



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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November 2, 2023 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Date

11/8/23 4th Uniform/Spirit Wear
Ordering Deadline

11/9/23 8:30 a.m. School Mass - 5th
grade, Veterans Mass

11/9/2023 Family Fall Clean Up 1-3 p.m.

11/10/23 No School-Teacher Professional
Development

11/17/23 End of First Trimester

11/22/23 - 11/24/23 No School

11/27/23 No School - Teacher PD

11/30/23 Spirit Day

[Girls Basketball Game Schedule](#)

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School News

Winter Concert - Save the Date

Monday, December 11, 6-7 p.m. PK-4th Grade

Monday, December 18, 7-8 p.m. 5-8th Grade Choral & Band Concert



Family Fall Clean Up

Thursday, November 9, 1:00-3:15 p.m.

Please join us to clean up the outside areas of school, church, parish office, and Father Raphael's house with our students and teachers.

Important things to know:

- We will have school Mass at 8:30 a.m. We will celebrate veterans at this Mass.
- Students should be dressed in green Mass polo and dress code bottoms. Students can bring clothes to change into at school for the fall clean up.
- Students will go out in shifts to do the clean up. We will not all be outside all at the same time. Students will only be outside during clean up during their assigned class time. Students will be learning the rest of the afternoon. We are scheduling times that we feel will be developmentally appropriate for students.
- Parents may help all afternoon.
- Please send the following with your students or bring along if you are able to help - garden gloves, rakes, and other fall clean up tools.
- If you as a parent are coming, please feel free to bring a wheelbarrow or wagon.
- We will have assigned areas where grade levels will be cleaning. We will be directing people on Thursday.

Work Schedule:

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. - AM PreK

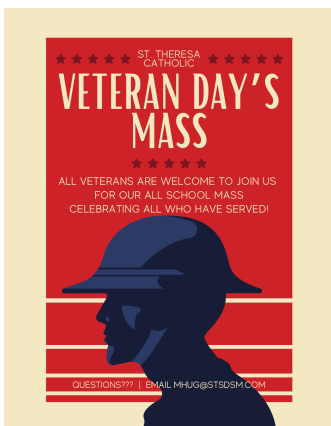
1 - 2 p.m. - Grades 3, 4, & 5

2 - 2:30 p.m. - Grades K, 1, & 2

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. - Grades 6, 7, & 8

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. - PM PreK

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



Are you a veteran or know a veteran? Please join us Thursday, November 11th for our Veteran's Day Mass to be honored and receive a special blessing! If you are planning to attend or planning to bring a veteran please email Miss Hug at mhug@stsdsm.com

Food Drive

In honor of Thanksgiving, the primary unit will be collecting items for our school's Backpack Buddies Program. Each week families in need within our building receive a backpack with food to help supplement at home over the weekends. Any food not able to be used by our Backpack Buddies Program will be donated to our Parish Food Pantry.

Prayerfully consider your donation. Items can be sent to school from now until Thanksgiving break.

Most needed items to bring are:

Peanut butter/Jelly
Granola/cereal bars
Cereal
Pasta/Pasta sauce
Soups
Canned veggies (other than green beans)
Canned fruits/fruit cups
Macaroni and cheese boxes
Fruit Snack
Ramen
Oatmeal Packets
Saltines

Enrollment for 2024-2025 School Year

You are an important part of our school community. We want to save your spot for next year!

Enrollment for 2024-25 is open now, and current families must enroll by November 15 to receive priority. After November 15, enrollment will be open to other families in our parish followed by new families in the broader community.

Next Steps:

- Scan the QR code to complete the [enrollment form](#).
- After this form has been submitted, watch for an email within 2-3 weeks from Blackbaud Tuition Management to set up your account.
- Pay the \$100 per student enrollment fee when setting up your tuition account. (This replaces the registration fee typically due after the first of the year.)
- You will receive a confirmation email from Blackbaud when these steps are completed.



We recognize the revised enrollment process is taking place earlier than what you are accustomed to. We appreciate your assistance as we implement this new process.

If you need assistance with Blackbaud, please contact Joni Swedenhjelm at the Des Moines Regional Catholic Schools office - jswedenhjelm@dowlingcatholic.org or 515-222-1051.

Middle School Play Auditions

Save the date for middle school play auditions that will take place after Thanksgiving Break. Practices will run December, January, and February. Performances will take place the weekend of March 1-3.

Uniform/Spirit Wear

SmithPro is our original school uniform vendor. All orders through SmithPro are delivered to your student at school. Ordering dates are limited to the predetermined ordering deadlines listed below. SmithPro is the only current vendor to offer our green logo uniform shirt which is required for school Mass days and our spirit wear gear.

