



**ST. THERESA CATHOLIC**

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## September 21, 2023 News & Updates

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### Upcoming Important Date

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

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

**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

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

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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.

### Dress Code Changes

#### Wednesday, September 27---SPIRIT DAY!

Spirit Day is moving to Wednesday next week due to an event on Thursday.

Students may wear St. Theresa shirts or Dowling shirts with uniform bottoms for Spirit Days. Don't miss it, show your school spirit.

#### Thursday, September 28--School Uniforms

Students should wear their student uniforms. We will have a professional photographer in the building taking pictures for marketing our school. We want students to look like St. Theresa Students. We want to show the best version of our school. (Spirit Day moved to Wednesday.)

### JMC Registration

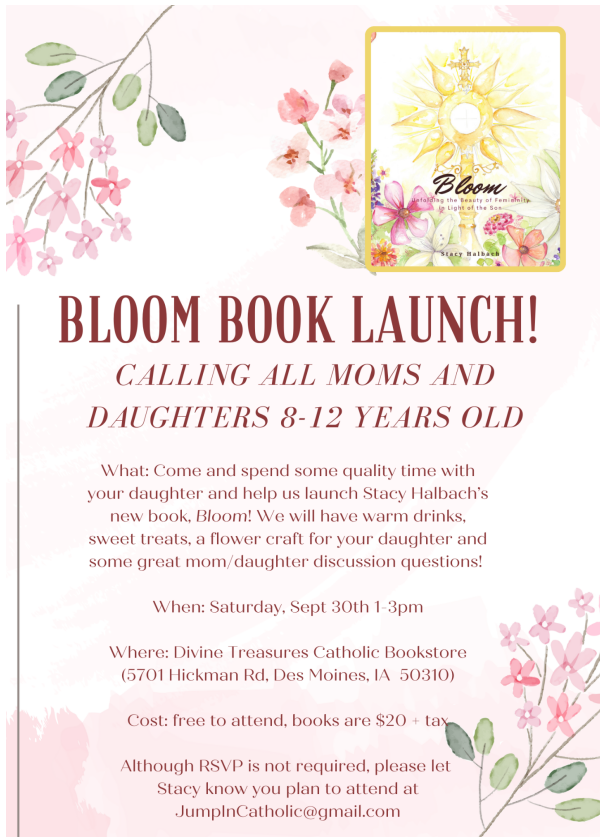
Families - Thank you to those of you who have done your jmc registration! For those of you who have not done it yet, please do so by Sep 30, 2023 . If you do not have it done by then, you will not be able to have your child's picture taken for Facebook posts and your family will not be able to be in our directory. jmc is also where we notify you of important messages, and you can make sure your information is up to date. Here is the information again:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hVLENOXe8vP7g0Nyb5ZCZqWwvqE48N4fCgoo6He9UMI/edit>

### First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

September 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Babysitting available by contacting Mrs. Becicka at [jbecicka@stsdsm.com](mailto:jbecicka@stsdsm.com)



**BLOOM BOOK LAUNCH!**  
*CALLING ALL MOMS AND DAUGHTERS 8-12 YEARS OLD*

What: Come and spend some quality time with your daughter and help us launch Stacy Halbach's new book, *Bloom!* We will have warm drinks, sweet treats, a flower craft for your daughter and some great mom/daughter discussion questions!

When: Saturday, Sept 30th 1-3pm

Where: Divine Treasures Catholic Bookstore  
(5701 Hickman Rd, Des Moines, IA 50310)

Cost: free to attend, books are \$20 + tax

Although RSVP is not required, please let Stacy know you plan to attend at [JumpnCatholic@gmail.com](mailto:JumpnCatholic@gmail.com)

## 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).

## 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

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## **Parish News**

### **Bereavement Group**

Grieving With Great Hope Bereavement Group

Tuesday, September 26 – Tuesday, October 24, 2 – 4 p.m. in the East Meeting Room

“Grieving with Great Hope” is a 5 week program consisting of video presentations and small group discussions. We meet for five consecutive Tuesdays. Please consider joining us if you are mourning the loss of a loved one. This workshop is open to anyone as one doesn't need to be a St. Theresa parishioner to participate. Please contact Deacon David Schmidt, 515-279-4654, ext. 308 to join or if you have any questions.

### **Cards & Games**

Join us for Cards and Games on Wednesday, September 27, from 1-3 p.m. in the East Meeting Room. Bring a treat to share, a friend to introduce, and an eagerness to have fun. Learning new games is exciting, but meeting new people is more exciting! RSVP to Tory Tyrrell (319-217-9375) or Barb Woods (515-210-6649).

### **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Feast Day**

Come and celebrate with a prayer service followed by a potluck in honor of St. Theresa's feast day on October 1, 12-2:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship and games for kids.

### **Can Openers Needed**

We are collecting new or used basic hand operated can openers to be given out at our St. Theresa and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries when people in need receive canned food. Please drop them in the SVdP box located near the west carport entrance of the church directly below the portrait of St.

Vincent de Paul through the end of the month. This is a small ask to fill a big need! Thank you for your generosity!

### **Lunch & Learn**

What do balloons and painting have in common? Come and see! Come and paint with us!

Our Lunch and Learn on October 5 will be a lesson in painting with Tory Tyrrell.

We will have a fee, yet to be decided, for a canvas and materials. Bring a paint shirt with you.

Lunch and Learn begins at 10 a.m. and will end with a potluck lunch. You must RSVP to Barb Woods (515-210-6649 or [bwoods@stdsm.com](mailto:bwoods@stdsm.com)) by October 2 so that we will have enough materials.

### **Fall Clean Up Day**

FALL 2023 CLEAN UP...is upon us again....the CLEAN UP PROJECT is scheduled for Saturday, November 11 for members of our parish who need a little help with yard clean up or minor home repair.

Our Fall Clean Up is now in its 19th year of service to the needs of our parishioners and we thank all those who have been involved in past years and welcome them back again this year!

All volunteers - please be in the church parking lot on November 11, at 8:00 a.m. to begin our day.

If you are able to contribute to this project in any way, large or small please call us. Please bring your own rake and be ready to work. Thank you! Questions: Sergio Loch at 515-707-

6172, or 263-2922; [sloch@grandview.edu](mailto:sloch@grandview.edu); Paul Chicoine at 515-979-3822, [pcchicoine@gmail.com](mailto:pcchicoine@gmail.com)

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