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Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Our last family folder! I am full of gratitude as we come to the end of our school year. I want to thank all of our teachers for the countless hours of time that they have put into educating the children of St. Charles. I want to especially thank once again Patti and Kelly who will be moving on to their future endeavors at the end of our school year. Each in their own way have left their mark upon this school and it will be up to others to build upon that foundation as they hand off the baton.

Speaking of our new teachers, we are excited to welcome Emily Rux and Samuel Gallagher who will be joining our school for the 26-27 school year. Emily will be taking over Mariette's classroom in the fall and Samuel will be taking on the older grades. Having already given an introduction for Emily, Samuel comes to us having recently graduated from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. Originally from Evansville, WI, he grew up in a family with 6 siblings and was involved in Track and Cross Country. Both Emily and Samuel will be visiting the school on Thursday to see a glimpse of the school before the kids leave.

In closing I want to thank all of you, our parents! None of this would be possible without your generous support and trust you have given to our school to help educate your children. It has truly been a blessing to serve here this past year and I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for the future!

God bless:

-Fr. Reither

When asked how many years I've been here at St. Charles, I always have to stop and think because the years have gone by so fast. There are so many memories and stories stuffed in between first interviewing with Father Dhein during a day that hit 104 to finishing up now with Father Reither. If we happen to meet and I chuckle, that's because some of those stories are remembered:)

From the first I've embraced the value that St. Charles has in this community, not only to the students but to the parents and extended families wanting the best for their children. The world needs more schools like this—small schools dedicated to moral values and foundational education. I've loved being a part of this and I am so thankful that we've found a younger generation to keep St. Charles the vibrant school that it is.

Thank you to all the past teachers, staff, parents, volunteers, and students who joined me along this 14 year journey. You'll always be in my prayers:

Patti Hytry

This is kind of a good-bye, but then again - not really. When we found 2 great candidates to fill Mrs. Hytry's position, I decided to semi-retire and pass the torch to some younger teachers who hopefully love St. Charles as much as I do and plan to stay a while. I started teaching in 1999 when Mary Kate began 1st grade, and I can honestly say I've enjoyed every day of my career for the last 26 years. Not many people can say that. I'll still be the music teacher (I have a few more concert ideas to carry out!) and I'll continue working with the children as a teacher's aide next year. I just won't have 3 additional grades to keep straight. Time to learn how to create stained glass and finish (start) that quilt for Mary Kate - the one I SAID I was going to sew when she went off to college!

Mrs. Donovan

RedLou Library: The RedLou Library has been such a wonderful addition to our school. This summer, we will be opening the Redlou Library every other Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 pm. Mrs. and/or Miss Donovan will be here to check out books on **June 10th, June 24th, July 8th, July 22nd, August 5th, August 19th**. Hope to see

you here! 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: End of the year picnic: PTO will serve a picnic lunch right after our Graduation Mass for the last school day, May 29. Sandy has organized her team challenges and water balloon fight for after lunch. We're asking that the kids stick to only those water balloons. **Please remember that this is an early dismissal day for us and that the De Soto buses will not be running that early.**

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

PTO-Happy last week of school! Thank you to all of you (parents, kids, staff) who have showed up and supported the school this year. We're looking forward to seeing you back for more next year! Many will be the same but tweaked ~ be on the look out as your shopping to spread it out over the year. If you have ideas for improvement please let me know.

We're looking at dates this summer to do a few projects at school and that information will come out when we know more. If you can help that's greatly appreciated however not at all required.

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

Password: Yearbook1!

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

Looking for something fun this summer that gives back to the community - 12th Annual JohnCinaSeven Pump-kinball Tourney is June 26-28th. Join a team, volunteer, have a group that needs funds, like to dance or just looking for a fun weekend?!

Come check it out. Check us out on Facebook or Instagram. Have questions feel free to reach out to me.

Have a great summer  !

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.

Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us: Enjoy the summer! Remember to use sunscreen when you're reading out on the back porch!

Hunger Knows No Season: Thank you for another wonderful year helping to fill the needs of our neighbors. We'll start again in September

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. If you have any questions please contact: 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:

2026-2027 school calendar
report cards

Dates to Remember:

May 28: Genius Hour at 10:30
May 29: 6th grade Graduation Mass at 10:00, picnic lunch, Last Day Games, early dismissal (De Soto buses are not running at this time)

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 Borromeo School 2026-2027 School Calendar

	No School – School Closed
	No Classes – In-Service
	P/T Conferences – All sessions are 4:00-6:00 pm
	Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 31-Feb. 6)
	No bus available, parent provide transportation
	First full & last half day of School

School Day 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM

- Aug 24-28 – Teacher In-Service
- Aug 27 – Back to School (3:30-6:00 pm)
- Sept 1 – First Day of School
- Sept 7 – No School - Labor Day
- Sept 18 – No Classes-Teacher In-service-DOL
- Sept 25 – No Classes-Teacher In-service
- Oct 15 – P/T Conf. 4:00-6:00 pm
- Oct 30 – No Classes – Teacher In-service
- Nov 5 – End of 1st Quarter
- Nov 25 – 27 – No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 21 – Jan 1 – No School - Winter Break
- Jan 21 – End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 22 – No Classes/Teacher In-service
- Jan 31-Feb 6 Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 11– P/T Conf. optional 4:00-6:00 pm
- Feb 19 - No Classes – Teacher In-service
- Mar 24- No bus available, parent transportation
- Mar 25-29 - No School – Spring Break
- Mar 30 – No Classes – Teacher In-service-DOL
- Apr 2 – End of 3rd Quarter
- Apr 16 - No Classes-Teacher In-service
- May 28 – Graduation & last day of school (half day)
- June 1– Teacher In- service

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Teacher Days=181

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