



# ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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## October 24, 2024 News & Updates

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### Upcoming Important Dates

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

10/30/24 Picture Retake Day 10:00

12/9/24 PK-5 Concert 6:00pm

12/16/24 Middle School Concert, 7:00pm

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

### Enrollment for 2025-2026

**Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is open and must be completed by November 15, 2024, to receive priority for currently enrolled students.**

To secure a spot for your child, please complete the steps below:

- Complete [St. Theresa Catholic Enrollment Form](#) **before** November 15
- The \$100 per student enrollment fee will be charged to your Blackbaud Tuition Management account on December 1 or December 15, depending on your previously established tuition payment schedule.

If you have additional students (2 year olds-8th grade) who are not currently attending St. Theresa and you would like them to be considered for enrollment please add them to the same form. Decisions will be made about new students of currently attending families at a later time in the enrollment process.

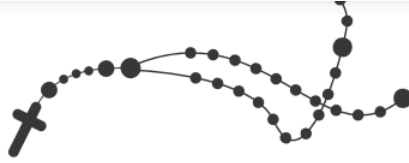
### Collared shirts reminder

Our uniform policy is collared shirts every day. No t-shirts (even the Running Club ones) except on Spirit Day or Out of Uniform Days. When wearing a crew neck uniform sweatshirt or fleece, a collared uniform shirt must be worn underneath.

### Family Mass

Please join us for our next Family Mass on Nov 17th at 8:30am. The Mass will be served by St Theresa's students from 7th, 4th and 2nd grades. Please consider volunteering for a position at Mass along with your 7th, 4th or 2nd grade student.

[Here is the SignUp Genius link.](#)



# 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**

### **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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