



# MAY



Wednesday, May 20, 2026

The school year is rapidly coming to a close! I want to thank Mariette and Paula for a successful spring concert and art show. Yesterday we blessed the St. Isidore crosses that the students have been working on in art class. St. Isidore is the patron saint of farmers as accounts of his life that have been passed down say that angels used to help him plow his fields. May we seek his intercession for all of the farmers in our parish community!

Also, I wanted to give you all an update on the school accreditation process. This past month, I have been in conversations with the president of Aquinas Catholic Schools and we have been exploring the possibility of becoming accredited under the Aquinas School System umbrella. It is an intriguing possibility to explore. If we were to go down that route, we would not have to take on the work of accreditation ourselves and we would be automatically entered into the Wisconsin School Choice program, thus freeing up a lot of time for our teachers/volunteers.

There is still a lot more to explore and questions to answer, but that is what the initial conversations have been so far. Any decision along those lines would not be implemented till at least the 27/28 school year. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I will be sharing more concrete information as I have it and seeking input from teachers and parents. Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit for our Catholic School!

God bless:

-Fr. Reither

**Thank you, Senator Pfaff:** for being our Mystery Reader. Dekker wrote a letter to Senator Pfaff as part of a History project, inviting him to be our Mystery Reader. Surprise! Senator Pfaff showed up Monday, read to us, answered many, many questions, and stayed for lunch.

**Spring Concert:** What a wonderful night to enjoy old favorite movie songs. Thank you so much, Mrs. Donovan, for putting together a delightful evening. If you missed the concert, or just want to watch it again, you can catch the performance on our St. Charles Facebook page.

**Art Show :** Once again our hallway was turned into a colorful avenue lined with our students' artistic expressions. Thank you, Mrs. Charron, for helping our students reach their creative inner souls.

**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.** We hope to see you there.

**RedLou Library:** The RedLou Library has been such a wonderful addition to our school. Due to its popularity, we will keep the library open during the summer—stay tuned for days and times. **Be sure to look for books already checked out and return them** as soon as they are read so that we can keep up-to-date on our inventory before the end of school.

**Genius Hour: Thursday, May 28th,** all students will meet to showcase their Math and Engineering skills. Each student will have 20-25 minutes to solve various Math problems. For each right problem they will receive a small cup. In a multi-leveled group, the students will have 30 minutes to pool their cups to build the tallest free-standing tower. Winners will get bragging rights, and possibly boxes of crazy candy.

**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 29th**. 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. We will be going to the Shrine of Guadalupe in the morning and Myrick Park in the afternoon. A digital permission slip was sent out. Please be sure to sign and return as soon as possible. Let us know if you would like to come as a chaperone.

**Reading Goals:** Wow! The students raised their reading goals for this year to 70,000 minutes and they busted that already. At the end of April, their total is a whopping 85, 669 reading minutes. While they haven't beat the teachers yet, everyone is certainly a winner and an ice cream treat is definitely in order for this Friday after lunch.

**Summer Skills Order Form:** Please consider ordering Summer Skills workbooks to help your child enter the next school year with those skills in place, making the transition to a new grade level easier. Check with your child's teacher to see which skills are recommended for your child's summer skills reinforcement. You may order directly from [summerskills.com](http://summerskills.com)

**PTO Updates:** Just over 2 weeks left! Wow another year flew. Thank you to all of you who have showed up and supported the school this year. We're always looking at ways to improve in the next year ~ your feedback is welcome. Read the full PTO meeting minutes sent last week for more details. Look for Jar Game/Santa Sale items at garage sales over the summer – get those done early!

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!

**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 – 4 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.

#### **Well Child Visits & Sports physicals nights:**

Enclosures included from May Clinic Health System & Emplify Health in regards to upcoming wellness checks and sports physicals.

#### **Family Accounts**

Enclosed is your family account statement that includes breakfast, lunch, tuition and after school care billing for the month of April. The last day for the 10 payments of tuition was due on April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have not paid your tuition, please do so. If you need to make arrangements for a different contract, etc. please contact Father Reither. As we are going into our final weeks of school, please consider adding to your child(ren)'s breakfast/lunch accounts before the end of the month.

