



March



Family Folder – Wednesday, March 11, 2026

From Father Reither:

Yesterday I was able to attend (with other members of our parish) the Evangelization Summit held at Mary Mother of the Church in La Crosse. It was a great time to reflect in prayer with others about the movements of the Holy Spirit and how we can continue to be Christ's instruments in our corner of the world in which the Lord has placed us. I am looking forward to seeing how we can continue to go deeper in our fundamental mission as a Catholic School to make disciples of all nations by continuing to invite the Holy Spirit to be the true leader in all that we do. It is an exciting time in our Diocese for sure as we look to move from Maintenance to Mission! Please continue to pray for the spiritual renewal of our parish and school.

God bless,
Fr. Reither

Reminder: Next Monday, March 16th, will be an in-service day for the teachers so there's NO school for the students.

Eagles Bluff Retreat: Students brought home a "What to bring" form which we went through in class. I don't think they'll need the snowpants but I've asked them to bring boots, since places will be muddy, along with shoes to wear indoors. Winter hat, gloves, and jacket should be worn with maybe a sweatshirt or hoodie underneath. Included were the Driving Directions. We should meet at the school between 6:30 and 6:45 to make sure everyone has everything. We're due at Eagles Bluff at 8:45 and travel time is about 1 hour 30 minutes. That will give us time for a short break on the way.

Taking care of the body God gave us: Bah! Mother Nature is going from hot to cold within a day! Who can keep up? To be prepared for any weather God gives us, everyone will still need winter hats and gloves/mittens for the time being. If your child comes home with hats or mittens which they borrowed from the school, please wash these and send them back—we are completely out of mittens!

2026-2027 School Year Registration: The registration form with the updated tuition fee for the next school year was sent home earlier. 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.

PTO Update (Jessie Cina):

Yearbooks - YAY they are all picked up and paid for!!

Friday Night Fish - Last one next Friday 3/20 from 5-7pm. A sign up will be sent out via email this week and asking for 1 pan of deserts per family.

Spring Carnival - sign up sheet for set up and working will be coming in the next week. Watch for and get signed up.

-> **Raffle Tickets** have arrived! Get out there and start selling. Each family has 10 packs to sell and more can be picked up in the office.

Read the Spring Carnival Overview for more details on your responsibilities.

-> **Donations request** - reminder to be reaching out to your locations. If you haven't signed up (via e-mail sent on 2/15) yet for your 5 please jump in and do so ASAP. Again if everyone helps it's less work for each person. These donations are also what helps make our Spring Carnival a success and costs us less to put it on.

Next meeting 3/31 @5:15 pm - Spring Carnival finalization, end of year trip, graduation

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.

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.**

Enclosures:

Raffle Tickets

PTO Parental Responsibilities in more detail

Heifer International

Dates to Remember:

Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross at 2:30

March 12: Pi Day celebration

March 13: Eagles Bluff (4-6th),

March 16: No School, DOL in service for the teachers

March 17: Reconciliation (2-6th) after Mass

March 20: Fish Fry

March 27: End of Quarter, Report cards go home April 1

April 2-6: Easter Break

April 12: International Food Festival after Mass, 10:30-11:30

April 26: Spring Carnival

Birthdays:

March 31: Giovanni Trussoni

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 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 has received 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 disposableware 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!!



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 Learn more at Heifer.org

THANK YOU!

Donor ID:	8-16369420
Receipt Number:	16574193
Date Received:	2/24/2026
Amount:	\$510.00

Purchase: Pig (120.00), Honeybees (30.00), Gift of Clean Water (300.00), Garden Seeds (60.00)

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February 27, 2026

Dear Friend:

I'm truly fortunate to witness every day how the giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world. No matter how much circumstances change, one thing remains the same: people continue to show generosity and dedication to the families we serve.

Which is why I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your group's recent contribution of \$510.00 to Heifer. Your compassion makes a permanent difference in so many lives. I'm reminded of the quote by Mr. Fred Rogers: "All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver." **And to magnify the joy of your gift, an additional group of generous donors has matched your donation, doubling the impact of your gift!**

Each day, we witness the need of families in the poorest corners of the world, who are simply trying to figure out how to get by. Hardworking parents wonder if they'll have enough food to feed their children at the end of the day ... if they can afford school or medication ... if their home can withstand natural disasters.

Thanks to your group of Heifer donors, moms are building businesses and earning steady income to feed their children ... dads are running their own family farms instead of having to find work far away ... you are providing nutritious food, education and hope for the next generation.

I hope you know how much we, and the families who are touched by your generosity, appreciate you all. Our work would not be possible without you by our side.

With appreciation,

Christy Moore
 Senior Vice President of Marketing

**Thank you again for your contribution. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift. Heifer International is a 501(c)(2) non-profit organization eligible to receive tax deductible donations. Our EIN is 35-1019477.*

WHERE DOES YOUR GIFT GO?

Your gift is on its way to one of the **19 countries** where we work, bringing hope to a family just like yours — a family eager to start their new journey.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We are committed to ensuring your gift brings us closer to our shared vision of a world without hunger and poverty.

- We want you to know how your gift makes an impact! Read stories about people your gift will help at **Heifer.org/Blog**.
- If you have any questions about Heifer or your gift, you can reach us by phone at **888.548.6437** or visit **Heifer.org/Support** for 24/7 live chat.
- We are dedicated to transparency. View our financial statements online at **Heifer.org/Financials**.





YOU HAVE THE HEART OF A CHAMPION!

52.6 MILLION families helped since 1944 – you fuel their success!

Today and every day, you have the heart of a champion. Your gift supports a family in a different corner of the world, just like yours. Leaving a lasting presence that stays with them throughout their journey.

Here's how you're with them every step of the way:



Rudy Sagastume, Guatemala

#1 A NEW BEGINNING

As Rudy's champion, you gave him the first step toward change — new spice trees to grow his natural green thumb.



Angura Begum, Bangladesh

#2

GROWTH FROM OPPORTUNITY

You cheered on Angura as she took her next key step — receiving training and goats, which helped her grow a thriving farm!



Magali Martín May, Mexico

#3

UNITING FOR CHANGE

You've also been a hero to Magali and introduced her to a women's collective, where she collaborates with other entrepreneurs and sells her eggs!

9 MILLION

people trained since 2012, all thanks to champions like you

#4

DREAMS BECOME REALITY

You filled Susan's future with hope. The extra income from selling her cow's milk now funds her daughter's education — an opportunity Susan never had.



Susan Acan, Uganda

Your support helps women **THRIVE:** **67%** of program participants in the last year were women

"As the Wolof saying goes, 'Strength is in unity, and what one can do, two can do better.' This is true for us."

— Ramata

#5

PASSING ON EMPOWERMENT

And your heroic spirit empowered Ramata to discover her own. She learned about Passing on the Gift®. Now, she shares her skills and seeds with other women farmers, spreading your impact even further.

Ramata Niass, Senegal



THANK YOU FOR BEING THEIR CHAMPION!