



# APRIL



## Family Folder – Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Yesterday was the one year anniversary of the death of Pope Francis on an Easter Monday. As I told the kids yesterday at our School Mass, his final words to the world from the Loggia of St. Peter's Basilica were: "dear brothers and sisters, happy Easter." It was a fitting message to end his pontificate on earth with the reminder to all of the power of the Resurrection, that for the Christian, the end of one life is really the beginning of a new reality in Christ. Please remember Pope Francis in your prayers this week as well as his successor, Pope Leo, as he seeks to continue to lead the Church the Lord has entrusted to him.

God bless,  
Fr. Reither

**Bump-Up Day:** We've set aside **Monday, May 4th, as a Bump-Up day.** Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will shadow other students either at Aquinas or De Soto. The remaining students will "bump-up" to the next grade level for the morning and experience lessons and teaching styles they'll encounter next Fall. We will also welcome any new 3/4K kids to spend the day. If you know of anyone who would like to join us on that day to check out our wonderful school, please encourage them to contact the office.

**Elementary Summer School:** De Soto Area Schools will provide an elementary summer school program for Grades 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. This was sent to the families (via email) and a copy went home last week. If you choose to participate, feel free to return the form to the school office prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will make certain they get to the appropriate destination.

### **Aquinas Summer Camps:**

Aquinas is hosting several youth camps for grades 3 through 9. This was sent to families (via email) and can be found at this link <https://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/ahs-athletics-summer-sports>

**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):**

#### **Spring Carnival**

- give one more shoutout/share/talk before Sunday
  
- Setup- Friday: after school  
Sat: 8 am till done

**Raffle Tickets** - Return all sold or unsold to school by Friday 4/24.

- All jar prizes, any baskets, lottery tickets, donations etc need to be at school no later than Saturday at 8am.
- Dessert walk items by 9:30 am Sunday - reminder to use a container you can give away.

\*\* if you signed up for or asked anyone else to make some bars/cookies for the kitchen meals they need to be in the kitchen by 9:30am

**Inclement Weather Reminder:** We will follow De Soto's announcement for any school closings. 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. If you have any questions please 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:**

Staying active/word search

**Dates to Remember:**

- April 26: Spring Carnival
- May 1: Children's School Mass, switched from Tuesday, Adoration
- May 3: First Communion for our Second Graders
- May 4: Bump-up Day
- May 5: May Crowning at our Children's Mass
- May 19: Spring Concert and Art Show
- May 22: Volunteer Luncheon
- May 25: Memorial Day, no school
- May 27: End of the Year Field Trip
- May 29: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Mass at 10:00, picnic lunch, Last Day Games!

**April Birthdays:**

April 18: Keilana Rodgers

# BE ACTIVE KIDS®

## 5 Tips for Active Families

### Make active play fun for the entire family!



Allow children to help choose and plan how the family will be physically active. Be sure to focus more on fun, not on performance or competition.

### HOW TO BE A HEALTHY FAMILY

1. Be active for at least 60 minutes every day.
2. Eat at least 5 fruits and vegetables every day.



### Make moving a priority!

Set aside time daily or throughout the week when the entire family can be physically active together. Try doing something before or after dinner or on weekends. Plan a weekly Family Fun Night that includes riding bikes, swimming, or dancing.

### Get Moving on a Budget!



Plan activities that require little or no equipment like walking, jumping rope, playing tag, or dancing. Learn and explore parks, hiking trails, biking trails, swimming pools, tennis courts, and community centers in your area that can provide low-cost opportunities to be physically active.

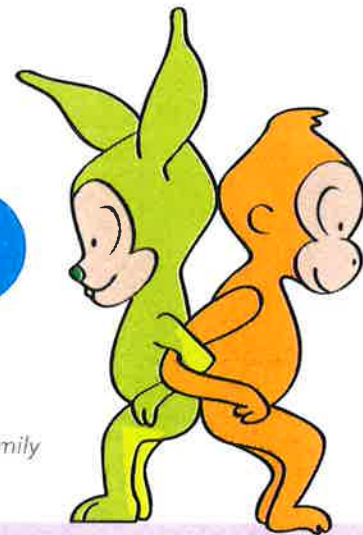


### Be active inside and outside!

Spend time outdoors and be prepared for all weather conditions. There are a lot of activities your family can enjoy in the rain, mud and snow!

### Get active with other families.

Meet up at playgrounds, the community pool, or a local trail. Host active birthday parties to help friends enjoy and benefit from being active as well.



#### REFERENCES

USDA's Choose My Plate's Healthy Tips for Active Families; NC Cooperative Extension's Get Them Moving... Physical Activity for Children and Teens; USDA's Nutrition Education Series' Be an Active Family

Looking for more resources to encourage your family to be active? Check out Be Active Kids' website [www.beactivekids.org](http://www.beactivekids.org).

Is Be Active Kids® at your child's daycare center or school? If not, contact us at [info@beactivekids.org](mailto:info@beactivekids.org) or 919-287-7012 about how you can bring Be Active Kids to your child's center or school.



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exercise	bones	fruit	outdoors	Be Active
games	lungs	run	catch	

Please share your child's work by faxing or emailing completed sheets, artwork, and pictures to 919-510-5033 or [info@beactivekids.org](mailto:info@beactivekids.org). If your child's work gets selected for our website spotlight gallery they will receive a Be Active Kids® prize pack.