Breakfast: \$1.55 each meal (weekly (5 days)) \$7.75  
Reduced breakfast \$.30 each meal (weekly (5 days)) \$1.50  
Lunch: \$3.15 each meal (weekly (5 days)) \$15.75  
Reduced lunch \$.40 each meal (weekly (5 days)) \$2.00

**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 Stoddard Food Pantry and the Genoa Little 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:**

Mayo Clinic Wellness Checks  
Emplify Health Sports Physicals  
Family Account billing statement

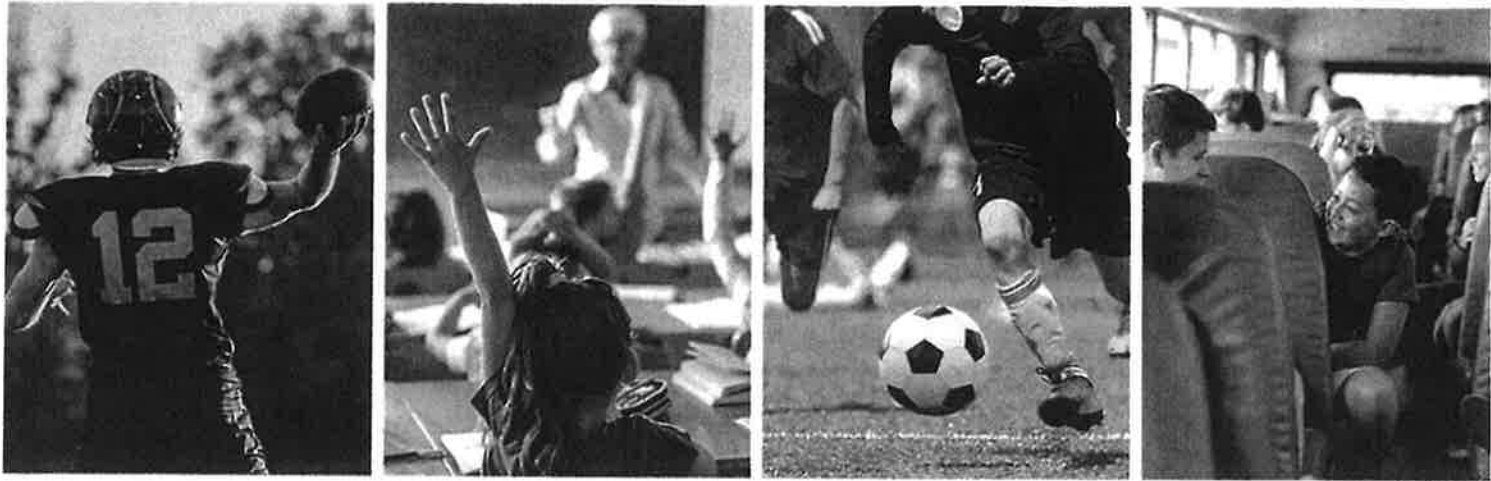
**Dates to Remember:**

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 28: Genius Hour at 10:30  
May 29: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Mass at 10:00, picnic lunch, Last Day Games, early dismissal

**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





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# Well Child Visit

A well-child visit is a routine medical appointment to promote the health and development of children from infancy through adolescence. During the well child appointment we provide a complete exam including:

- **Physical Examination**
- **Growth and Development Tracking**
- **Immunizations**
- **Health Screenings for sports**
- **Completing any required forms**

These visits are crucial for ensuring that children are growing and developing properly and for addressing any health concerns early on. It is recommended that children aged 3-21 years old connect yearly with their primary care provider.



**Need to make an  
appointment?  
608 - 392-5000**

**or scan the QR code to  
self-schedule an appointment  
or use the Mayo Clinic App**





# Sports physicals nights

Get off to a good start...schedule today!

June 15, 5 to 8 p.m. - Family Medicine Residency Clinic, La Crosse

July 23, 5 to 8 p.m. - Sports Medicine Clinic, Onalaska

By appointment only. Call (608) 775-6680.

Billable to insurance or \$30 cash pay option.\* Athletes under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or have a signed parental consent.

*\* No other discounts apply.  
Not intended to replace your annual wellness exam.*

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