



January



Family Folder – Wednesday, January 21, 2026

From Father Reither:

Thank you to all who participated in our school planning meeting last week. I am still reviewing the responses to the proposal of having our school become accredited. For the most part, there is a strong favor of becoming accredited and joining the WI School Choice program. The hesitancy surrounds finding enough people to help with the project and of not overburdening our teachers. Within the next month, I hope to be able to come to a decision, based on the feedback from our parents and parishioners, as to whether or not this is the right direction for our school to go at this time. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments about this process. As always please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our school in the Mission we have been called to! God bless,

Fr. Reither

Catholic Schools Week Field Trip:

A permission slip is attached for our field trip on Wednesday, January 28th. We'll leave school about 8:45 and take a tour of St. Rose from 9:30-10:30. Be sure to have your child bring a lunch because we'll eat at the convent. After lunch we'll go to the Jump Park. Be sure to have your child bring along a water bottle for the afternoon. We won't be using any of the concessions or games so no money will be needed. Children should wear their red polos. We welcome chaperones but please be sure that your Safe Environment paperwork is up-to-date. Please be sure that you have signed the insurance release form for Jump Start.

Aquinas Bible Bowl:

We've been invited to the Bible Bowl taking place at 6:00 on Wednesday, January 28th at the Aquinas High School Theater. Our St. Charles team will be William Mitchell, Ezio Olson, Thomas Mitchell, and Gio Trussoni. Congratulations and good luck!

All School Mass:

To kick off Catholic Schools Week our students are invited to participate in an All School Mass Sunday, January 25th. Our students will read and sing! Students who are reading or singing may sit up front with Mrs. Donovan.

Save your pennies!:

Our service project for Catholic Schools Week will be a Penny War to raise money for Project Heifer, an international company which uses donations to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable community development. Heifer distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Read the flyer enclosed for a story about how this affects not only individuals, but whole communities.

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**, followed by a Community Lunch. This year the students have been hard at work on exploring and writing about different countries. 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. **Please check your calendar and RSVP as soon as possible so that we can add to our lunch count.**

Open House at St. Charles:

Please join us after Mass on Sunday, **February 1**, from 10:30-12:30, to view the classrooms, see what we've been doing, grab a brochure, and pass the word along to anyone who might want to register with us.

2026-2027 School Year:

Enrollment is open for St. Charles 3K-6th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested, OR if you know of families that may be interested, please have them call the office (608) 689-2642 for an application. You may also call or email Fr. Reither (608-689-2646; treither@diolclergy.org), OR Mrs. Hytry (608-689-2642; phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):

- Catholic schools week Jan 28th trip...St. Rose in am and jump park for the afternoon. Thank you for getting your waivers signed!

- Sip & Paint is Friday Jan 30th (snacks & apps - list to sign up coming via email this week). Please share the info!! Only 40 slots for kids and adults - let's fill it.

PTO Meeting - Feb will be discussing Spring Carnival and Fish fries

Trivia - Feb 28th

-Save the date for Spring Carnival (April 24-26)!

YEARBOOKS - please pay for and pick them up from the office ASAP

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:

- Project Heifer information
- Permission slip for field trip
- Catholic Schools Week crazy day flyer
- New school calendar (note change of day in March for in-service)
- Thank a teacher

Dates to Remember:

January 23: End of Second Quarter, report cards go home the 28th.
January 25: All School Mass
January 26: PJ day, bring stuffies and blankets, read Bible stories
January 27: Dress your best for Mass
January 28: Field trip to St. Rose and Jump Park, Bible Bowl at Aquinas, 6:00 pm
January 29: Dress as what you want to be when you grow up!, Game Day
January 30: Author's Chair reading at 10:30, community lunch to follow, early dismissal, no bus service,
Sip-n-paint at 6:00-9:00 (change of schedule)
February 1: Open House, 10-30-12:30

Birthdays:

January 17: William Mitchell
January 17: Hazel Trussoni
January 26: Thomas Mitchell
January 27: Tobias Vanevenhoven
January 30: Isabella Trussoni



Catholic Schools Week Begins SUNDAY!

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



Catholic Schools Week January 25-31

Thank-a-Teacher!

A great teacher doesn't just share knowledge;
they help a student see their own worth as a
child of God. They mentor, they pray and they
inspire.

Whether it was a teacher you had decades ago
or one who is helping your child today, their
impact lasts a lifetime.

*** We've created a special place for you to say
"Thank You." ***



Share a memory, note of
gratitude, or other moment
of joy one of our Catholic
school teachers created in
your life! Simply follow this
link or scan the QR code
above.

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You're Lighting the Way in Uganda

Before you came into her life, Nabukenya lived in darkness on her small farm in Uganda. Her family relied on flashlights, an expensive commodity in her area. Without electricity, people would steal their cows.

It wasn't just the darkness that made life hard. Nabukenya recalls collecting water from a dam using heavy cans, which caused her chest pain. Her children would also travel long distances to fetch water and eventually had to drop out of school. In her dark home, without clean water, it was difficult for Nabukenya to imagine a light at the end of the tunnel.

But thanks to your kindness, Nabukenya received a family solar kit, water pump and water tank from Heifer.

"Now my home is always lit," she says. Nabukenya also installed a pipe in the dam and uses the pump to collect water. "As a family, we now drink and wash with clean water, and even the animals have access to clean water." The system is reliable in both dry and rainy seasons, which means crop yields are more predictable — and more productive.

