



November 14, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

11/15/24 School Mass, 8:30 a.m.

11/15/24 Priority 2025-2026 school year enrollment deadline for current students

11/17/24 Family Mass, 8:30 a.m.

11/21/24 Out of Uniform Day for a monetary donation to Advent Angels

11/22/24 School Mass, 8:30 a.m.

11/25/24 School Mass, 8:30 a.m.

11/27/24-11/29/24 Thanksgiving Break - No School

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

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 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.](#)




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.

Student Health

It is the cold and flu season. We wanted to remind you if a student has a fever they must be out of school for a minimum of 24 hours after the fever ends without medicine. If they are throwing up or have diarrhea, they need to be out of school for a minimum of 24 hours after it ends. An example would be if they develop a fever or vomit at school, they will be sent home and should not return the next day. If they remain fever free and/or no longer vomiting after the day home, they may return the following day.

If your child has a cough and you would like them to have cough drops during the day, please send a supply of cough drops with them to leave in the office. They can visit the office if they need one.



NCCL

Parents & Families
AT THE CENTER OF **FAITH FORMATION**



Your voice is needed!
Please take this 10 minute
survey to help us better
serve your family in faith.

Survey closes Monday, Nov. 18

Thank you! St. Theresa Parents & Family Faith Committee

Sister Jude Scholarships

We have an exciting opportunity to share with you. For the past several years at our School Gala, a paddle raise donation has been done to raise money for extracurricular activities. This is for students who want to participate but families are unable to support the cost. A portion of these funds will be used to help your family pay for these extracurricular activities for your student. While the support may not cover the full cost of the activity, it could cover part of the fees.

Attached you will find an application to fill out and apply for Sister Jude Fitzpatrick Fund. The Sister Jude Fitzpatrick Fund committee will review your application. Please submit your applications by Friday, December 6th to klowe@stdsm.com or bring it to the school office.



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**St. Theresa Catholic School
 Sister Jude Fitzpatrick Fund Fee Assistance Application Form**

Please submit to the School Office for Fee Assistance consideration. Please allow 10 business days for processing.

Student Name: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Extracurricular Activity Support is requested for: (Please Circle)

Fall	Winter	Spring	Year Round
Catholic Football League	Basketball	Track	Band
Cross Country	Cheerleading		Other Activities sponsored at St. Theresa's
Volleyball	Wrestling		

Reason for Requesting Assistance:

Signature – Parent _____ Date _____

Parent Email _____

BUSINESS OFFICE USE ONLY:

Fee(s) for Consideration (Apparel excluded from consideration)	Amount	Approved	Denied	Family Responsibility
	\$	□	□	\$
	\$	□	□	\$
	\$	□	□	\$

Current Year Tuition Assistance: _____

Previous Extracurricular Activity Assistance: _____

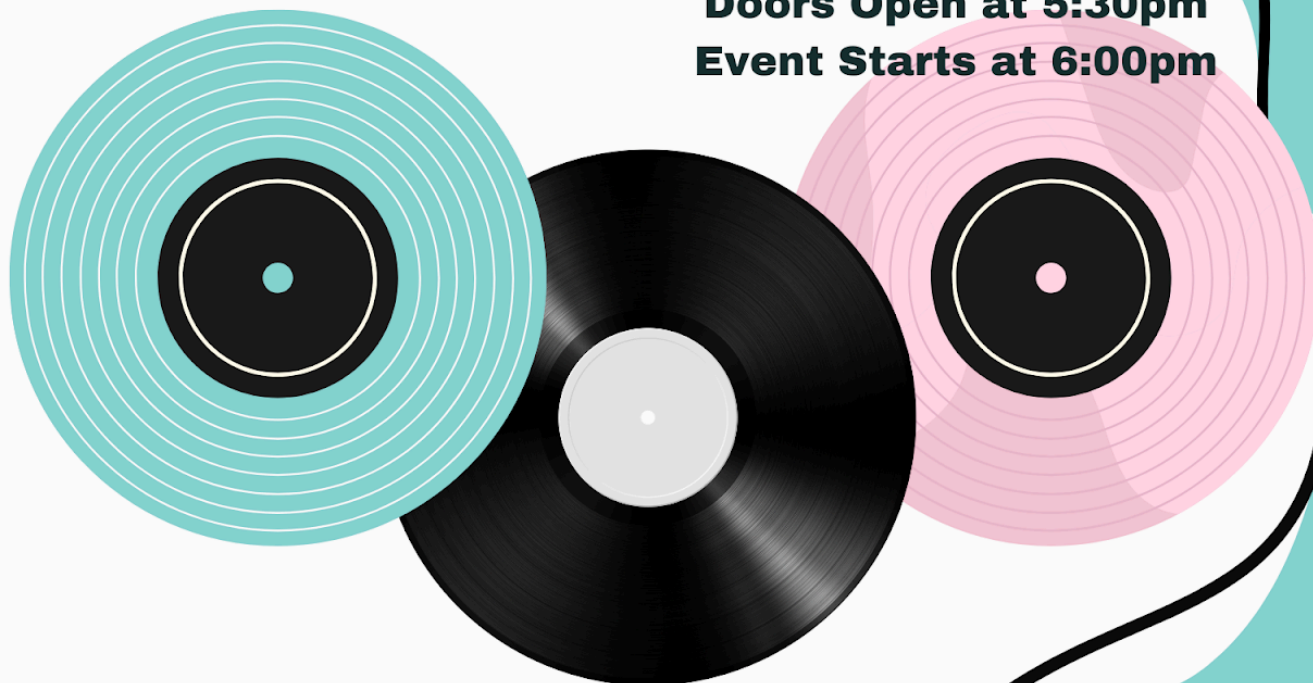
Authorized Signature–Principal: _____ Date: _____