Here is what is available:

Uniform shirts – green and navy with school logo

Uniform fleece – black fleece with school logo

SpiritWear Items – sweatshirts, t-shirts and sweatpants with school logo

Hats – stocking and baseball hats with school logo

Ordering dates & delivery dates:

*Screen print orders will only be available for ordering twice a year (1st and 4th orders dates) including the uniform t-shirts.

*4th order deadline November 8. Delivery December 11.

5th order deadline December 13. Delivery January 22.

6th order deadline January 24. Delivery February 27.

Last order deadline for the year March 4. Delivery April 9.

If you would like any spirit wear items that are screen printed don't hesitate in ordering as the November 8 deadline is the final ordering date for the school year. Click [here](#) to be directed to the ordering website.

Parish Mass

We invite all school families to attend Mass on Sunday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m. and represent St. Theresa Catholic School.

We encourage you to wear your school uniform so you are easy to identify as a St. Theresa student. This is an opportunity for our school families to give back to the parish and for the parish to see our school families in action. This is the beginning of a ministry that school families will provide to the church. Each month, different grades will be encouraged to sign up to participate in an assigned mass. Be thinking about how your family can help today. Below is our fall schedule.

Greeting, ushering, taking up the gifts and serving coffee & donuts are terrific ways that families can serve together. Many 4th & 6th graders are trained altar servers. Check out the sign up list to see what your family can do to serve our parish community. Please sign up early so we can practice with the children. Here's the link: [Nov 19 Mass Sign UP](#)

Questions may be directed to Jane Ann Becicka at jbecicka@stsdsm.com or Gretchen Watznauer at gwatznauer@stsdsm.com

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on November 19th!"

Date	Time	Classes
Sunday, Nov. 19	10:30 am Mass	K, 4th, 6th
Saturday, Dec.16	4:30 pm Mass	2nd, 3rd, 8th

Nonpublic Transportation Reimbursement

Families of students in K-8th grades may be eligible for a nonpublic transportation reimbursement if they live more than two miles away, one-way from St. Theresa Catholic School. Forms must be submitted each semester (due Dec. 1 & May 1) according to the requirements of each district. Eligible families will receive one check following the end of the school year. See below for instructions.

Please click below on the school district in which you reside for instructions:

[Adel DeSoto Minburn](#)

[Ankeny](#)

Dallas Center-Grimes - please [email](#) your [form](#).

[Des Moines Public](#)

DMPS will NOT accept paper copies.

For all other districts, please submit the [reimbursement form](#) to the [public school address](#) in which you reside if you live more than two miles, one-way from STCS.

Parish News

Ushers & Greeters Needed

We are looking for individuals, couples or families for this ministry. Responsibilities include arriving 15 minutes prior to Mass and to make people feel at home. We are all called to a ministry; perhaps this is YOUR ministry! We need to brush up on our hospitality skills. All ushers and greeters, old and new, are asked to attend a workshop on the basics of your ministry as well as have new directions on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the church. RSVP to Barb Woods, bwoods@stdsdsm.com or 515-210-6649.



Altar Server Training

The next round of training will be on Wednesday November 8th and Thursday the 9th, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the church. Contact Josh Tyrell, tyrell.w.j@gmail.com, with questions.

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; Paul Chicoine at 515-979-3822, pcchicoine@gmail.com

Community News

St. Michael's Fall Retreat - 7 Virtues Focus

Open to all Catholic boys in the Diocese grades 3-8 - Fun activities, games and talks!

Where: St. Augustin School and School Chapel

When: Saturday, November 4, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Ending with 5 p.m. vigil Mass Let by high school boys and local priests)

Cost: \$50 day retreat (scholarships available)

Register by Monday, October 30, 2023. Registration is limited to 35 boys. Contact kmpierick@gmail.com or 515-778-6087 with questions.



DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Open House

Sunday, November 5 from 11 am - 2 pm

Come see why Dowling Catholic is right for you!

- Student-led tours
- Meet Dowling Catholic faculty, staff & coaches
- Student performances
- Learn about our tuition assistance programs

1400 Buffalo Rd. | West Des Moines, IA | 515.222.1046 | www.dowlingcatholic.org/admissions

Dowling Catholic High School Open House

Parents & students of all ages are invited to attend Dowling Catholic's Annual Open House on Sunday, November 5, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The day includes student-led tours, interactive activities, the opportunity to meet faculty, coaches, staff and much more! Our tuition assistance representatives will also be available to answer your questions. Please visit our website to learn more: <https://www.dowlingcatholic.org/admissions>.



6TH - 8TH CHEER CAMP

November 12, 2023
1:30pm - 5:30pm

Dowling Catholic High School

Registration for the 6th - 8th cheer camp on November 12, 1:30 -5:30 p.m. is open. The cheer is camp is FREE! Click here to [register](#).

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