



# January



## **Family Folder – Thursday, January 29, 2026**

### **From Father Reither:**

This week the church in America celebrates Catholic Schools Week! It is an excellent time to celebrate and remember all that we are as a Catholic school. Jesus is the reason for all that we do. Without Him, we are just another private school struggling to justify our existence. But with Jesus, all that we do and sacrifice has meaning and purpose. The goal of our school is that we can continue to become more intentional disciples of Jesus Christ in all that we do, whether it is studying Math or Science, how we treat one another at recess, or how we pray together at Mass. All of these things, when founded on Christ, plant seeds that will last for eternity. May we continue to celebrate all that our teachers and students give to that Mission!

God bless,

Fr. Reither

**Mystery Readers:** Thank you to the Franciscan Sisters of Divine Mercy who came to visit our classrooms, share a little about themselves, and read a story to us. We were very interested to hear about their service horses.

**Catholic Schools Week Field Trip:** Wow! What a wonderful day. Our tour of St. Rose was fascinating, listening to all the history of the building and artwork. The afternoon at the Jump Park was a fantastic experience, enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the PTO for arranging this day for us.

**Aquinas Bible Bowl:** Congratulations to William, Ezio, Thomas, and Gio. Although they didn't win, they did well at the Bible Bowl. Thank you for representing St. Charles.

**Save your pennies!:** Our service project for Catholic Schools Week will be a Penny War to raise money for Project Heifer. We'll count the money next week.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>**, followed by a Community Lunch. **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-6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:treither@diolclergy.org)), OR Mrs. Hytry (608-689-2642; [phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org](mailto:phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org)). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

**February Parent/Teacher conferences:** These are scheduled for Thursday, **February 19**, and are optional. Your child's teacher may contact you if they feel the need for a conference. You are also welcome to contact your child's teacher if you feel the need for a conference.

Watch your e-mail for a fieldtrip for grades 1 thru 6 coming up soon!

## **PTO Update (Jessie Cina):**

**2024-2025 School Yearbooks—there are several (8) families that have not picked up their yearbooks yet! Please call the office (608) 689-2642 & inquire if you are one of those families. The cost is \$22 per book.**

-Sip & Paint has been canceled for this Friday Jan 30th due to low reservations. We will discuss rescheduling.

-Save the date for Spring Carnival (April 24-26)! Organization of signing up to help will be coming out in the near future.

Fish Fry Fundraisers—save the dates and please help

Friday, February 20 4-8

Friday, March 6 4-8

Friday, March 20 4-8

**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 Michuta/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.

**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](mailto: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:**

- February Activity Calendar/lunch menu
- Servers for February (3-6)
- Highlights for February (4-6)
- Report Cards

### **Dates to Remember:**

January 30: Author's Chair reading at 10:30, community lunch to follow, early dismissal, no bus service,  
February 1: Open House, 10-30-12:30  
February 6: Adoration at 2:30  
February 10: Creamery Creek Concert (1-6)  
February 18: Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:15  
February 19: Optional Parent Teacher Conferences  
February 20: No School, in-service for teachers, Fish Fry  
February 27: Stations of the Cross at 2:30  
February 28: Trivia at 5:30

### **Birthdays:**

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