



Family Folder

Wednesday, Sep 2, 2026



Welcome back to school! We are excited to have our crew back and already working hard. A special welcome to Mr. Gallagher and Miss Rux. We are so happy to have them joining our staff this year! We also want to welcome our new students: Aubrie and Naomi. Whether new or returning, we wouldn't be St. Charles without our students. This is going to be an extra-special year because of YOU!

Note from Father Reither

Yesterday we had a great start to our school year! It is great to see the school filled with our students again. At our opening Mass, I was privileged to give the students their first homework assignment for the year: Pray everyday. If we can all do that, we will fulfill our ultimate goal as Christians to draw closer to God everyday so we can be happy with Him forever in heaven. Please pray for all of our students and teachers as we begin this new school year!

-Fr. Reither

New Schedule for Family Folders

This year's Family Folder will be on a little different schedule. Instead of a weekly Family Folder, we will be sending home the envelope **every other week**. This is to, hopefully, lessen the amount of papers who have coming at you. If something pops up that didn't make it into the most recent Family Folder, we will email you the important update.

Fruit of the Spirit Focus

Each month we will focus on one of the Fruits of the Spirit. This month is Peace. We will be watching to catch the students showing Peace in their interactions with others around school.

Reading Minutes

For tracking our reading minutes this year, please fill out the attached calendar with the number of minutes your child reads (or for the little ones, the number of minutes you read to them). We will keep track each month of the top reader from each classroom. They will have the opportunity to have lunch with Fr. Reither (and maybe even work our way up to throwing water balloons at him towards the end of the year). Also, collectively, we will be working towards smaller goals. The first goal is 5,000 minutes (very doable in just one month!). The students chose to be working towards an ice cream treat. Please make time for reading every night so all students are helping to meet our first goal!

Snack policy

Snacks are being provided through the school this year. Parents do not need to supply them, but if you want to send in a treat at any time, of course we won't turn you down 😊

Please keep in mind we have nut allergies in the school.

Picture Day

September 9th is Picture Day. Order forms are included in this week's Family Folder. **Please return them prior to September 9th.**

RedLou Library

Students will have time each Wednesday to check out books from the RedLou Library. If you haven't registered with RedLou, contact the school office, and we will get you added. If you have registered, bring your bag in to check out books.

Jeans for Jesus

Every 2nd and 4th Friday (or last day of the week) we will be having “Jeans for Jesus”. Your child(ren) can wear jeans and the St. Charles T-shirt for the day by paying \$1. All funds raised will be donated to a charity decided on by the students. In the future the dates will be on the school activity calendar, but mark down **September 11 and September 24** for our first two.

Grandparents Day

We want to invite any grandparents able to come to eat lunch with their grandchild(ren) the week of **September 14-17**. Just fill out the attached form and return it to school as soon as you can so that Michelle can add them to the lunch count for the right day.

Food Collection

Please join us in collecting for the local food pantry. Bring in a nonperishable food item every Tuesday to help those in need. We will place the items in the donation bin at the back of church before Mass. The food items will support the St. Matthew’s Food Pantry.

PTO

Welcome all kids and staff to another school year. It's an exciting time to see the kids all back together again! Hopefully the first few days have went well for all. Please see the PTO meeting minutes for details on the meeting last night and hope to see you there next time.

Take-Aways:

- Sell Butter Braids!
- Review the letter regarding PTO events.
- See dates and mark your calendars now.
- Let a PTO officer know about PTO Text Chain!
- If you have an idea for field trips, we are open to hearing them!

RaiseRight

Enclosed is a note to St. Charles families from Megan Olson, PTO treasurer, giving you information on the program as well as a flyer to help families get involved. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Megan at mjtrussoni@gmail.com

The Second-Hand Shack

The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street. Sarah Studinger is the owner/operator of this business. Sarah is passionate about supporting the community by donating a portion of her profits to local non-profits and veterans. She has chosen to continue this venture with St. Charles PTO. We can drop off clean, gently-used items to this location, but due to space limitations, please contact Sarah for donation times, acceptance, and exclusions. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours, and donations. Thank you to Sarah Studinger for partnering with the St. Charles PTO. Shop... Volunteer... Donate...REPEAT

Dates to Remember

- September 4: Adoration 2:30
- September 7: No School, Labor Day
- September 9: Picture Day
- September 11: Jeans for Jesus
- September 13: Grandparents Day
- September 14-17: Grandparents Lunches
- September 18: No School, Diocese of La Crosse Teacher In-service
- September 24: Jeans for Jesus
- September 25: No School, Teacher In-service