"Our lives have significantly improved. I would like to thank Heifer International for choosing to bring these impactful projects to our community."

— Nabukenya

With lights to ensure their safety, her cows no longer get stolen — and they produce more high-quality milk, thanks to drinking clean water.

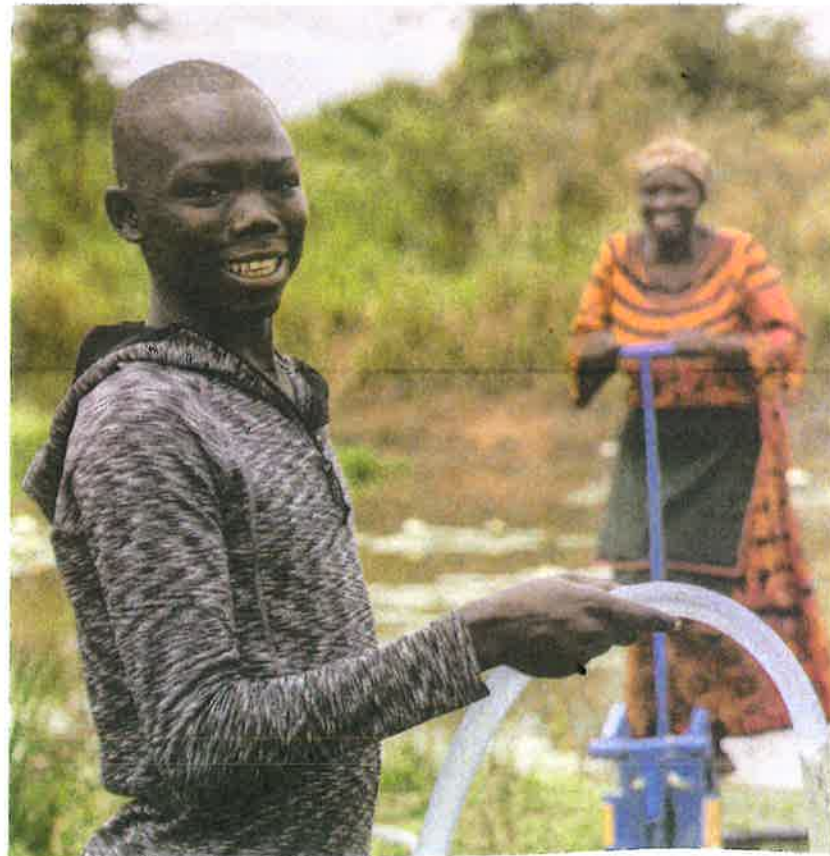
Through your support and Heifer trainings, Nabukenya learned better farming practices, proper grazing methods and how to maintain a clean farm to avoid pests. She also learned how to make yogurt from her cow's milk — which has become a thriving business now that she has increased milk production.

Because of you, Nabukenya can now see the light. She can afford to send her children back to school and proudly adds that, "we even have a trained veterinary doctor in my family."

Learn more about the difference you're making in Uganda at Heifer.org/GiveNow.



Thanks to your support, Nabukenya's farm and family are thriving!



Nabukenya's children and animals now have access to clean water whenever they need it — thank you for making it possible!

CELEBRATE!
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE GREAT!

(Sunday, January 25-Friday, January 30)

Sunday: All School Mass, Students will sing and read

Monday: Start of the Penny War!

PJ Day, bring a blanket and stuffy,
Read Bible stories

Tuesday: Dress your best for Mass

Wednesday: Field Trip, Tour of St. Rose, Lunch, then
Jump Park

Thursday: Dress for your future profession

Game Day (Bring a game from home if you want)

Friday: Author's Chair, Dress as an author! Community
Lunch, Early dismissal

(De Soto buses are not running at this time)

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SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Participant's Name: _____

Birth date: _____ Sex: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

I, _____, grant permission for my child, _____, to
Parent or Guardian's name Child's name
 participate in this parish/youth ministry/school event that requires transportation to a location away from the parish/school site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish employees and/or volunteers from _____.
Name of Parish/School

A brief description of the-activity follows:

Date of Event: Wed. Jan 28th Cost of Event: 0
 Type of event: Catholic Schools Week Field Trip
 Destination of event: St. Rose and Jump Park
 Individual in charge: Jessie Cina
 Estimated time of departure and return: 8:45 - 2:30
 Mode of transportation to and from event: Bus
 Meal arrangements: Bring bag lunch, water bottle

I acknowledge that I have previously completed the Comprehensive Child Consent and Release form, providing medical information, permissions, authorizations and releases pertaining to my child. I have listed below any additions and/or corrections to the information provided on that form:

Subject to any changes above, I hereby reaffirm any and all such disclosures, permissions, authorizations and releases as though stated herein.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I can chaperone _____

**DIOCESAN NOTICE
WISCONSIN'S RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY LAW**

Participants (not property owner) in Diocesan-sponsored recreational activities should be aware of Wisconsin's Recreational Immunity law which limits claims and recovery for death or injury while engaging in recreational activities and which imposes legal duties on participants. These legal duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Acting within the limits of his or her ability;
2. Heeding all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity;
3. Maintaining control of his or her person and equipment devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity; and
4. Refraining from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to the death or injury to himself, herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity.