Trivia** was another success! Thank you to all those who made it happen, playing, working the kitchen (even those kids – we love having them help), setting up and taking down.
- **Thank you** to Michelle, Cindy and Keilana for running the bake sale Sunday at fellowship. And those families that donated bakes goods. These proceeds go to support the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> field trip in March.

- Families please complete and return the **Christmas form** by this **Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>** – have only

- **Yearbooks 24-25:** Please send check ASAP. Carol will send them home – would like to wrap this up.
- **Meeting:** The next PTO meeting is **January 6<sup>th</sup>** at 5:15 PM in the gym.
- **Questions/concerns:** please text 608-780-1148 OR email at ([jibterfly12384@gmail.com](mailto:jibterfly12384@gmail.com)).

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

**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](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 Michruta/Marianna Vosika):** 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.

**Scip (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 12<sup>th</sup>**. The cards will arrive before Christmas. As always, you can use the RaiseRight app to buy and use electronic gift cards immediately. Questions contact: [mjtrossoni@gmail.com](mailto:mjtrossoni@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:**

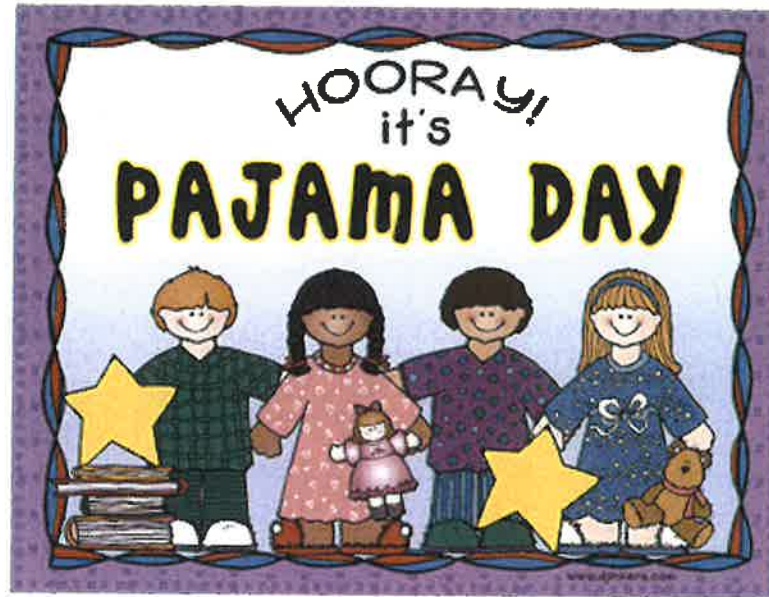
- Permission to visit Creamery Creek for concert practice (rescheduled)
- PJ Day flier
- Party letter for 4th-6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Account Statements

#### **Dates to Remember:**

December : Hat, mitten, socks, and underwear tree  
 December 12: In-service, no school  
 December 14: First reconciliation before Mass for our second graders  
 December 16: Creamery Creek Concert at 10:00, 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 18: Ada Seidel



Wednesday, December 17

Enjoy a warm cozy school day in your comfy, clean  
pjs, with a favorite stuffy or blanket,  
All for only \$1.00.

Brought to you by the St. Charles Student Council



4-6<sup>th</sup> only

Dear Parents:

It's once again that time of year when all kids turn their focus to—no, not Math, Science, or History. It's time to party! We'll celebrate Christmas in the classroom on the afternoon of Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

I'd like each student to bring in a wrapped, non-gender specific, gift for an exchange, about \$10 to \$15 worth. This gift can be brought to school anytime.

I'll provide the snacks and pop. We'll be watching "Lilies of the Field", a heartwarming black and white movie from 1963 starring Sidney Poitier and Lilia Skala. This was released before the rating scale went to effect but if you have any questions or comments about this video, please let me know beforehand.

Stay warm,

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