



February



Family Folder – Wednesday, February 25, 2026

From Father Reither:

One of the pillars of the Lenten season is works of Charity (or Almsgiving). When I met with the students in their classrooms last week, I encouraged them to find ways to help around the house without being asked or seeking credit for it. Hopefully some of you have noticed them fulfilling their homework! Another way they can participate in helping those in need is by filling the miteboxes that were sent home last week in the family folder with their change and dollars. Please encourage your children to make use of these miteboxes to help assist with the evangelizing work of the Church in areas of the world most in need. In this they participate in a meaningful way helping those in need in the home and the world at large. It is my prayer that this Lenten season will be a time of spiritual renewal for us all!

God Bless,
Fr. Reither

Save the Date: Students will showcase their Travel Books on Sunday, April 12th, during Fellowship after Mass. They'll host an international food festival serving various foods from their country. Teachers will help the students pick a recipe to prepare at home and serve during the food festival.

2026-2027 School Year Registration: Enclosed is the registration form with the updated tuition fee for the next school year. We use this form for next year's staffing and scheduling so please fill out and return by April 15 along with the registration fee which will be credited towards your tuition if the due date is met. If there is any difficulty meeting this requirement, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Mrs. Hytry or Father Reither before the due date of April 15. There is help available.

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.

Lenten Mite Boxes: The Lenten Season includes prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so a Mite Box was included for each student. We ask our students to donate what they are able and to return the mite boxes to school **as soon after Easter as possible**.

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):

Please read full **PTO meeting minutes** attached from the 2/24 meeting:

Take-Aways:

Prepare a baked good for upcoming fish fry's!

Spread the word and attend Trivia in your best 90s dress!

Save the date for Spring Carnival – watch your email for sign-ups!

Next meeting: 3/31 @5:15 pm

Spring Carnival: See Family responsibilities for more details. Reach out with any questions. Help put up the poster in local establishments and share on social media.

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 Stoddard Food Pantry.

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

Enclosures:

Server Schedule for March
Activity Calendar/lunch menu for March
Dr. Seuss Day Flier
Registration Form
PTO Minutes
Parent Responsibilities
Trivia Flyer

Dates to Remember:

February 27: Stations of the Cross at 2:30
February 28: Trivia at 5:30
March 4: Dr. Seuss Day, dress as a Dr. Seuss character, read Dr. Seuss books
March 6: Stations of the Cross, Fish Fry
March 12: Pi Day celebration
March 13: Eagles Bluff (4-6th), Stations of the Cross
March 16: No School, DOL in service for the teachers
March 17: Reconciliation (2-6th) after Mass
April 2-6: Easter Break

Birthdays:

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

Highlights for March:

- End of third quarter is March 27th!
- March 2nd-6th, CounterAct, an anti-drug/tobacco/alcohol program, with Officer Roessler
- Thursday, March 12th, we'll celebrate Pi Day, a day to celebrate the mathematical symbol which stands for the circumference of a circle divided by the diameter. There will be a Pi contest, a Pi play, and pie to eat for lunch.
- Friday, March 13th, our trip to Eagles Bluff. I'll send a list of details, including when to be at school, what to wear, what to bring, and how to behave home with the students as we discuss them in class.
- Language Arts: Everyone has a focus on verbs. In between units we'll continue to focus on using the writing skills to complete our books.
- Math: 6th graders will add/subtract fractions, 5th graders will learn how to multiply/divide fractions. 4th graders will just be starting to explore fractions next.
- History: 5th/6th have built the colonies, some experienced destruction during the French and Indian War, many are very angry at being taxed to pay for that war, and now will move into the chaotic time before uniting against their true and rightful Queen Hytry II. Unfortunately, war will have to settle our issues! 4th graders are learning about the steps Wisconsin went through to become a state.

- **Science:** 6th graders are starting with viruses and bacteria. 5th and 4th graders will start a unit on electricity.
- **Reading:** 6th and 5th graders are reading *Jump Ship to Freedom* by James Lincoln and Christopher Collier. This story parallels our History unit with setting up a government with a constitution and the issue of slavery. 4th graders will read *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder which also parallels their Wisconsin History unit.
- **Religion:** During Lent we'll take a look at the Pascal Mystery, Jesus as the Perfect Sacrifice, and the Easter Triduum.

