



Family Folder

Wednesday, October 14, 2026



Trivia Night

If you haven't registered a team yet with the office, please do! We are looking forward to our tenth trivia night on October 24 at 6:00, and would love to spend it with all of you!

Food will begin being served at 5:30.

Come, eat, play!

We will need volunteers to help host the Trivia night. Please return the purple form that indicates when your family can help. The form needs to be returned to the office by Monday, October 19th.

Granny Basketball

Fr. Reither will be participating in Granny Basketball this year at Aquinas. On October 26, at 7:00 pm, you can attend the game and see the priests of the La Crosse Diocese take on the La Crosse Does. A free will donation will be collected benefiting Casa Hogar. If you are able to attend, please wear RED!

<https://frjoesguild.org/>

Halloween Dress Up Day

On October 29, we will be celebrating Halloween at school and in our classrooms by dressing up in our costumes. No gore or weapons please. Can't wait to see what everyone comes dressed up as!

Legacy Contest

Father Joseph Walijewski

Enclosed is a detailed poster discussing the many ways that children can enter the contest to potentially win money!!

Halloween Party

We are planning to have a Halloween Party at school for all of the local kids on Friday, October 30 from 5:30-7:30. In order for this event to happen, we need help and decorations! Please drop off your decorations by October 29th! Please return the orange volunteer sheet to let us know when you are able to help! We will start decorating at 3pm :)

Elementary Farm Night

De Soto FFA & Prairie View PTO are having an Ag Education Night on Wednesday, November 4th from 4:30-6:30. If you would like to attend, please return the red form to the office no later than Friday, October 16th.

Dates to Remember

October 15: 3K-K and 4-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 22: Jeans for Jesus

October 22: 1-3 Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 23: Mass at 8:30

October 24: Trivia 6:00

October 26: Granny Basketball at 7:00

October 29: Costume Day/Halloween Parties

October 30: No School (Teacher In-service) Halloween Party



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We are almost halfway through October already. It has really flown by! I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather. Our second summer might be coming to an end, but I'm looking forward to some nice, crisp fall days. ~ Mary Kate

Message from Father Reither

Please continue to pray for the health and protection of our students! We also give thanks to God for the wedding of Jeremiah and Emily DeGroot (our teacher formerly known as Rux) last Friday! Thank you to those parents who have filled out the anonymous survey on the Aquinas/St. Charles proposal. There is still time to fill it out if you haven't had the opportunity yet. I will also be available after school on the 23rd for a listening session if you would rather talk in person. We continue to pray for wisdom as we consider what is the best path forward for our school.

God bless,
Fr. Reither

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The parent/teacher conference schedule went home in an email last week. It is also in the Family Folder this week for your reference. Donovan and Gallagher conferences are tomorrow, Thursday October 15, and Rux/DeGroot conferences are next week, Thursday, October 22.

Mass Schedule Next Week

Instead of Mass on Tuesday next week, we will be having Mass on Friday (October 23).

Please wear your red shirts on FRIDAY.

Jeans for Jesus will be on Thursday next week due to the Mass schedule change.

Thank you!

PTO Update

Please review FULL meeting minutes for more details on the last meeting, next events and more.

Take-Aways:

- Year books are in!!! See list. Send money. Receive your preordered 25-26 yearbook.
- Make a team for Trivia and register!
- Spread the word to the community and attend the Halloween Party!
 - o Donate decorations by 10/29
- Complete signups and return by due dates listed – reminder we need everyone's help to make these Fundraisers a success!

Next Meeting:

- Monday, November 2, 5:15 in the gym. (we'd love to see more than 4 parents at the next one ;)

October 15

Miss Donovan

4:00	Clint
4:15	Naomi
4:30	Aubrie
4:45	Asher
5:00	Quinn
5:15	Greg
5:30	Shay
5:45	Norby

October 22

Miss Rux (Mrs. DeGroot!)

4:00	Auggie
4:15	Bella
4:30	Peter
4:45	Toby
5:00	Addey
5:15	Hazel D.
5:30	Rosie
5:45	Hazel T.

Mr. Gallagher

4:00	Gio
4:15	Lorenzo
4:30	
4:45	
5:00	Ezio
5:15	Thomas
5:30	
5:45	

PTO Meeting - Minutes

October 7, 2026

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Crystal Lavey, Megan Olson

Father's Report

- Please see the email sent from Father late last week regarding Aquinas and accreditation. Fill out survey. There will be time after school next Friday, 10/23 for anyone who would like to discuss with Father in person.

