



# January



## Family Folder – Wednesday, January 7, 2026

### **From Father Reither:**

Happy New Year! It is good to see our school back to life again and I am sure all of you parents are just as excited to send your kids after a good two weeks at home. Yesterday, we blessed the school with the special Epiphany Blessing of the three wise men, marking above the door with blessed chalk the inscription for another year: 20+C+M+B+26. Everyone is invited to bless their own homes with the blessed chalk which can be found in the back of the church for one more week. Please pray for God's blessing upon another year for our school.

I would also like to officially invite you to attend our parish/school planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30pm in the gym. We will be discussing the future direction of our school with the potential of becoming an accredited institution. More details can be found in the email sent out from the parish. If you did not receive this email, please contact Julie at the school office.

God bless, Fr. Reither

**Welcome to Julie Hurlburt:** We'd like to warmly welcome Julie Hurlburt to our St. Charles family as our new Administrative Assistant. Carroll Hunder is moving into a well-earned retirement and, while we'll greatly miss her and bless her for all the years she put in at St. Charles, coordinating our chaos, we look forward to working with Ms. Julie. Below is a brief message from Ms. Julie:

It is wonderful to be here at St. Charles School & Parish! While I have been in schools as a substitute (teacher, aide, secretary) for the past several years, it is great to be able to use my administrative skills again in a school setting! I have a Master's Degree in Business Administration, a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management and an Associate Degree in Applied Science specializing as a Paralegal. I hold several certifications/licensures in a variety of things (Driver's Education, Hunter Safety, Archery, Trap, Notary, etc.). Those certifications have led me to meet so many of you prior to this position opening. I am very excited to be here and am looking forward to many adventures with all of you!

**Thank You:** Thank you from the St. Charles classroom teachers for the anonymous Christmas gift. God Bless you for your generosity – it is truly appreciated.

**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.

**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. An invitation is attached to fill out and return to the office. There is an early dismissal after lunch, buses will not be running, so

please make plans to pick up your child if you are unable to come.

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

#### **Take-Aways:**

- Attend next Wednesday for accreditation meeting
- Spread the word on Sip & Paint!
- Save the date for Spring Carnival!

**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:**

- Highlights for January (4-6)
- Authors' Chair invitation
- January Activity Calendar and Lunch Menu

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

- January 16: Adoration at 2:30
- January 19: No school, In-service for the teachers
- January 23: End of Second Quarter, report cards go home the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- January 25: Sip-n-paint, 12:00
- January 28: Bible Bowl at Aquinas, 6:00 pm
- January 25-31: Catholic Schools Week, stay tuned for details
- January 30: Author's Chair reading at 10:30, community lunch to follow, early dismissal, no bus service

#### **Birthdays:**

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

# PTO Meeting - Minutes

January 6, 2026

## Attendees

Jessie Cina, Crystal Lavey, Megan Olson, Ashley Eckes, Miss Donovan, Father Reither

## Father's Report

- Welcome to Julie Hurlburt who is our new secretary! She is working on digitizing some items and catching up on some finance items.
- Discussed outside lights and installation around the school, between the church and school, and at the entrances.
- School accreditation information meeting will be next Wednesday. Check your email for more information and plan to attend!

## Teacher's Report

- January 28<sup>th</sup> during Catholic Schools Week – Field Trip
  - Plan to visit St. Rose convent in the morning, eat lunch, then go to either jump park, Bowling, high rollers or a movie. Stay tuned for finalized details!
- Eagles Bluff trip for 4-6 grade planned for Friday, 3/13
- We discussed kids helping with fundraisers and how they can help for all ages. Since our fundraisers directly benefit them, we will contingent to work to include them as appropriate as much as possible. If there are concerns with this, please contact Jessie directly.

## Treasurer's report

- We currently have \$18,467.73 in our checking and \$4,879.94 in our savings.

## Business

- Fundraisers
  - Sip N Paint: picture chosen, working on finalizing date with Kelly and availability.
    - 40 spots available (\$40 adult/\$30 child)
    - Mary Kate will make Facebook event
  - Fish Fry's: Save the dates now! 2/20, 3/6, 3/20
    - We will definitely need extra potato prep help on Thursday, 3/5 😊
    - Plan potato prep each thurs before
  - Spring Carnival: 4/26 – this will be here before you know it! Plan to help all weekend - 24-26th Duties and FYI's will be coming out in the coming weeks.
- Special dates/Celebrations
  - Discussed upcoming special staff dates

## Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 3, 5:15 in the gym.

