



**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

Yesterday we did our May crowning again for all the school kids before Mass as we honor Mary during this month dedicated to her honor. I encourage you all to think of some way to incorporate an element of Marian devotion into your home during this time. It could be something as simple, but intentional, as praying a Hail Mary after your meal prayers or as part of your bedtime routine. May we use this month to draw closer to Mary and she will never fail to bring us closer to Christ!

Also I wanted to give an exciting update for our school. We have confirmed now that Emily Rux (currently teaching at Aquinas Middle School) will be joining us next year. I have worked with Miss Rux at Aquinas the last two years and am very excited to have her join our team here at St. Charles! She is getting married in October and they have bought a house here in Genoa. Mariette had also decided that she was ready to cut back on teaching if the right candidate could be found and I am also pleased to announce that we have offered a contract for a second teacher to join us this Fall and will share more details once we have his signature. He has family ties in the region and we were very impressed with his interview. He has just completed his first year of teaching. Upon confirmation, Miss Rux will most likely be taking over Mariette's classroom in the Fall. Mariette will continue to be at St. Charles as music teacher and an aide.

God Bless,  
Father Reither

**6<sup>th</sup> grade Art Trip:** This is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Charron and Kelly will take the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the Riverside Art Gallery and All Glazed Up for the afternoon. A digital permission slip will be sent home this week with details.

**Spring Concert/Art Show:** Spring Concert/Art Show: "Let's All Go To The Movies" is the theme for our Spring Concert. We hope our songs are some of your favorites! Everyone is welcome to attend on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM at St. Charles School. Come and join our young people as they share their talents and gifts. Take some time to walk through our Art Gallery before the show too. Hope to see you there!

**Volunteer Luncheon:** We would like to show our appreciation for all the volunteers we have within our parish and school. To show our tremendous gratitude for all they do for us, we are planning a Recognition Luncheon on **Friday, May 22, at 11:30 PM**. An invitation is enclosed for you to complete and **return by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, please feel free to share it with other parish, school, and/or community volunteers that help us throughout the year.

**Graduation:** How are the graduation videos coming along? 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. We'll meet for Mass, have time for pictures, move to the cafeteria to watch the videos and eat lunch, go outside to play games, then home to enjoy the summer. Please return your RSVP as soon as possible so that we can make lunch plans

**End of Year Field Trip:** Wednesday, May 27, leaving St. Charles about 9:00 and returning between 2:30 and 3. Our plan is to visit the Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe in the morning. We'll hike up to the Shrine at the top of the hill, visiting the little chapels and stations along the way so wear comfortable walking shoes, no sandals. We'll eat lunch at Myrick Park Nature Center so bring a sack lunch. We've arranged three different environmental workshops for the different age levels in the afternoon. Chaperones who are willing to help watch over the children are welcome. Thank you, PTO, for covering the cost and providing a snack for the trip back. Never too early to start praying for nice weather! An digital permission slip will go home later this week.

**Garden Dirt:** our kitchen garden is in need of some good growing dirt. If anyone has about a foot of good growing dirt to add to our garden, we have many willing hands to help shovel it! Please let Mrs. Hytry know.

**Elementary Summer School Reminder:** 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 earlier. 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, Reminder:**

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.aquinasatholicschools.org/ahs-athletics-summer-sports>

**PTO Updates:** The minutes from the PTO meeting are attached

**Take-Aways:**

- Feel free to join the end of year field trip and last day of school!
- Help with work day if you can – let Jessie know your preferred day ASAP
- \* **THANK YOU** for another great year!!
- \* **Question/Concerns - touch base with Jessie at (608) 780-1146; [jbutterfly12384@gmail.com](mailto:jbutterfly12384@gmail.com).**
- \* **JohnCinaSeven 11th Annual Pumpkinball Tourney June 27-29th @Genoa Park:**  
Chicken Q tickets are available. Do you want to volunteer, donate, play etc. or maybe you know of a need. Check out our website <https://www.johncinaseven.com/> for more details and fun for the whole family! Feel free to connect with Jessie as well 608-780-1148.

