



**ST. THERESA CATHOLIC**

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## September 14, 2023 News & Updates

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### Upcoming Important Date

9/15/23 8:30 am, School Mass - 6th grade

10/1/23 12-2:30 pm, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Feast Day Celebration

9/20/23 Picture Day

10/2/23 Smith Pro Uniform/Spirit Wear 3rd Order Deadline

9/22/23 8:30 am, School Mass - 5th grade

9/25/23 No School

9/28/23 Curriculum Resource Night  
5-7pm

9/28/23 Spirit Day

9/29/23 8:30 am, School Mass - 4th grade

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## School News

### Curriculum Resources Night:

On Thursday 9/28 our teachers will be hosting a Curriculum Resource Night for parents to learn about some of the new curriculum resources we are using this year. Come to learn more about the following resources from 5-7 p.m.

- Wit & Wisdom– is a comprehensive English language arts curriculum crafted to help students build the knowledge and skills they need to be successful readers, exceptional writers, and effective communicators. We are using this program K-5 this year and plan to add middle school next year.
- Really Great Reading– evidence-based reading instruction, providing instructional materials that help students develop foundational reading skills.
- Leader in Me–evidence-based comprehensive model that builds leadership and life skills in students, creates a high-trust culture and lays the foundation for sustained academic achievement.
- I Love U Guys–The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) provides consistent, clear, shared language and actions among all students, staff and first responders for all hazards. It is action based, and allows organizations, first responders, students, and parents to share a specific vocabulary for quick and coordinated action. It also acts as a tool for training which develops the muscle memory necessary to respond appropriately in moments of crisis.

This is a learning opportunity for parents to learn about the new curriculum resources we are using in school. Supper and babysitting will be provided.

### Leadership Council

St. Theresa is going to pilot the Regionalization Leadership Council model during the 2023-2024 school year. The Leadership Council takes the best parts of the School Board and the PTC and combines them into one organization to support and collaborate with the school. Please click on the [link](#) to read more about the St. Theresa Leadership Council, Leadership Council Members and committees and possible activities each committee will be involved in this year. Please contact the committee chair if you are interested in joining a committee or have questions.

### Backpack Buddies Program

St. Theresa's offers a supplemental food program for families who might need extra support during the school year. Every Friday, we send home a backpack with your student filled with a variety of food items for the weekend. If this is something you are interested in, please fill in this form and return it to your classroom teacher. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Custer at 515-277-0178 x 101.

[☰ backpack Buddies sign up sheet](#)

### Child Safety

Our first priority as educators is child safety. This includes the safety of our children as they arrive at or leave school. Children should remain in seats/seatbelts until the vehicle comes to a stop in the carline. If you need to assist your child in getting into or out of their seat, please park in the church parking lot and walk to our carline space. Please do not get out of your car in the carline for your safety and the safety of others. For their safety, children should exit vehicles on the passenger side of the car (school side).

## **A GUIDE TO THE IOWA CHILD RESTRAINT LAW**

- A child under 1 year old and weighing less than 20 lbs. must be secured in a rear-facing child restraint system
- A child age 1 up to 6 years old must be secured in a child restraint system (a safety seat or booster seat--NOT a seat belt) A “child restraint system” is a specially designed seating system, including a belt positioning seat or a booster seat that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- A child from the age of 6 up to the age of 11 must be secured in a child restraint system or by a safety belt. There must be a seat belt for each child.

Please make sure you are following our safety guidelines in the carline to keep everyone safe. It is required that you follow the Iowa Child Restraint Laws.

## **Recycle Supplies Needed for Art Classes**

Miss Sassatelli is looking for the following items to be donated to her classroom:

- Empty egg cartons (styrofoam or cardboard)
- Washed small plastic containers (yogurt, sour cream, butter, etc)
- Varying sizes of plastic or metal lids (from peanut butter, yogurt cups, sauces, etc)
- Appropriate magazines with lots of pictures (scholastic, national geographic, home and gardens)

If you would like to donate some items you should send them in a grocery bag to the office. Thank you all!

## **School Mass**

Most school masses are on Friday morning at 8:35 a.m. Mass is occasionally moved for Holy Days, days off school or shortened days. We encourage you to attend mass if you are able. If you would like, your student can come sit with you at mass. There is room on the east side or the back of the center isles. Only your student(s) can sit with you. Their friends need to stay with their class. The schedule may be accessed for the year on the website under calendars or click [here](#).

## **Sports - Girls Basketball**

There will be a basketball open gym for 6-8th grade girls interested in playing basketball on Sunday September 17 and 24 and October 1 from 5:45-7 p.m.

Calling all 6th-8th grade girls interested in playing on a St. Theresa Catholic basketball team - Sign up for basketball now!

Shirts (included with fee) will be ordered Friday, 10/6/23, so please sign up soon!

Regular season basketball games are every Saturday 10/28/2023- 12/2/2023, with the exception of 11/25/23 (Thanksgiving weekend - no games), and a Season Ending Tournament, 12/09/2023 - 12/10/2023. Practice schedules will be determined once we know how many teams we will have.

Teams will be determined by number of players, skill assessment and CBL guidelines. WE NEED COACHES! Ideally we would like a head coach and a few assistant coaches per team. If you are interested in helping please contact Erica Niggemeyer 319-470-4275 or stcsathletics@gmail.com

If your daughter plans on playing basketball, please complete the following:

- Online Registration Form, click [here](#)
- St. Theresa Sports Physical and Concussion Form need to be up to date and on file in the school office (within the last 12 months) to participate in practice or games. Click [here](#) for the health physical and concussion forms.
- Eligibility: St. Theresa Catholic School & Parish Members Grades 6th-8th

Cost: \$65

## Volleyball Game Schedule



The flyer features a green background with a white soccer ball and net on the left. At the top center is a soccer ball icon with wings. To the right is a silhouette of a soccer player. The team name 'LIL MIGHTY MAROONS' is written in large, bold letters, with 'LIL' and 'MAROONS' in red and 'MIGHTY' in white. Below the name is a list of game dates and times, a 'MAKEUP DATE', and details about the teams, venue, and registration.

**LIL MIGHTY MAROONS**

TUESDAYS  
5-6 P.M.

SEPT. 19  
SEPT. 26  
OCT. 3  
OCT. 10  
OCT. 17  
OCT. 23

MAKEUP DATE  
OCT. 30

**Coed Teams  
K- 2nd grade**

**Venue**  
Grass fields by Buffalo  
Road


**Registration**  
Complete the Reigstration Document  
and bring payment as cash or check on  
9/19

**Cost \$60**

More info 515-240-4105 or email [lilmightymaroons@gmail.com](mailto:lilmightymaroons@gmail.com)

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## Parish News




St. Theresa of the  
Child Jesus Feast  
Day October 1<sup>st</sup>

Come and celebrate with a Prayer Service  
followed by a Potluck in honor of St.  
Theresa's Feast Day.

12:00 pm to 2:30 pm Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in  
the Parish Hall. Games for the kids  
available until 3:00 pm.

Bring a dish to share.



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