



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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November 21, 2023 News & Updates (Early Edition)

Upcoming Important Dates

11/22/23 - 11/24/23 No School	12/11/23 6-7 p.m. PK-4th Grade
11/27/23 No School - Teacher PD	12/18/23 7-8 p.m. 5-8th Grade Choral & Band Concert
11/30/23 Spirit Day	12/22/23 Early Dismissal, 12 p.m.
12/1/23 8:30 a.m. School Mass - Staff	Girls Basketball Game Schedule
12/8/23 8:30 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass - 2nd	

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[St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church](#)

Parish Mass

We invite all school families to attend Mass on Saturday, December 16 at 4:30 p.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.

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 December 16th!"

Date	Time	Classes
Saturday, Dec. 16	4:30 pm Mass	2nd, 3rd, 8th



Poinsettia Sale

We are selling poinsettia plants this year to raise funds to support our school. Order your Christmas poinsettia plant and support St. Theresa Catholic School. Red, white and pink poinsettias are available for order. All plants are wrapped in a colored plastic protective sleeve. The poinsettia plants are grown locally at Goode Greenhouse in Des Moines. Plants must be pre ordered. Orders are due Monday, 11/27/23, with pick up at St. Theresa on December 4th, 2-5 p.m. Payment is due at the time of order. Exact cash, Venmo @StTheresaoftheChildJesus-Catho, checks payable to St. Theresa Catholic or through the parish online [giving portal](#) "parent teacher club". Click [here](#) to place your order.

Questions contact Erica Ries, erica.ries1@gmail.com or Vicki Nolan, vmccarthy76@yahoo.com

5-8th Grade Cheerleading

Calling all 5th-8th grade girls interested in cheerleading for our St. Theresa basketball teams. Sign up for cheerleading now! Register by Friday, 12/8/2023

5 weeks of regular season games and a season ending tournament on Saturday 1/27/24-3/3/2024. Practices can start mid-December (after girls season is over) but typically do not start until January. Cost: \$50 billed to your FACTS Tuition Account

WE NEED COACHES! Ideally we would like a coach from each grade represented even though we know grade levels will most likely be combined. If you are interested in helping please contact Erica Niggemeyer, athletic director at 319-470-4275.

If your daughter plans on participating in cheerleading, 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.

5-8th Grade Boys Basketball Registration

Calling all 5th-8th grade boys interested in playing basketball for our St. Theresa basketball teams. Sign up for basketball now! Register by Friday, 12/8/2023.

5 weeks of regular season games and a season ending tournament on Saturday 1/27/24 - 3/3/2024. Practices can start mid-December (after girls season is over) but typically do not start until January. Cost: \$65 billed to your FACTS Tuition Account

WE NEED COACHES! Ideally we would like a coach from each grade represented even though we know grade levels will most likely be combined. If you are interested in helping please contact Erica Niggemeyer, athletic director at 319-470-4275.

If your son 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.

If you have any questions please contact Erica Niggemeyer at 319-470-4275 or ericaniggemeyer@gmail.com

Middle School Play Auditions

Middle School Play Auditions will take place after school 3:30-4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November, 28 and Friday, December, 1 in the middle school classrooms.

Practices will run after school in December, January, and February. Performances will take place March 1st and 3rd.

An audition form (for cast and crew) and a SignUpGenius link will be sent out next week.

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.

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Hello Future Maroons!

Dowling Catholic would like to invite all K - 8th grade students to the DCHS gym for a night of Girls/Boys Basketball games! 🏀

Please see the attached [flyer](#) for the dates for your grade level, one free student ticket, and one free popcorn coupon.

You may show this on your phone for admissions but in order to receive the free popcorn, the ticket must be printed out!

The flyer also has the link to purchase additional tickets for anyone else that would like to come cheer on the Maroons.

Here are the dates:

PK - 2nd Grade: Friday, December 1st

3rd - 5th Grade: Friday, December 8th

6th - 8th Grade: Friday, December 15th

Class of 2028: All 8th Graders invited again on Friday, January 19th

Here are the game times for our basketball games:

4:45 pm- 10th Boys & JV1 Girls

6:15 pm- Varsity Girls & 9th Boys

7:45 pm- Varsity Boys & JV2 Girls

We are so excited to have our K - 8th grade fans in the crowd.

Parish News

6-12th Grade Social/Game Friendsgiving

Wednesday, November 29 , 6:30 -7 :30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us for snacks, fun, food, games and door prizes. Open to all youth of the parish! Bring a snack to share.



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 1, is Eucharistic Adoration from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., except for the school Mass at 8:35 a.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3 p.m. and confessions will be available starting at 3:30 p.m.

As Christ asked, "Can you not spend one hour with me?" Eucharistic Adoration is a prayer that is made before the Blessed Sacrament. Place yourself in the presence of Christ. Take time to be thankful for all the blessings you have received. Then present your prayer intentions. Sit in silence and try to listen to the voice of God. Express your sorrow for your sins and ask for forgiveness. Then leave with renewed spirit. Sign-up sare available at the east entrance and back entrances of the church or contact Barb Woods. God requests company throughout the day.

St. Theresa Annual Church Ladies
Bazaar and Bake Sale

RAFFLE!
VISIT WITH SANTA!
MORE VENDORS!
• Gifts
• Jewelry
• Art
• Home Decor
• Crafts

BAKE SALE!
LUNCH!

Free Admission

Bring all your friends and have a great time!

**Saturday
December 2**

9 am - 3 pm
1228 Merle Hay Road
West Entrance
Des Moines, Iowa

www.sainttheresaiowa.org

All Parishioners Invited
St. Theresa Advent Festival
Wednesday, December 6

6:15 PM Dinner: Chili & hot dogs
7-8 PM Visit & Pray with St. Nicholas
Stories & Conversation with Des Moines Refugee Services
*Please bring a personal care item or clothing for the
refugee services

Location: Parish Hall

Contact Barb Woods: bwoods@stsdsm.com
Jane Ann Becicka: jbecicka@stsdsm.com
Megi Howes: mhowes@stsdsm.com

Parish Advent Festival

If you had to leave your home with short notice, what would you take?
Mark your calendar for the Parish Advent Festival on December 6 at