



# February



## Family Folder – Wednesday, February 18, 2026

### From Father Reither:

Ash Wednesday: Today we once again begin the Lenten Season with the signing of our foreheads with blessed ashes at Mass. Lent is about returning to the basics of Christianity following the three main pillars of the season: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Each of these helps us root our identity in Christ. Prayer = learning who we are in relation to God. Fasting = realizing that the good things of this world will never fully satisfy us. Almsgiving = happiness consists in giving away rather than hoarding for ourselves. While I have always felt Lent difficult to enter into, it always bears fruit when we are faithful to it. Take some time as a family and discuss what your Lenten plan will be this year with Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

God Bless,  
Fr. Reither

**Lenten Mite Boxes:** Ash Wednesday, today, begins all the activities of our Lenten Season. These include prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so a Mite Box is included for each student. Each year, support from the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) provides for more than **2 million children** who are enrolled in catechesis and Christian formation programs, as well as more than **600,000 children** in nursery school through secondary school. We ask our students to donate what they are able and to return the mite boxes to school **as soon after Easter as possible**.

**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.

**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.

**PTO Update (Jessie Cina):** Thank you to those who responded to the Fish Fry Event sign up. This is what I have from the responses. The next one will be coming out next week and will be in a different format as I'm experimenting with ways to gather your info and make it easier for me and you. If you didn't sign up and are still able to help please do so. If you aren't able to help you can drop off your baked goods on Thursday or Friday before 4:30 pm.

### **Thurs Potato Prep at 3:30**

Michelle R Michele T Patty Chasity Danyel Jessie Shelby Hazel

**Fish prep** - Justin and Arnie @2pm

### **Serving**

4:30-6:15 pm -- Chasity, Unknown name (bringing brownies), Danyel, Michele T, Jessie, Shelby, Crystal, Kris

6:15 pm - 7:30 pm (clean up) -- Ashley, Michele T, Jessie, Shelby, Crystal, Kris, Mrs. Charron, Ashley

### **Desserts**

cinnamon rolls, cream cheese brownies – Patty scotcheroos – Chasity

Cookies n cream rice crispy bars - unknown name Brownies - unknown name Brownies - Crystal

Brownies - Danyel Kit Kat bars or brownies - Megan KT - Michele T. Brookie - Michelle R

**Saturday** Clean friers/take to park - Kris, ?Niles

**Enclosed is our Fish Fry Flyer, please hang up these for all to see!**

**PTO meeting** Feb 24th at 5:15 pm

**Scholarships** - anyone willing to take ownership of this to keep it going please reach out to Jessie ASAP.

**Trivia Night** - Feb 28th - see flyer, get signed up and enjoy the fun!

**Spring Carnival** - Sign up for at least 5 spots to contact and collect donations. See your email for more information. Reminder set up is April 24 & 25 for the event on 26. Will need ALL families to help make this a fun success.

**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 Stoddard Food Pantry.

**St Charles Facebook Page:** Like" the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events occurring at school.

**Enclosures:**

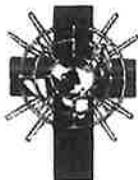
Mite Boxes, Mite Flyer,  
Fish Fry Flyer

**Dates to Remember:**

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  
March 6: Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Fish Fry  
March 10: Reconciliation (2-6<sup>th</sup>)  
March 13: Eagles Bluff (4-6<sup>th</sup>)

**Birthdays:**

February 13: Rosie Lavey  
February 15: Auggie Olson  
February 19: Dekker Eckes



## The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

A PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY

MEMO: Lent 2026

To: Educational Administrators in the Diocese of La Crosse  
From: The Mission Office

Re: Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Lenten Mite Box Program

This last July my assignment sent me back into schools and religious education programs. In Wausau, I am now chaplain to four schools and pastor to one parish. So, it is my delight to present the Missionary Childhood Association to you and me. Having just completed Catholic Schools Week, I realize the extra work of running our Catholic schools and religious education. My admiration for all that you do to keep our mission mindset and mission work moving only grows. Thank you for all you have accomplished and all you will do.

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 begins our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The days spent in the desert with Jesus promise a re-boot of sorts. By our sacrifices we are renewed in faith, hope and love. Our self-emptying creates space within our souls for the Lord, who comes in all His light and glory to fill us with His Holy Spirit. A new video is available for 2026 at this link: [www.dioc.org/missions/mite-box-lent/](http://www.dioc.org/missions/mite-box-lent/)



Each sacrifice made, prayer raised, and coin given makes a difference in the lives of children helping children. It makes a difference in the giver by helping generosity grow. It helps the child recipient by showing that someone cares about them and their faith. We come together in the name of Jesus.

### DETAILS FOR 2026 MITE BOX COLLECTION

The MCA boxes distributed from our national office can only be used to take up the collection for Missionary Childhood Association. Unless you had notified us of changes, mite boxes should have arrived in the same quantities as last year. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Funds should be collected at the parish and school any time after Easter Sunday. Totals are to be sent to the Mission Office by the Solemnity of Pentecost.

May God grant you His choicest blessings for your work in Christ,

Rev. Woodrow H. Pace  
Mission Office Director

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**\$15.00**  
per dinner



# **FISH FRY**

## ***St. Charles School***

### **FUNDRAISER**

**Friday's - Feb. 20, Mar. 6 & 20**

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

**Dinner Includes:**

3 piece cod, baked potato, coleslaw,  
baked beans, dinner roll & butter

Drinks & Dessert Available For Purchase

**Prepared by: Genoa Lions Club**

Tip Boards & Cash Prizes

Dine In

Carry Out