Teacher's Report

- Family Folders will occur every other week, both online and paper, beginning Wednesday, September 2.

Treasurer's report

- We currently have \$17,576.87 in our checking and \$4,879.94 in our savings. The butter braid fundraiser made roughly \$1200.

Business

- Yearbook
 - They are in! The total is \$15.63 per book; you can pay and pickup in the office.
 - Reminder that 6th graders will be making their own videos for graduation.
- If you would like to be on the PTO Text Group/Chain, please let a PTO officer know and we will add you! This is for parents who would like to provide their opinion between meetings!
- \$500/returning family will be posted to accounts in the next couple weeks. Thank you for your continued support of our school!
- Upcoming fundraisers! Save the Dates and attend!
 - Trivia – 10/24 (Saturday night) 6-9pm
 - Meal of Hot dogs, Chili, Cheese curds, French fries
 - If working please arrive by 4:30 to help, food starts at 5:30
 - Pancake Breakfast – 11/15 (Sunday morning) 10-11:30am serving food
 - Free-will donation
 - Shifts 9-11, 10:30-12:30
 - 4th-6th grade bake sale
 - All families are asked to provide baked goods for the 4-6th graders to sell. Please have them packaged and ready for sale.
- Halloween Party Friday, 10/30 (set up starts at 3 pm)
 - Free event for the entire community
 - Meal of hot dogs, mac and cheese, apple sauce
 - Games, music and activities!

- Looking for any DECORATIONS, you have that you may be wanting to donate or borrow out for the event. Please have at school by Thursday 10/29
- Other fundraisers
 - Santa Sale: 12/11 with 12/14 snow date
 - Fish Fry's: Save the dates now! 2/19, 3/5, 3/19
 - Spring Carnival: 4/25

Next Meeting:

- **Monday, November 2**, 5:15 in the gym.

Take-Aways:

- Make a team for Trivia and register!
- Spread the word to the community and attend the Halloween Party!
 - Donate decorations by 10/29
- Sign up to help with Pancake breakfast!
- Complete signups online – reminder we need everyone's help to make these Fundraisers a success!

Trivia October 24th

Doors open at 5:30 pm and Trivia starts at 6 pm.

Volunteers needed: to help set up (4-4:30 pm), get food cooked and ready to serve, work in the kitchen serving the food and drinks then clean up.

You can still play with the Kitchen crew or if enough workers can play on another team.

Ideally 2-3 people in the kitchen working + 1 fryer.

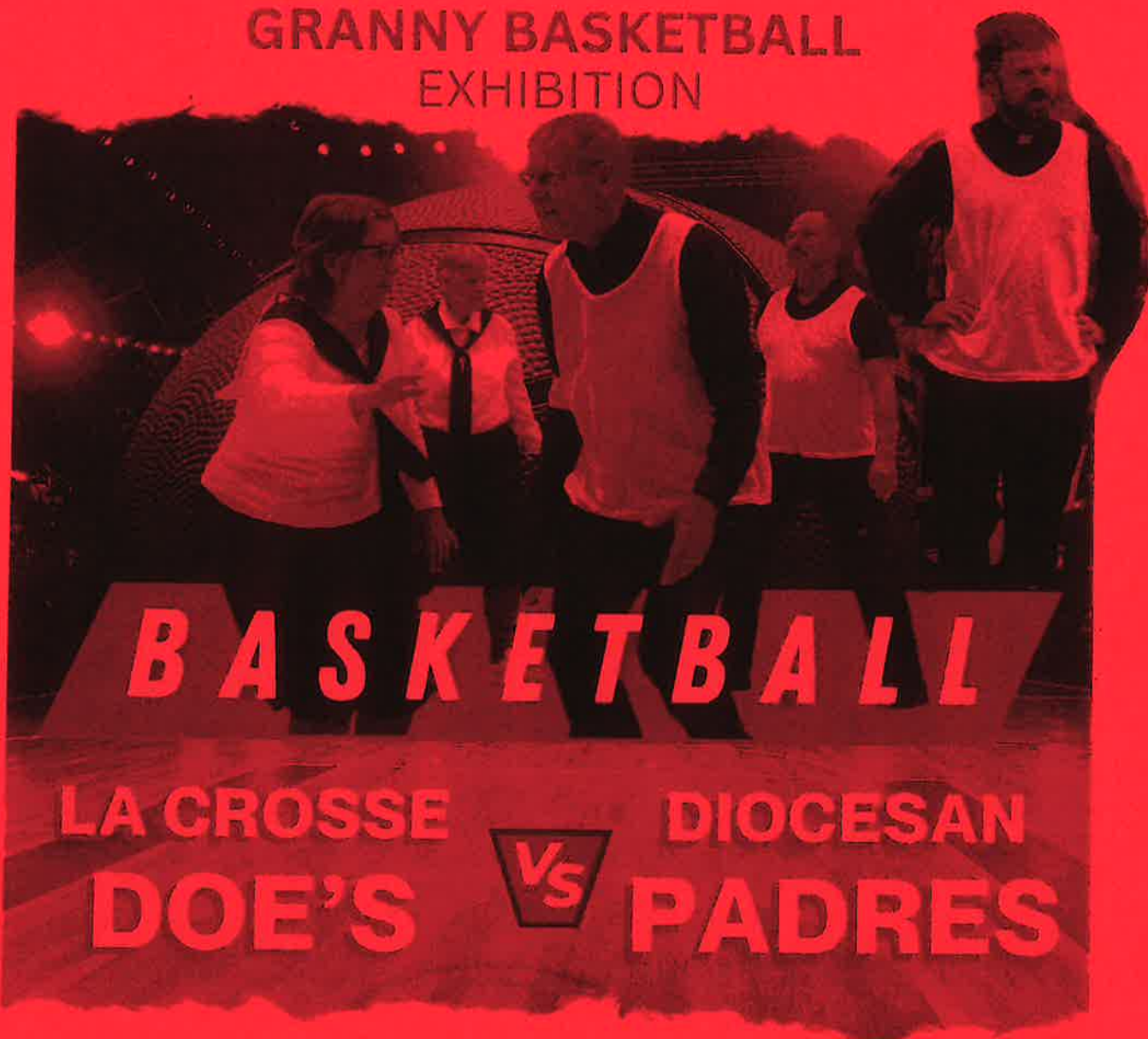
➔ Serving Chili, Hot dogs, Fries and Cheese curds as well as drinks and desserts.