**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.

**Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us: Reminder:** Shorts, when the weather is warm enough, must be 3 inches above the knee or below the fingertips when standing—whichever is longest. Any sandals must have a back strap for safety. Gym shoes are still required for PE.

**Hunger Knows No Season:** Please join us for one last week collecting for the local food pantries! Bring in a nonperishable food item next Tuesday to help those in need. We will place the items in the food basket at the altar before Mass. This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

**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.

**St. Charles Wellness Policy:** We are required to post the St. Charles Wellness policy on-line as information for parents. It may be found at: <http://stcharlesgenoa.org>

**Enclosures:**

Graduation invitation  
Volunteer invitation

**Dates to Remember:**

May 19: Reconciliation after Mass (3-6<sup>th</sup>), Spring Concert and Art Show at 7:00  
May 20: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Art Trip  
May 22: Volunteer Luncheon  
May 25: Memorial Day, no school  
May 26: Concert at Creamery Creek (1-6th)  
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!

**May and Summer Birthdays:**

May 18: Shelby De Garmo  
June 17: Greg Henderson  
June 27: Shay Trussoni  
June 29: Raegen Eckes  
June 29: Addelyn Buncak  
July 5: Jayden Garcia  
July 17: Hazel De Garmo  
July 29: Asher Klein  
August 12: Norbert Lavey



St. Charles Parish & School would like  
to show our appreciation for your  
continued support as a volunteer.

We are inviting you to a  
"Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon"  
It will give us the opportunity to show our  
appreciation for your volunteer efforts  
here at St. Charles Parish & School.



Please join us for the noon luncheon  
Friday, May 22, 2026 @ 11:30 AM  
Please RSVP

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Number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP by Friday, May 15 with this form  
to St. Charles School or Phone (608-689-2642)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## PTO NOTES

This week, we are excited to be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week and recognizing the incredible educators who make such a difference in our school each day. Our teachers bring dedication, creativity, patience, and heart into everything they do, supporting and inspiring our students in so many ways. Throughout the week, we have and will be celebrating them and showing our gratitude for all they do to make our school and community so special. We are truly thankful for each and every one of them!

We also want to take a moment to recognize and thank our amazing lunch hero and administrative assistant, whom we recently celebrated. Their hard work, kindness and support help keep our school running smoothly every day, and we are so grateful for all that they do for our students and staff.

Read the full PTO meeting minutes for more details.

Yearbook preparations!!

Please go on and upload any pictures from the year to Shutterfly.com in a folder either by the event or date (ex. Spring Concert 26' or May 19, 2026)

ID: [stcharlespto@outlook.com](mailto:stcharlespto@outlook.com)

Password: Yearbook1

If you haven't yet - check out and follow our "St. Charles School and Parish" Facebook page.

### **Take-Aways:**

- Dates upcoming for end of year!
- Look for Jar Game/Santa Sale items at garage sales over the summer – get those done early! 💎💎
- THANK YOU from the PTO for everyone's help and support to make this year another amazing success!



## **PTO Meeting - Minutes**

May 4, 2026

### **Attendees**

Jessie Cina, Crystal Lavey, Michelle Trussoni, Megan Olson, Chasity Gehde, Michelle Rodgers, Mrs. Hytry

### **Father's Report**

- Lights in back, may need additional power lines vs solar – Mrs. Hytry will check in on
- Teacher Applications – have interviewed and continue to post
- List of groups at the church and what everyone's mission is

### **Teacher's Report**

- End of year field trip to Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Myrick Park
  - **Wednesday, May 27, 2026, pack cold lunch**
  - Bus leaves school 9:15, return 2:30-3ish
  - Shrine – possible guide, rosary walk, Stations walk
  - Myrick Park @ 11:30 – 3 groups at education/nature center
  - PTO will cover cost and snack on the way back
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders going to All Glazed Up **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, PTO will cover the cost
- **Spring Concert May 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - PTO will cover cookies and juice
- Last day of school/Graduation **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - PTO will cover lunch (hot dogs/pulled pork/buns/chips/freezes/pop/pickles) and cake
- Teacher needs for the summer

