



FEBRUARY



Family Folder – Wednesday, February 4, 2026

From Father Reither:

On February 3rd the Church celebrates the feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. St. Blaise is the patron saint of illnesses of the throat (because he once saved a child who was choking on a fish bone!) This gave rise to the beautiful sacramental in the church of the blessing of throats on his feast day with two candles, which we did at our School Mass this week. Just like all sacramentals they work through the gift of faith, not by any magic power in themselves. It is a reminder for us that Jesus desires to heal us. Jesus was known from the beginning as "the healer". May we continue to seek his healing in our lives for both body and soul!

-Fr. Reither

Project Heifer update: Our Penny War was a huge success. Congratulations to The Bankers! This group includes Shelby, Ezio, Lorenzo, Hazel T., Addey, Tobias, Ada, and Asher and won bragging rights for collecting the most money for Project Heifer. Thank you very much to parish donors who contributed to our total amount. The generosity of St. Charles parents and community is truly a blessing. CONGRATULATIONS! The Student Council will decide how to spend the money later this week .

Creamery Creek Concert: The children in grades 1-6 will be singing at Creamery Creek on Tuesday, February 10. We'll be singing some of our favorites from past concerts and our Rise Up and Sing books. We'll also throw in few Valentine songs for good measure. The residents will LOVE to see and hear the kids again! Be sure to fill out the on-line permission form.

Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing): Thank you for joining us for Author's Chair reading and lunch. What a lovely showcase of our students' writing. The students will work on finishing their books and bring them home later this year. On April 12 we'll hold a Food Festival during Fellowship that Sunday and the students will present food typical of their country.

Catholic Schools Week 2026: This was a very enjoyable week for everyone. Students and staff enjoyed the activities and the weather cooperated for our field trip to St. Rose and the Jump Park. Thank you to everyone who made the week successful.

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.

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! *****

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.

Please read the full meeting minutes attached.

Jessie will be sending out an email for all future sign ups (volunteering, food etc) needed. She will send a text as a reminder to complete this before each deadline unless everyone has responded as well.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 24, 5:15 in the gym. This will count as our March meeting!

Take-Aways:

- Prepare a baked good for the first fish fry, 2/20!
- Spread the word about Fish Fry's and Trivia!
- Save the date for Spring Carnival – watch your email for sign-ups!

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:

- Valentine's Party (4th-6th)

Dates to Remember:

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:

February 13: Rosie Lavey

February 15: Auggie Olson

February 19: Dekker Eckes

PTO Meeting - Minutes

February 2, 2026

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Crystal Lavey, Megan Olson, Ashley Eckes, Danyel Buncak, Michelle Trussoni, Mrs. Donovan

Father's Report

- Will check on lighting around the school

Teacher's Report

- Thank you's to have stocked for various donations, etc. will be printed and available to use. We are writing one currently to Secondhand Shack, as they continue to donate to us monthly. Please consider stopping by to support them!

Treasurer's report

- As of January, we currently have \$18,467.73 in our checking and \$4,879.94 in our savings.

Business

- Scholarships – if anyone would like to take this over from Kelly to lead, please let Jessie know. This involves sending information to the high schools, collecting applications, attending the review meeting, and attending Scholarship night(s) for the awardees. If we do not have any volunteers, PTO may decide to discontinue the scholarship program.
- Fundraisers
 - Fish Fry's: Coming up! 2/20, 3/6, 6/20
 - \$15/meal: 3pcs fish, Baked beans, Baked potato, Bun with butter, Coleslaw
 - Desserts and drinks (soda, beer, juices) available and extra

- Prep
 - Potato prep will be Thursday, 2/19 starting at 3:30 in the school kitchen
 - Day-of prep is appreciated! Please contact a PTO member if you are interested in helping ahead of time or serving during.
- Trivia: Saturday, 2/28
 - Will be serving popcorn and walking tacos, drinks and dessert
 - Remember to brush up on your 90s grunge music! 🎵
- Spring Carnival: 4/26 – this will be here before you know it! Plan to help all weekend. Games will remain the same as last year, food TBD.
 - Duties and FYI's will be coming out in the coming weeks via text and an online sign up sheet (Google doc). Please watch your emails for this!!

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IT'S A PARTY!

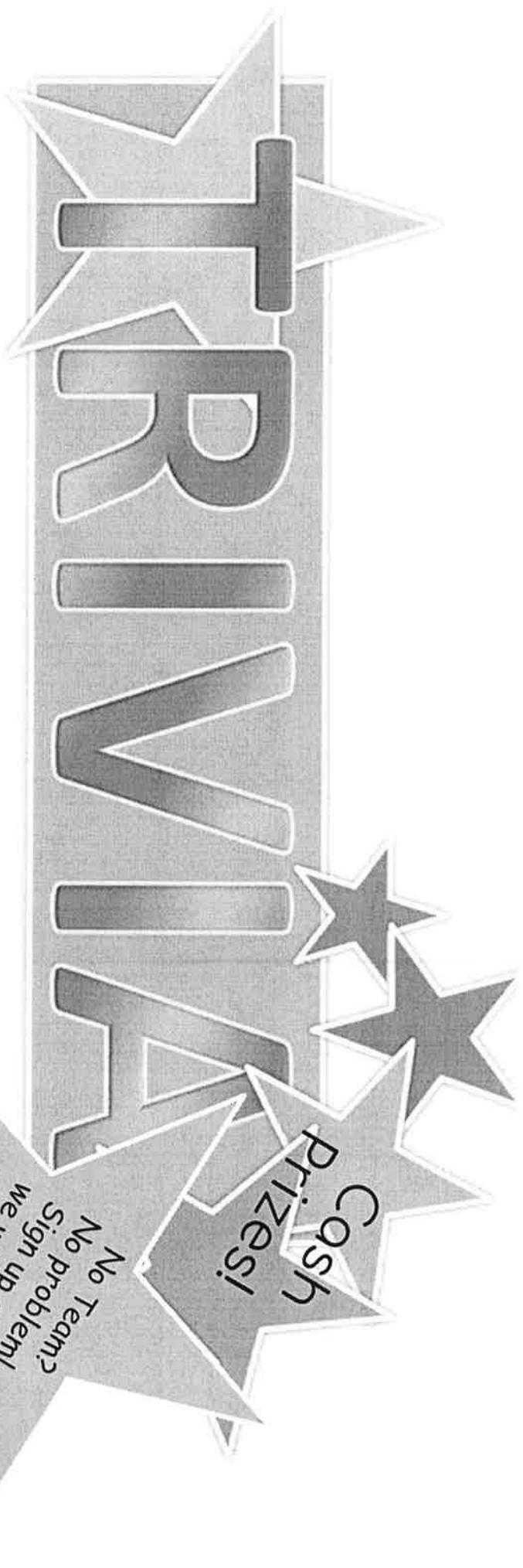
WHY: CELEBRATE ST. VALENTINE!

WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

WHO: 4TH-6TH GRADERS

WHAT TO BRING: YOURSELF, VALENTINES FOR
YOUR CLASSMATES





When: Saturday, February 28

Food and drinks available at 5:30 PM; Trivia begins at 6:00 PM

**Where: St. Charles School Gym,
707 Eagle St., Genoa, WI, 54632**

**How much?: \$10 per player
(\$5 - \$10 lifelines available for purchase throughout the night)**

How to sign up: Call the school office (608) 689-2642

Please let us know your name, way to contact, and an estimate of how many players on your team

