



## October 17, 2024 News & Updates

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### Upcoming Important Dates

10/17 No School (Conferences 9-12 in person)

10/18/24 No school

10/21 No school

10/27/24 Trunk or Treat, 2-4 p.m.

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

\*Our online school calendar has all of the school Mass dates included for the year.

### News/Events

Check out our [news/events](#) portion on our school website for information regarding sports, camps, extracurricular activities and more information.

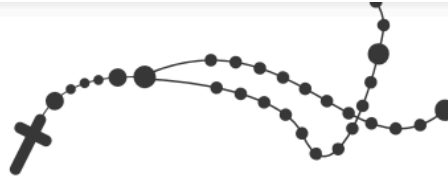
### School Mass Livestream

If you are unable to join us each week for school Mass consider joining in on livestream each week on our parish [Facebook page](#).



### School Advent Angels

Help us spread the spirit of giving this Christmas by supporting our Advent Angels! On October 24, you may wear school appropriate **Out of Uniform** (school appropriate clothing) and bring a donation to support our Advent Angels. All proceeds will support our Advent Angels this Christmas season. They help provide Christmas gifts and essentials to families in need who are in the St. Theresa parish and school community.



# YOU'RE INVITED TO THE LIVING ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary! At school we have been talking about, and participating in, many events involving the rosary. This night is an invitation to join us in this honoring of our blessed mother!

The staff will be setting up a "Living Rosary" in the gym. This will be an opportunity for families to walk the rosary and pray together. This will be open house-style so feel free to come and pray at your leisure during the time frame. Following our prayer time, the parish hosts Adoration starting at 7 and all are welcome.



*When? Tuesday, October 29, 2024*  
*Where? The Saint Theresa Gym*  
*What time? 5:30-7:00 PM*

If you have any questions, please email Nicki Castellano or Jenna Sokolowski

## School Food Pantry

Our school's food pantry is in need of donations, and we would love your support! The pantry is running low on several essential items, and your generosity will go a long way to help those in need in our community.

We have placed donation boxes throughout the school, where students can drop off items. The classroom teachers can also help the students place their items in the boxes. Here's a list of some of the items we frequently run out of:

- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned tuna
- Packaged Milk
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Rice
- Canned soups and stews
- Granola bars and snacks
- Toilet paper
- Baby wipes

Every little bit helps! Whether it's a single item or several, your contribution will make a difference in the lives of those who rely on our pantry.





## Trunk or Treat - New Time 2-4 p.m.

Calling all ghosts and goblins. Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27, 2-4 p.m. in the school parking lot! We need volunteers, groups, clubs and business to host trunks.

You can also donate candy by Friday morning (October 25). Drop off donations to the school office or car line.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

## Nonpublic Transportation Reimbursement

Families of students in grades K-8 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.

**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. Please click here to complete the form online.

**Southeast Polk** - please print and mail this form to: Accounting Department, Southeast Polk Community School District, 407 8th Street SE, Altoona, IA 50009.

**West Des Moines Schools**

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 St. Theresa Catholic School.

## Please Join us! Dowling Catholic's 63rd Annual Pancake Breakfast

October 27th, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Varied Industries Building, Iowa State Fairgrounds  
Enjoy family activities and fun for all ages! Purchase tickets online at [www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast](http://www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast). Proceeds support the new DCHS student activities endowment.

## Dowling Catholic Annual Open House

Parents & students of all ages are invited to attend Dowling Catholic's Annual Open House on Sunday, November 3, 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: [Dowling Catholic Website](#).

## **SPORTS**

**Middle School Wrestling** DCHS Middle school wrestling is for 7th and 8th grade boys that attend a parochial elementary school. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **6th-8th Grade Cheer Clinic**

DCHS is hosting a cheer clinic. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **2024-2025 Staffing Need Updates**

We are looking to add two teacher associates, a bus driver and substitute teachers to our team. Please see view information and apply here: [Teacher Associate job info.](#)

We are looking for a second bus driver. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Gretchen Watznauer [gwatznauer@stsdsm.com](mailto:gwatznauer@stsdsm.com).

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