Skills we continue to focus on:

- **NOT WRITING OVER WITHOUT ERASING.** No tolerance for this anymore!
- writing simple words or copying words correctly
- using better penmanship
- using English skills we've already been taught
- writing complete sentences which make sense!!!

Servers for March

Date	Day	Servers
03/26/13	Tuesday	Keilana, Ezio, Gio
03/06/26	Friday	William, Shelby
03/10/26	Tuesday	Lorenzo, Thomas, Dekker
03/13/26	Friday	Gio
03/17/26	Tuesday	William, Shelby, Gio
03/20/26	Friday	Lorenzo, Dekker
03/24/26	Tuesday	Keilana, Ezio, Thomas
03/27/26	Friday	William, Shelby
03/31/26	Tuesday	Keilana, Ezio

Dress like a character from Dr. Seuss!

Wednesday, March 4th

Bring \$1 for the Student Council Fund



Tuition & Registration Form

St. Charles School

707 Eagle Street, PO Box 130, Genoa, WI 54632 (608) 689-2642

Returning families - please complete and return April 15 of the current school year.

We, the parents of the following students listed below, ask that they be enrolled at St. Charles School, Genoa, Wisconsin for the **2026-2027** school year. This contract is made by us for the benefit of the student(s). We accept total responsibility for the payment of the tuition for them for the said period in the total amount (see rate scale) of \$ _____.

Student Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Grade _____

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Tuition Rates (please circle the rate that applies to your family)

1st child in the family **\$1,850.00 per year**

2nd child in the family **\$1,545.00 per year**

3rd child in the family **\$1,425.00 per year**

4th child in the family **\$1,300.00 per year**

5th child in the family **\$1,200.00 per year**

3K & 4K Preschool Rate (3 days/week) \$2,315.00 per year

3K & 4K Preschool Rate (5 days/week) \$3,990.00 per year

Tuition Rates

____ 1 payment of \$ _____ due July 15, 2026

____ 2 payments of \$ _____ due July 15, 2026 & January 15, 2027

____ 4 payments of \$ _____ due July 15, 2026; October 15, 2026 January 15, 2027; April 15, 2027

____ 10 payments of \$ _____ due monthly: July 15, 2026 ending April 15, 2027

We understand that there is a **non-refundable** registration fee of **\$150** for each child that is due **APRIL 15, 2026**. All registration fees received before the deadline will count toward next year's tuition costs. Fees received after the deadline will **not** be counted toward next year's tuition. For new families: the registration fee will count toward tuition.

We further agree that St. Charles may refuse to accept our student(s) for enrollment in a new year if all payments for the previous year have not been made or if arrangements for payments have not been made in writing with the Fr.Reither.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP Code _____ Preferred Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Preferred e-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Administrator's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PTO Meeting - Minutes

February 24, 2026

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Crystal Lavey, Chasity Gehde, Michelle Trussoni, Kris Olson, Miss Donovan

Father's Report

- Will check on lighting around the school
- Any decisions on school accreditation will be shared with all families

Teacher's Report

- A reminder about the upcoming Eagles Bluff trip, 3/13!

Treasurer's report

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

Business

- Scholarships – Crystal will be taking over for this year. More information to come out in the next week, as scholarship deadline will be early April!
- Fundraisers
 - Fish Fry's: Coming up! 3/6, 3/20
 - **Big thanks to everyone who supported this past Friday! Over 200 dinners sold!**
 - \$15/meal: 3pcs fish, Baked beans, Baked potato, Bun with butter, Coleslaw
 - Desserts and drinks (soda, beer, juices) available and extra
 - Please provide a baked good by 4:30pm on Fridays of fish fry
 - Live music again, tip boards this next time too
 - Prep
 - Potato prep will be Thursday, 3/5 starting at 3:45 in the school kitchen
 - Keep an eye out for an excel sign up from Jessie
 - Trivia: Saturday, 2/28
 - Will be serving popcorn and walking tacos, drinks and dessert
 - Remember to brush up on your 90s grunge music! 😊 Prize for the best 90s dress
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 - 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!!**
 - Keep Jar Game prizes, Prize room items, etc. in mind when shopping. Jar game prizes should be a \$10+ value, Prize room items can be bulk and simple.
 - Get ready to bake! 4 Desserts per family are needed
 - Basket donations, let a member of the PTO know if you would like to donate a basket and what it would contain.