Are you able to help? If so, who and how many?

Please return slip to Office by **Monday, October 19th** –
Finalized list will go out in email form Wednesday October 21st.

Project Milk—it costs \$115.00 for one bag of milk that feeds 64 children. Can we raise \$460.00 to give to Project Milk to raise enough milk for 64 children for a whole month by Friday, October 23rd? Let's try to send a check with Father Reither for \$460.00 at the Doe's vs Padre's basketball game. Want to watch Father Reither "try" to dunk it? Come to the game and wear **red** to show that St. Charles is present!

GRANNY BASKETBALL EXHIBITION



BASKETBALL

LA CROSSE
DOE'S

VS

DIOCESAN
PADRES

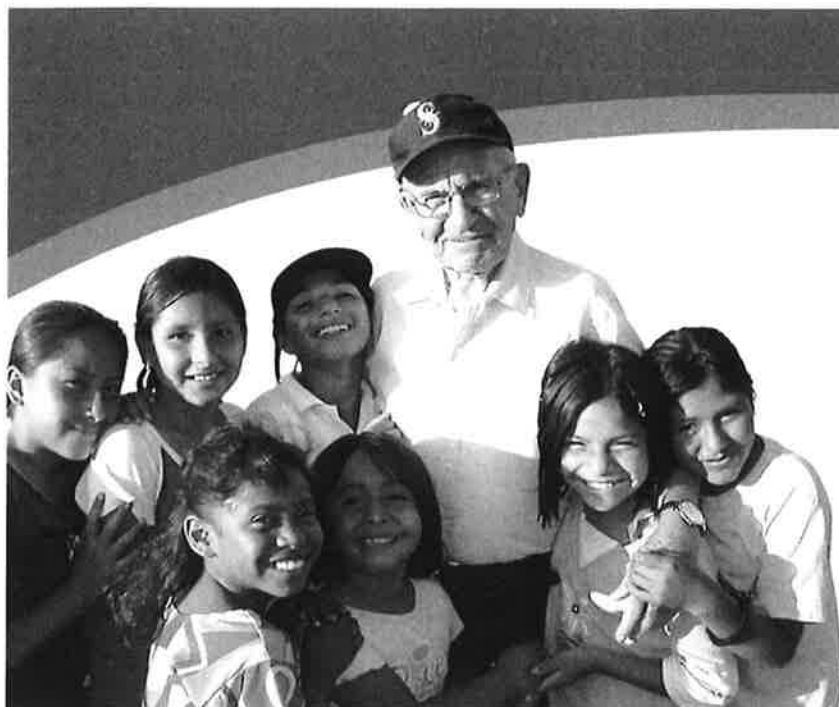
AQUINAS
HIGH SCHOOL

La Crosse, WI

OCT
26
2026

7:00 pm

*Free Will
Donation*



— SERVANT OF GOD — FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWSKI *Legacy Contest*

Share Father Joseph's life and mission through your own creative expression.

