



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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November 7, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

11/8/24 No School - PD day

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

****One more week 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.

Photo Consent

Thank you to the many families who have registered in jmc! This helps us with all kinds of processes, including photo consent. Many families did not complete the photo consent question. Moving forward we assume that you agree with the photo consent unless you login to your jmc account and select no.

Family Mass

Please join us for our next Family Mass on Nov 17th at 8:30 a.m. 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.](#)

Fall Yard Clean Up

Saturday, November 9th, 8 AM

St. Theresa parking lot

Mark your calendars and come help us!
Volunteer your time to help your neighbors!

Questions, call Sergio Loch, 515-707-6172 or Paul Chicoine, 515-979-3822



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!



Advent Angels

Our dedicated teachers, known as Advent Angels, shop for children in need within our school community. For each child on our list, they thoughtfully select and purchase three gifts: a practical necessity, a book, and a special "want." This tradition helps make the Christmas season a little brighter for our students and reminds them of the love and care of our school community.

ON NOVEMBER 21, STUDENTS MAY WEAR OUT-OF-UNIFORM (SCHOOL APPROPRIATE) CLOTHING FOR A MONETARY DONATION.

Advent Angels



All contributions will go toward supporting students in our school who are in need of Christmas gifts this season.

WINDSOR
Wonderland

06
December
Citywide Holiday Lights Contest

07
December
Colby Park, Windsor Heights
Visit Santa and Live Reindeer
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Ugly Sweater Fun Run
Tree Lighting
Ice Sculptor
Movie: ELF
Food Trucks

Save the Date

www.windsorwonderland.com

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@stsdsm.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 p.m.

CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP



GROW IN FAITH

Be immersed in the beauty of the Catholic faith and live the adventure of His call by diving in deep with daily Mass, prayer, faith programming, speakers, and small groups!



BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

Laughter, new stories, and friendships that will last a lifetime can all be found at a week of CYC! Come with friends from home or make some new ones at CYC!



CREATE MEMORIES

Where life-changing peace meets transforming joy the memories that are made can be unforgettable! Get excited to make wonderful memories this summer!



**CYC 2025 REGISTRATION
OPENS 11/9 AT NOON!**

VISIT [STMCENTER.COM](https://stmcenter.com) TO LEARN MORE!



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



St. Michael's Fall Retreat Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Eucharist

Open to all Catholic boys in Grades 3rd-8th

Where: St. Augustin School and School Chapel

When: Saturday, November 16, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Ending with 5 p.m. vigil Mass at church)

Led by H.S. boys with Fr. Flood, Fr. Mahoney and other priests participating

Cost: \$50 day retreat (scholarships available)

Fun Activities, **Smash Park**, Games, and Talks, Each boy receives sacramentals and prayer cards

Register by Tuesday, November 12, contact kmpierick@gmail.com or Jeff Pierick 515-778-6087 with the boy's name, grade, school, home address, and your email & cell #

Registration is limited to 35 boys

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

DCCHS 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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