### **Treasurer's report**

- As of March, we currently have \$21,845.91 in our checking and \$4,879.94 in our savings.
- Carnival made \$12,000+ without expenses

### **Business**

- Scholarships – Awardees will be sent their letters!
- Fundraisers
  - Trivia: We decided to not hold a May Trivia due to everyone's business. We may hold a summer trivia, otherwise trivia's will pick back up next school year!
  - Spring Carnival was another huge success!! THANK YOU to everyone who puts the time, donations and effort into making sure this runs successfully and smoothly year after year!!
    - Cotton Candy was a great prize!
    - Multiple face painters next year?
    - Discussed flow of certain tables and drawings
    - Discussed baskets and future collections

- Discussed upcoming staff celebrations
- Yearbook – any school trip/event pictures you have, please sign in and dump your pictures in

**Thinking ahead for the next school year 2026-2027**

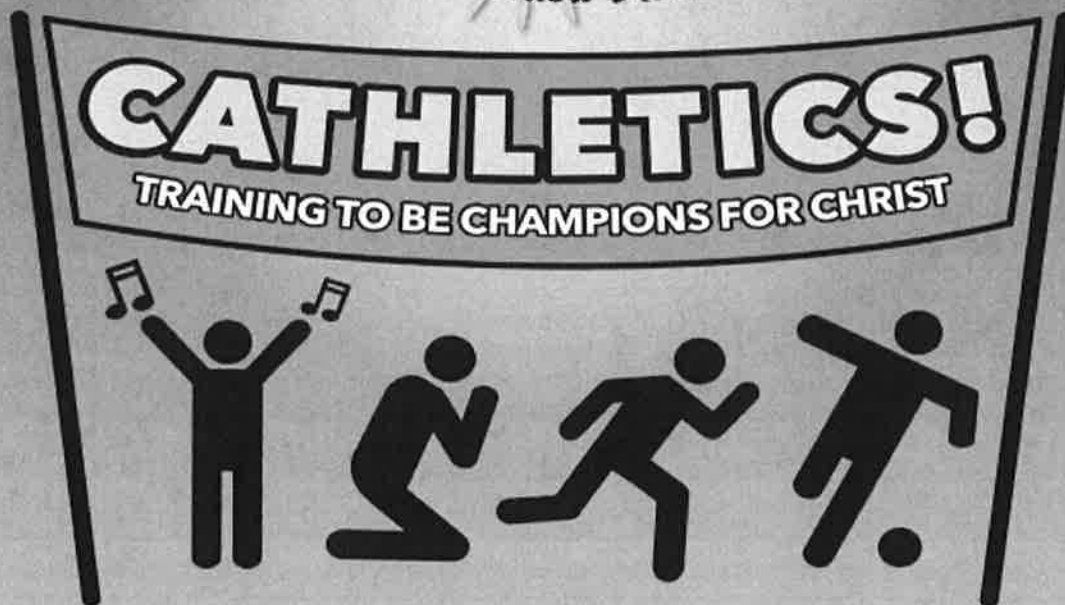
- Open house August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Butter braid fundraiser form will be due on Open House night! This will be included in the registration packet that comes in mid-July!
- First fundraisers/events: Trivia (Oct.?), Halloween Party (10/30), Pancake breakfast (Nov.?)

**Next Meeting:**

- **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:15pm in the gym. This will be our first meeting of the new school year!**

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**AGES:** Kids entering grades K-5 in 2026

**WHERE:** Mary, Mother of the Church  
2006 Weston St. La Crosse

**WHEN:** August 3-7

**COST:** \$50 per child

**CONTACT:** Kristin Johnson 608-788-5483 Ext. 4  
kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org

**REGISTER BEFORE:** July 24<sup>th</sup> using QR code



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