AGE DIVISIONS



Ages 5 - 9

Ages 11-14

Ages 15-18

AWARDS

Each Age Division



1st Place - \$100

2nd Place - \$ 75

3rd Place - \$ 50

BEST OF SHOW



One overall winner
selected from all
entries will receive
\$150

HOW TO SUBMIT

Mail to:
Diocese of La Crosse
Mission Office
3710 East Ave S
La Crosse, WI 54601

Your work may depict Father Joseph:

- Helping those in need through acts of kindness and service.
- Building churches, schools, orphanages or soup kitchens.
- Teaching others about Jesus Christ.
- Praying or celebrating Mass.
- A favorite story from Fr Joe's life.
- How Fr Joseph has inspired you.
- Anything else that reminds you of Fr Joe and the way he lived for God and others.



Your work may be created using any medium, including:

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Drawing | Poetry |
| Painting | Essay or Short Story |
| Digital Art | Song or Original Music |
| Sculpture | 3-D Design |
| Photography | Mixed Media |
| Any other original creative work | |

CONTEST DEADLINE



**NOVEMBER 15
2026**

CONTEST RULES

- One entry per person.
- All submissions must be the participant's original work.
- Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, how well the life and mission of Fr Joe reflected and overall impact.

Or Email to:
info@frjoesguild.org

Questions? Call 608-791-2677

Thank you for celebrating the life and legacy of
† **SERVANT OF GOD, FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWski**

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 30th

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Done at 7:30 pm.

Volunteers needed: to help set up/decorate starting at 3 pm. Get food cooked and ready to serve. 2 people in the kitchen to serve food and drinks. Everyone helps with cleanup.

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Ideally 2-3 people in the kitchen working + 1 fryer.

➔ Serving Mac n cheese, hot dogs, fruit, snacks, drinks and desserts.

Are you able to help? If so, who and how many?

Please return slip to Office by **Monday, October 26th** –
Finalized list will go out in email form Wednesday October 28th.

Please Join us for

Elementary Farm Night!

Wednesday, November 4th

Prairie View Elementary 4:30-6:30 pm

De Soto FFA and Prairie View PTO will be putting on an Ag Education night for all De Soto Elementary students.



What to expect...

- Ag related activities for students
 - A free BBQ sandwich meal
- A free Farm Night T-shirt after completing the stations!

Please cut from the dotted line and return this form to De Soto HS or hbark@desoto.k12.wi.us **no later than Friday, October 16th** so we can plan accordingly. Only one form is necessary for each family.

Note: If you do not turn in slip with T-Shirt by **October 16th**, you may not receive a shirt.

Name(s): _____ How many in party: _____

Students Youth T-Shirt Size (Circle and list quantity next to size):

YS___ YM___ YL___ AS___ AM___ AL___ AXL___

Elementary Form Night

Wednesday, November 4th

Praying View Elementary 4:30-6:30 pm

Dr. Bob FFA and Praying View PTO will be opening an
to Education night for all the State Elementary students



What to expect

- A refreshment bar with the state flag
- A live PTO presentation
- A live Farm Night PTO presentation

There will be a presentation by the PTO and the PTO will be giving out a
Praying View PTO presentation. The PTO will be giving out a
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Yearbook list:

PTO covered cost:

Miss Donovan

Mrs. Donovan

Sandy

Mrs. Charron

Michelle

Mrs. Kelly - mail

Mrs. Hytry - mail

Carrol - mail

Julie

Father

\$15.63 per book - write check or send cash to St. Charles PTO and receive your book(s):

DeGarmo - 1

Rodgers - 0

Lavey - 1

Mitchell - 2

Buncak - 1

Olson - 1

M. Trussoni - 1

D. Trussoni - 3

Vanevenhoven - 1

Albrecht's - 1

Greg's - 1

Eckes - 1

Klein - 1

Johnson - 1

JOIN US IN PRAYER *FOR* POPE LEO XIV



*May Our Lord grant the Holy Father strength,
healing, and peace. May Christ, the Divine
Physician, guide the hands of Pope Leo XIV's
surgeons and all those entrusted with his care. May
He bless the Holy Father with a successful surgery
and a swift and full recovery.*

Amen.