St. Theresa's Jukebox Jamboree

Rock Around the Clock: A 1950s Party to Remember!

**Doors Open at 5:30pm
Event Starts at 6:00pm**



Step back in time to the fabulous 1950s for a fun-filled evening of music, dancing, and nostalgia! Our school fundraiser will transport you to the era of poodle skirts, leather jackets, and jukebox hits. Enjoy classic diner-style treats, a sock hop dance floor, and exciting raffles, all while supporting a great cause. Whether you're a greaser, a bobby soxer, or just a fan of '50s culture, this event promises to be a blast for all ages. So, grab your shades, twist and shout, and help us raise funds for St. Theresa's programs and projects. It's going to be a night of fun, laughter, and giving back—50s style!

Save the Date!

**April 26
2025**

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)

Cost: \$50 day retreat (scholarships available)

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

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

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.



SPORTS

6th-8th Grade Cheer Clinic

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

7th and 8th grade Winter Weightlifting

Click [here](#) for more information.

5-8th Grade Cheerleading

Calling all 5th-8th grade girls interested in cheerleading for our St. Theresa basketball teams. Sign up for cheerleading now! Register by 12/6/24. There are five weeks of regular season games and a season ending tournament on Saturday 1/25/25-3/2/2025. Practices can start mid-December (after girls season is over) but typically do not start until January.

WE NEED COACHES! Ideally we would like a coach from each grade represented even though we know grade levels will most likely be combined. If you are interested in helping please contact Erica Niggemeyer, athletic director at 319-470-4275.

If your daughter plans on participating in cheerleading, please complete the following:

- Online Registration Form, click [here](#)
- St. Theresa Sports Physical and Concussion Form need to be up to date and on file in the school office (within the last 12 months) to participate in practice or games. Click [here](#) for the health physical and concussion forms.

Eligibility: St. Theresa Catholic School & Parish Members Grades 5th-8th

Cost: \$50 billed to your Tuition Account

5th-8th Grade Boys Basketball Registration

Calling all 5th-8th grade boys interested in playing on a St. Theresa Catholic basketball team – Sign up for basketball now! Register by Friday, 12/6/2024. There are five weeks of regular season games and a season ending tournament on Saturdays dates 1/25/2025-3/2/2025.

Practices can start mid-December (after girls season is over) but typically do not start until January.

WE NEED COACHES! Ideally we would like a coach from each grade represented even though we know grade levels will most likely be combined. If you are interested in helping please contact Erica Niggemeyer, 319-470-4275 or ericaniggemeyer@gmail.com.

If your son plans on playing basketball, please complete the following:

- Online Registration Form, [click here](#)
- St. Theresa Sports Physical and Concussion Form need to be up to date and on file in the school office (within the last 12 months) to participate in practice or games. [Click here](#) for the health physical and concussion forms.

Eligibility: St. Theresa Catholic School & Parish Members Grades 5th-8th

Cost: \$65 billed to your Tuition Account

If you have any questions regarding cheer or basketball please contact Erica Niggemeyer 319-470-4275 or ericaniggemeyer@gmail.com.

-St. Theresa Catholic Athletics

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.

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!



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