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March 28, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

3/29/24 2:30 p.m. Dismissal - Good Friday

3/30/24 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

4/1/24 No School

4/5/24 8:30 a.m. Mass - 1st grade

4/5/24 6 p.m. Dodgeball Tournament

4/11/24 8:30 a.m. Mass - 2nd grade

4/13/24 Gala

4/19/24 8:30 a.m. Mass - 3rd grade

4/26/24 8:30 a.m. Mass -Kindergarten





St. Theresa Little Flower Chapel

In the summer of 2023, Mrs. Watznauer brought forward the idea of creating a chapel within our school to Tony, Kenneth and Fr. Raphael. Over the past 10 months Tony, Thomas, John and Denny have worked to create a beautiful chapel space for our students. Bishop Joensen dedicated our Little Flower Chapel on March 26th, gathered with a few students, staff and volunteers. Due to the small space, Bishop Joensen allowed us to stream to our classrooms for students and staff to view the

Order of Dedication of an Altar. Fr. Raphael is looking forward to celebrating Mass with students in a smaller, more intimate setting in which he can connect with the students without distractions of a larger group. We look forward to using the chapel for learning, prayer, and mass during the school day to develop a deeper faith through focused relationship building with Christ as part of their school day. We will be able to do adoration at Fr. Raphael's discretion.



Food Drive - Donations Needed

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul group is holding its annual food drive. We are asking for food donations from all families at St. Theresa Catholic School. Food donations have been broken up per grade groups listed below. A prize will be awarded to the top grade in each group who brings in the most canned items.

All donations will first go towards filling the St. Theresa food pantry and all the leftover items will be donated to other St. Vincent de Paul food pantries in the Des Moines area. This is a great way to practice almsgiving during the Lenten season, thank you for your support!

Primary grades - canned green beans

Intermediate - canned protein (ex. Tuna, chicken)

Middle School - peanut butter



Now's the time to purchase gala tickets, out of uniform passes, 50/50 raffles and pie in the face! Go to events.handbid.com/auctions/2024-stcs-gala



Gather your teams and sign up for the annual dodgeball tournament held on April 5, 2024! Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Registrations are due by Tuesday, April 2. Get your teams together and sign up ASAP to make sure you make it in the tournament!

Click [here](#) to register!



State Testing - Grades 3-8

Please keep in mind when making appointments for your children that testing is around the corner for students in grades 3-8.

- State Testing for Intermediate April 8-11 (all morning)
- State Testing for Middle School April 15-19 (all morning)



Tuition Assistance

Catholic Tuition Organization/Diocesan Tuition Assistance online applications are currently open. The deadline for submissions is April 15th. The application deadline coincides with the federal tax filing deadline.

[CTO Flyer](#)

To apply, visit www.fairapp.com and enter the **school code 450** and the **password 450ddm**. Please contact Kaisha Lowe, klowe@stdsm.com with any questions.

ESA

Click [here](#) to read up more about ESA and how it applies to your family.

Sports Camp and Clinic Information

Summer Youth Camps

DCHS registration is open for summer youth camps

<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/dowling/camps>

Soccer Volunteers - Ball Boys & Girls

Volunteers, ages 4th grade and up, are needed to be ball boys/girls for the Dowling Catholic Varsity boys soccer home games this season. The ball boys/girls stand around the outside of the track during games and retrieve balls that have gone out of bounds so the players don't have to run to get them. Please use the link below to sign up. 4-6 per game and for Varsity games only (highlighted in yellow in the ball boys/girls column). Please include an email address. Middle schoolers can receive service hours.

[2024 DCHS Boys Soccer Home Game workers](#)

Football Camp

Click [here](#) for more information regarding the 2024 Youth Drake Football Camps.

Summer Swim Lessons

Click [here](#) to read more about the swim lessons offered at Dowling Catholic High School this summer.

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