



Family Folder – Wednesday, December 17, 2025

From Father Reither:

It is hard to believe we are only one week out from the start of the Christmas season! At our School Mass yesterday, I asked the kids with all of their preparations that they are making for Christmas, have they thought about what gift they would like to give to the baby Jesus this year. The best gift we can give to Jesus is not mere words, but the gift of our hearts. As every great Christmas movie from the *Grinch* to the Muppet's *Christmas Carol* reminds us, the true Joy of Christmas is found in the conversion of heart from the things of this world to the things of heaven. May we give to Jesus the gift of our hearts this Christmas season.

For those who have not yet had the opportunity to go to confession this Advent Season, St. Charles will be holding a special Penance and Adoration hour this Friday from 7-8pm. All are invited to spend some time in quiet prayer with Jesus as we prepare ourselves for Christmas.

Our Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve (Children's Mass) 4 PM

Midnight Mass 12

AM

Mass at dawn 9:30 AM.

God bless, Fr. Reither

A Fond Farewell to Grandma Carol: We will regretfully say goodbye to Carol Hunder this Friday. She will take with her our best wishes, our many thanks, and our prayers that God will watch over her and keep her close in her future endeavors. Most of your children (and the staff) grew up knowing her gentle care and practical advice. She will be greatly missed.

Christmas Concert: What a wonderful concert! We are blessed to have Mrs. Donovan and such talented students. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who came to watch. If you missed the concert in person, you can still catch the performance on our Facebook page.

Art Show: We hope you had a chance to look at all the creative artwork on display during the concert. Many thanks to Mrs. Charron for her dedication to bringing out the best in our students and letting their creativity shine.

Christmas Tree Donations: Our Christmas tree is filled with warm hats and mittens, underwear and socks. Thank you so much! Friday morning we'll write little blessings to put inside the items and Father Reither will take these to either Catholic Charities or the Vernon County Health and Human Services for their needy families.

Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing): The students will once again be showcasing their writing talents during Author's Chair on **Friday, January 30th**. This year we have decided to focus on writing a travel book with information about a chosen country. Each grade level will have different requirements but they will all end up with a written and illustrated travel book by the end of the school year, excerpts which will be presented during Author's Chair. Mark the date on your calendar to come and listen and stay for lunch.

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):

- * **January 6: PTO meeting at 5:15 PM.** It will be a big one as we start to prep for Spring Carnival. We will need help from families to collect donations, etc. and would love your voice at the table to help with decisions.
- * **Year books 24-25.** Please send check ASAP. Carol will send them home. Would like to wrap this up!
- * **To Gram Carol:** Thank you for the many years you have dedicated to our school and community. Your kindness, patience, and steady presence have meant so much to our students, staff, and families. You've been a constant source of support, and your care and commitment have left a lasting impact on all of us! While this chapter comes to a close, we are excited for what lies ahead for you and the new adventures you're about to begin. Please know that your contributions here will not be forgotten, and you will always be a valued part of our school's story. With sincere gratitude and best wishes for everything ahead. We will see you out and about!
- * **Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, many memories shared with those you love and the best in the New Year ahead.**
- * **Questions/concerns:** please text 608-780-1148 OR email 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 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): Earn money back for St. Charles Parish by purchasing gift cards. You can purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. A flyer and instructions are attached. 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:

- * Server schedule for January
- * Scrip information and flyer for RaiseRight

Dates to Remember:

December 20-January 2: Christmas break, classes resume January 5, 2026!

January 9: Adoration at 2:30

January 19: No school, In-service for the teachers

January 23: End of Second Quarter, report cards go home the 28th.

January 25-31: Catholic Schools Week

January 30: Author's Chair reading and community lunch, early dismissal, no bus service

Birthdays:

December 18: Ada Seidel

Server Schedule for January:

01/06/26	Tuesday	William, Dekker, Gio
01/09/26	Friday	Lorenzo, Thomas
01/09/26	Adoration	Shelby, Keilana, Ezio
01/13/26	Tuesday	Lorenzo, Ezio, Keilana
01/16/26	Friday	William, Gio
01/20/26	Tuesday	Shelby, Lorenzo, Thomas
01/23/26	Friday	Ezio, Dekker
01/27/26	Tuesday	William, Dekker, Thomas
01/30/26	Friday	Shelby, Keilana

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL RAISERIGHT PROGRAM
(Megan Olson: 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com)

Dear Families and Friends,

Thanks to everyone that has continued to use RaiseRight aka Scrip. For those that are not familiar with RaiseRight, RaiseRight is a year-round fundraising program where you can buy gift cards from over 750 brands and earn money for St. Charles PTO while you shop. You purchase gift cards at face value, and we earn a certain percentage back. The percentage earned is dependent on the brand.

You can start earning money today by downloading the RaiseRight app or joining on raiseright.com/shop. The PTOs enrollment code is 5ADDDA5E65615.

There are multiple options of buying gift cards for places you are already shopping at every day. If you download the app or join online you can immediately purchase eGift cards. Some popular brands you can get eGift cards for are Amazon, Walmart, Starbucks, Best Buy, Target, Kohls, and so many more. When you purchase eGift cards, by either linking your bank account or using your credit card, you can immediately start using those gift cards in stores with your phone. There is a higher fee for using your credit card, so I suggest linking your bank account. This may take a couple of days to set up but is very easy to do.

Another option is purchasing physical gift cards. Not all brands offer eGift cards, plus, some people like having a physical card in their hand. If you order physical gift cards online or through the app, these orders have to be placed through the coordinator (me) and are shipped directly to the school. Your order will remain pending until I place a bulk order.

Please keep in mind, there is a shipping charge associated each time an order is placed for physical gift cards. If there are not enough orders from families to cover the shipping costs, I'll wait to place the order until enough orders come in. I'll notify anyone that has an order waiting if this happens. Once the order is placed, it only takes a few days for the cards to arrive at school.

The last option is the Reload option. Once you have a physical gift card and if the store has a reload option, you can add more money to the card by purchasing this online if you have an account set up. These gift cards can be used immediately in stores as well.

Several times a year I will place orders for physical cards. Order forms will be sent home in the Family Folder and placed in the back of church for those that are interested. More information to come when the first order will be placed this school year.

Please feel free to tell your family and friends about the program. It is fast and easy to use RaiseRight once you start doing it. You can even purchase eGift cards in the check-out line for those times you buy more than you planned. Contact me with any questions at 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Megan Olson

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