Next Meeting:

- **Tuesday, March 31st, 5:15pm in the gym. This will count as our April meeting and cover final details of Spring Carnival!**

Take-Aways:

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- Spread the word and attend Trivia in your best 90s dress!
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PARENTS ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



SPRING CARNIVAL

Sunday, April 26

St. Charles School Fundraiser

707 Eagle St, Genoa, WI 54632

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Fun for the whole family!

FREE ADMISSION - FOOD - DRINKS - RAFFLE TICKETS

NEW CARNIVAL GAMES-- BUCKET RAFFLE



All Hands on Deck, St. Charles Families!

The Spring Carnival is quickly approaching — our biggest fundraiser of the year supporting St. Charles School and our students!

To make this event a success, we need every family's participation in the following areas:

Each Family Is Asked To:

- * Solicit 5 local business donations - see email
- * Share the event on social media and/or hang posters
- * Sell minimum \$100 worth of raffle tickets
- * Purchase jar game prizes (minimum 5 items of \$10+ value)
- * Make 4 desserts for the Cake Walk
- * Purchase \$10-\$15 in scratch lottery tickets
- * Select at least one: Help with set-up or tear-down
- * Sign up for one event work shift

Your support directly impacts your child's education and helps us continue providing the experiences and resources that make St. Charles so special. If you have any questions, please text or call a PTO member.

Jessie Cina (608) 780-1148 Crystal Lavey (262) 385-3033
 Michele Trussoni (608) 606-9975 Megan Olson (608) 385-7815

Parent Responsibilities in more detail

Ready. Set. Go! Raffle Tickets

There are great prizes again this year! Each Family received \$100 worth of tickets, which sell for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please turn in proceeds from ticket sales and ticket stubs to the school office in an envelope clearly marked "Carnival Tickets". Be sure to have your child's name written on the back so they receive their fun money!

50% of the money we make from this fundraiser comes from the raffle tickets!

In Advance: Donations

In order to cover the costs of the carnival, we solicit businesses and individuals for donations. If you know of any additional businesses willing to donate cash, gift certificates, or prizes please ask, collect and bring to the school. It is greatly appreciated. Each family is required to choose at least 5 locations – see email sent earlier. Most places require a request a minimum of 30 business days prior to the event.

In Advance: Game Prizes

One of the most popular games at the Carnival is the jar game. In years past this game alone has earned nearly \$2,000 for the school! People reach in a jar and get a handful of paper strips. If they get a strip with a number, they win the prize with that number. Adults and kids both love this game, but it **takes A LOT of prizes – about 350+**. Each family is required to pick up items on clearance to be used as prizes for this game. The prizes typically have a value \$10+ .

In Advance: Publicity

The more people that attend the Carnival, the more money we raise for the school. Each family is receiving colored posters for the carnival. Please take a moment to put them up and share the event/poster on social media. Great places are grocery stores, convenience stores, hospitals, workplaces – anywhere that has a bulletin board. Throw it in your car and take it with you! If you have any other ideas for ways to help publicize the Carnival, please do it or let the PTO know how we can help.

1. We need EACH family to SELL raffle tickets! Lots of them (minimum \$100 worth)
2. Collect and donate Jar Game prizes (minimum 5 items of \$10+ value).
3. Hang up and share the Spring Carnival Poster!
4. Make 4 cakes/desserts in disposable ware for the Dessert Walk Game.
5. Donate \$10-\$15 or more in lottery tickets for the Lottery Board Game.
6. Help set up (Fri/Sat) and/or take down (Sun)
7. Work at the event – see worker sign up list.

All the Support, time, donations, effort, publicity and extended family assistance are what make this event happen!

Thank you for helping make this happen for your kids!!

