



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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August 15, 2024 Back to School News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

8/17/24 2 - 6 p.m. Used Uniform Sale	8/21/24 5:30-7:30 Back to School/Meet the Teacher/Supply Drop Off-enter through the gym
8/18/24 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Used Uniform Sale	
8/19/24 5:30-6:00 pm Gym New Family Orientation	8/23/24 First Day of School; mass at 2:00pm
8/19/24 6:00-7:00 Middle School Classrooms-Middle School Student Orientation	8/24/24 Bishop's Celebration of Schools at St. Francis

[2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)

St. Theresa Used Uniform Sale

Shop for some gently used uniform items on Saturday, August 17, 2-6 p.m. and Sunday, August 18 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the St. Theresa Parish Hall.

Freewill offering for uniform tops, bottoms, STCS & Dowling spirit wear.

\$5 STCS logo polo items

\$10 STCS crewnecks, sweatshirts, & fleeces

Help needed by youth, adults and families of all ages to sort and organize, on Friday, August 16 1-6 p.m. Service hours available. Contact the following with questions or if you have items to donate:

Megs Howes - 515-720-4060, Erin Evans - ehawk09@gmail.com,

Lacy Willenborg - lacydwillenborg@gmail.com

School Uniforms

Visit our school website for detailed information on ordering uniform items,

<https://sainttheresaiowa.org/school/st-theresa-catholic-online-uniform-spirit-wear-store/>

Remember that the only uniform approved sweatshirt to be worn during the school day is the green or navy sweatshirt with the school logo.



New Family Orientation/New to Middle School Orientation–Monday, August 19

New Families to St. Theresa Catholic School 5:30-6:00 pm Gym

- New Families to St. Theresa
- Meet Mrs. Watznauer, School Office Staff and Leadership Council Members in the gym
- Q & A Overview about St. Theresa Catholic School–Learn about parking, lunch, before and after program, traffic patterns for drop off and pick up
- Visit classrooms and meet the teacher

Middle School New Student Orientation 6:00-7:00 pm

Students & Parents (Please note change from Welcome letter)

Middle School Hallway & Classrooms

- 6th grade students and parents
- New middle school students and parents to St. Theresa in 6, 7, 8 th grade

Back to School-Meet the Teacher-Supply Drop Off for ALL Families Wednesday, August 21-5:30-7:00

Back to School Night Gym, School Hallways & Classrooms

- **All Families should park in the parking lot and enter through the gym doors by the playground**
- Visit these booths: Used Uniform Sale, Leadership Council sign-ups to help with school events, Before and After Care, Lunch, Band, Office Support (Nurse, Tuition, Bus, Questions)
- Visit your student's classrooms
- Drop off your school supplies
- Meet the Teacher

School Mass on Friday, August 23–Will be at 2pm

Mass will be at 2pm on Friday, August 23 for the first day of school. This will allow for student drop off, parents walking students to class and time for teachers and students to spend time in the classroom before settling into a prayerful time of worship at mass.

Time to sign up on jmc (e-registration)!

Attention STCS families--You have signed up on our Google form, and on Blackbaud for tuition management, and now it is time so sign up on jmc (e-registration)!

St. Theresa uses jmc for our student information system (online database) for emergency contact information, school lunch, permissions, and required forms. ALL FAMILIES, new and returning, need to complete the jmc e-registration process to have your child at our school. Please have this done by Thursday, August 22, 2024. The information you provide is critical to running our school and your child's safety. Registration works best on a computer.

If your child has two parents living separately, only one of you will log in and go through the registration process. Once you have completed the steps, please contact the school office and we will add the second parent as a primary contact as well so they can access everything through jmc.

[Here are the instructions for jmc e-registration](#)

2024-2025 Staffing Need Updates

We are looking to add two Teachers Associate to our team. Please see view information and apply here: [Teacher Associate job info.](#)

2024-2025 Leadership Council (Parent Committee)

We are looking to fill the roles on our Leadership Council. We are looking for a Fundraising Committee Chair. This person will help oversee all fundraising activities. This doesn't mean this person has to plan all of the activities, but rather be the lead. We will not have the ability to do fundraising and raise funds for our school projects with our Fundraising Chair to lead the committee work. All families are part of the Leadership Council by being parents of children in our school. Get involved on the Leadership Council Committees and help make wonderful things happen at St. Theresa. Together we can do great things.

Current Leadership Council Positions:

Chair-Amanda Dvorak

Vice Chair-Theresa Welch

Secretary-Sara Brown

Treasure-Vicki Nolan

Faith Committee Chair-Jil Dimon

SIAC Committee Chair-Allison Archambo

Community/Social Events Committee-Christine Giberson

Fundraising Committee Chair-OPEN-YOU ARE NEEDED!

Mum Plant Sale

Support our school fundraiser to help support ongoing school safety enhancements. 10" Garden Mums are supplied by Goode Greenhouses.

Cost: \$25 - 1 mum, \$45 - 2 mums, 3 or more mums \$20 each.

Orders are due by Monday, September 2.

Order your mum by clicking on this link,

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq1jnNbQbEB-BVXtJJ9l-P-wcawEM6C97Gt_D-Sk_TYqW-4A/viewform

Mums are available for pick up on Thursday, September 5 outside the parish hall under the carport, 2:30 -6 p.m.

Payment is due at the time of order either via check payable to St. Theresa or exact cash turned into the school office, or through the online payment church portal

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stgiving> under Parent Teacher Club fund.

Please contact Erica Ries, erica.ries11@gmail.com if you have questions.

St. Theresa School Supply Drive

Would you like to support students in need of school supplies? If so, please participate in our school supply drive. As you shop for your kids, might you consider an additional pack of paper, crayons, or Lysol wipes? Anything that's on your child's list would be greatly welcomed by kids, teachers and the classroom. Drop donated supplies off in the school supply bins in the back of church through the weekend of August 17/18. You can also drop off school supplies at the school office from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Monday-Friday from now through August 19. Thank you for your kind and generous heart.

Save the Date for the Bishop's Celebration of Schools

Please join us at this year's Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools. This event unites all of our Catholic Schools across the diocese in celebration of Bishop Joensen's unwavering commitment to our Catholic schools. During the event, the diocese will recognize special honorees, educators, administrators, and volunteers for their impact on our Catholic schools.

Saturday, August 24, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi, West Des Moines

4:30 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Award Presentation

This year's event will also feature a keynote address from the Schweizer family, a name synonymous with excellence in athletics and a proud product of the Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools. The family, represented by three generations including Olympian Karissa Schweizer, will share their unique experiences and insights, highlighting how Catholic education has been instrumental in their success both academically and beyond. The Schweizer's are alums of St. Pius X and Dowling Catholic High School!

To reserve your tickets visit [Annual Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools \(dmdiocese.org\)](https://www.dmdiocese.org) or call (515) 237-5079 or email lholms@dmdiocese.org today. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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