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## ST. CHARLES

## JANUARY 2026

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				New Year's Day NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NO MASS Phy Ed	Mass: 8:30 AM Music & Spanish	NO MASS Art & Spanish	NO MASS Phy Ed	Mass: 8 AM Music & Tech Time with Father	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	NO MASS Phy Ed	Mass: 8:30 AM Music & Spanish	NO MASS Art & Spanish	NO MASS Phy Ed	Mass: 8 AM Adoration: 2:30 PM Music & Tech Time with Father	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	M L King Day NO SCHOOL	Mass: 8:30 AM Music & Spanish	NO MASS Art & Spanish	NO MASS Phy Ed	Mass: 8 AM Music & Tech Time with Father End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Catholic Schools Week 12:00 PM Sip N Paint	NO MASS Phy Ed Catholic Schools Week	Mass: 8:30 AM Music & Spanish Catholic Schools Week	NO MASS Art & Spanish Catholic Schools Week 6:00 PM Bible Bowl	NO MASS Phy Ed Catholic Schools Week	Mass: 8 AM Music & Tech Time with Father Author's Chair & luncheon Early Dismissal	

# St. Charles School Menu

1/5/2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7	8	9
<b>PANCAKES</b> Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Fruit	<b>STRAWBERRY BAGEL</b> Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit	<b>OATMEAL BARS</b> Meatloaf/Roll Mashed Potatoes Carrots Fruit	<b>EGG/SAUSAGE/BISCUITS</b> Hot dogs Potato Crisp Peas Fruit	<b>BANANA BREAD</b> Walking Tacos Corn Fruit
12	13	14	15	16
<b>FRENCH TOAST</b> Chicken Patty Mac and Cheese Carrots Fruit	<b>DANISH</b> Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Roll Peas/Fruit	<b>PUMPKIN BREAD</b> Creamed Chicken Biscuits Green Beans Fruit	<b>CINNAMON TOAST BARS</b> Quesadilla Salsa/Sour Cream Corn Fruit	<b>CINNAMON ROLLS</b> Pizza Broccoli Fruit
19	20	21	22	23
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>PANCAKE ON A STICK</b> Chicken Nuggets Mac and Cheese Carrot Fruit	<b>APPLE FRUDEL</b> Meatballs/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit	<b>OATMEAL BARS</b> Hamburger w/Bun French Fries Corn Fruit	<b>MUFFINS</b> Pizza Dippers Marinara Sauce Broccoli Fruit
26	27	28	29	30
<b>CHOC. BANANA BREAD</b> Chicken Alfredo Bread Stick Corn Fruit	<b>CINNAMON TOAST BAR</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Wedges Carrots Fruit	<b>PANCAKES</b> Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit	<b>CINNAMON ROLLS</b> Chicken Kiev Roasted Potatoes Broccoli Fruit	<b>DONUTS</b> Beef Tips Mashed Potatoes Peas Fruit
This institution is an equal opportunity provider *Menu is subject to change *Salad Bar offered Everyday		Milk Choice Offered; Skim Chocolate 1% White	In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.	

## Highlights for January:

- Eeek!
- January 19th no school. Teachers will have a work day.
- January 23: end of second quarter. Report cards will go home in the Wednesday folder on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The students will have their progress reports so this would be a good time to discuss where to put in a little more effort.
- January 25-31 is Catholic Schools Week—stay tuned for details.
- English: All classes will continue to research and write about their chosen country for their travel guide book, using all their English skills so far! You'll hear excerpts from these during our Authors' Chair presentation.
- Math 6: They will be entering a unit on writing and solving numerical and algebraic expression, including formulas—always fun!
- Math 5: They are starting a unit on fractions.
- Math 4: Multiplying and Dividing!
- Reading: All students will be reading Hatchet by Gary Paulsen.
- History: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are exploring the beginning of European colonies in the New World. They'll set themselves up with a colony of their own, granted to them by the always gracious Queen Hytry. 4<sup>th</sup> graders are in the middle of the

colonial history of Wisconsin and will parallel the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in establishing a fur trading colony in Wisconsin.

- Science: 6<sup>th</sup> graders are researching inherited diseases and writing a formal report. After that they move on to evolution while the 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders study energy.
- Religion: we'll finish our Liturgical Calendar with a short quiz on the information then move on to Chapter 3.
- Skills we're working on:
  - better penmanship in all classes
  - writing complete answers using part of the question as a guide
  - using spelling skills, especially when copying words
  - using the text to find answers
  - finishing all the assignment!
- Please don't hesitate to call or contact me with questions or concerns. Students may also call me if they have questions about their work at any time before 9 (my bedtime). 608-648-2800 (home) or 920-573-0207 (cell)

# Author's Chair Community Lunch



You are cordially invited to the Catholic Schools Week Annual  
Author's Chair, followed by a **Family Luncheon**  
**Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Author's Chair showcases the writing talents of our students.  
Students will read their written works on stage in the Gym,  
starting at **10:30 AM**.

A **Community Lunch** will follow.  
Students are dismissed with parents following the luncheon.

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Luncheon following Author's Chair Number of attendees  
(separate from your school child(ren)): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip by **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> OR**  
**Call 608-689-2642 OR**  
**Email: office@stcharlesgenoa.org**