



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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October 31, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

11/6/2024 Fall Clean Up of School Grounds 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Parents welcome to join us-Bring rakes, buckets, tarps and Wheelbarrows if you have them to share.

12/9/24 PK-5 Concert 6:00 p.m.

12/16/24 Middle School Concert, 7:00 p.m.

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

Enrollment for 2025-2026

****Two more weeks of priority enrollment for current students****

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.

Thank you

Thank you parents for the wonderful food you provided at conference time! We appreciate being able to eat a nice meal on our very busy conference days. And thank you for attending conferences-we enjoy meeting with you!

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.](#)

Yard Clean Up

Help us prepare our school grounds for the winter with our annual fall clean up!



Family Fall Clean Up

November 6, 10-11:30 am

Inviting parents, grandparents, family to join our students & staff to help with our fall clean up service project!

Bring gloves, rakes, tarps, wheelbarrow, etc.

Fall Clean Up

St. Theresa Catholic Parish offers fall clean up for parishioners that are in need of assistance. This is a great service opportunity to give back to our parish community. Consider helping with this great event. This year we have 30 yards and can use many hands!



All Soul's Day Retreat - Focusing on the Eucharist

Sponsored by the St. Michael Group

Open to all Catholic boys in grades 3-8

Where: St. Joseph Catholic School and Church, 2107 E 33rd St. Des Moines

When: Saturday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Who: Led by H.S. boys with special guest priests participating

What: Fun Activities: Games, Talks, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Trip to local cemetery to pray for the souls of the departed (plenary indulgence). Welcome at 8 a.m. and All Souls Day Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Chris Fontanini. Includes lunch. Each boy receives several sacramentals and prayer cards.

Cost: \$30 day retreat (price reduced). SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Register by Tuesday, October 29th

- Email Karen Pierick km pierick@gmail.com or call Jeff Pierick 515-778-6087
- Include boy's name, grade, and your email & cell
- Registration is limited

Engage Parents and Youth

Families and students are critical partners in preventing bullying because they can contribute to a positive school climate and reinforce anti-bullying rules and expectations. To support bullying prevention activities that take place at school, parents and guardians should watch for key indicators or warning signs of bullying, actively talk about bullying with their children, and communicate with school staff if their student is involved in bullying. Modeling positive behaviors at home can also help children understand what respect and inclusivity looks like. Youth can prevent bullying by talking openly with their teachers, school staff, parents, engaging in activities they feel passionate about to build friendships and confidence, and becoming an upstander if they observe bullying taking place on school grounds or in digital spaces.

Marcy Custer - School Counselor



Carolers Wanted

If your child (3rd-8th grade) would like to spend a bit of time caroling at the Windsor Wonderland event, please contact Miss Patrick (epatrick@stdsm.com). We will not attend the event if there are enough interested students, so please let Miss Patrick know as soon as possible! It would be from 3:30-4:00.

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.



Dowling Catholic Annual Open House Sunday, November 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m
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](#).

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.

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.

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