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December 12, 2024 News & Updates

St. Theresa Catholic School 515-277-0178

Upcoming Important Dates

12/13/24 Polar Express Movie Night 6:00-9:00 p.m.

12/15/24 Family Mass Sunday 10:30 by K, 3rd and 5th grades

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

12/18/24 Altar Server Training, 6:30 p.m.

12/20/24 Christmas Singalong; Noon Dismissal

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

Family Mass

Please join us for our next Family Mass on Sunday December 15th at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be served by St Theresa's students from K, 3rd and 6th grades. Please consider volunteering for a position at Mass along with your K, 3rd or 6th grade students.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ACA92CAAFBC43-53524251-family>

Middle School Concert Monday

The Middle School Christmas Concert is on MONDAY, at 7 p.m. Students should arrive by 6:45 p.m. Band Students should arrive by 6:30 p.m. for setup and tuning. If you need to leave early, please wait until between performances.

Dress Code: Dress Clothes or uniform -NO Jeans, NO Sneakers, NO Crop Tops or school-inappropriate wear. If you wouldn't wear it to Easter Mass, it probably isn't right for a performance. :) Student attire is a portion of their concert standard. The concert is graded as a standard in the fine arts curriculum. Student attire is a portion of concert etiquette, which is what is being assessed. Please set your students up for success.

If your student is sick or absent from the concert, please send me an email so we can mark them.

Please let me know if you have any questions, epatrick@stdsm.com

-Miss Patrick

Advent

Here is a link to several resources for Advent including Jesse Tree and O Antiphon Ornaments, a Christmas movie list, Advent Wreath, and daily reflections!

https://www.dmdiocese.org/living-advent?utm_source=dmdiocese.org&utm_medium=hp-slide&utm_campaign=living-advent

Missing glasses?

We have a small pair of blue glasses in the office and we haven't located the face they belong to! Please let us know if your child is missing some.

Winter Coats/Recess

ALL students need to have a winter coat if the temperature is below 40 degrees.

**We go outside for recess unless the wind chill is below 10 degrees.



Polar Express Night
Friday, December 13th 6-9pm
St Theresa Parish Hall
all St. Theresa students and parishioners are welcome
Movies, crafts, games & more!
COST: \$10 kid / \$20 per family
Registration via Google Form Required
Student Council Fundraiser / Contact Marcy Custer with questions

Join us for Polar Express Night/Parents Night Out!

Register [here](#).

To make this evening happen we need volunteers. Please consider volunteering and signing up [here](#) to help.



Ornaments For Sale

Purchase a 75th Anniversary St. Theresa Christmas ornament for yourself or for a gift. Ornaments will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend in the back of the church or you can stop by the parish office to purchase during parish office hours. Ornaments are \$10/each. Exact cash or check is preferred for payment. If you have questions please contact Emily Melcher, emelcher1@stsdsm.com.

School Christmas Spirit Week

Join in the fun before Christmas Break! Students participating may be out of uniform but clothing must be school-appropriate. Students choosing not to participate must be in uniform.

<p><u>Monday</u> <u>12/16</u></p> <p>Pajama Day</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>12/17</u></p> <p>Flannel Day</p>	<p><u>Wednesday</u> <u>12/18</u></p> <p>Socks & Hats/ Headbands</p> <p><small>with Green Polo for Mass</small></p>	<p><u>Thursday</u> <u>12/19</u></p> <p>Christmas Sweaters or Christmas Characters</p>	<p><u>Friday</u> <u>12/20</u></p> <p>Christmas Lights & Spirit Wear</p> <p>The light of the world is coming!</p>
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Cookie Exchange

It's back! Let's lighten the holiday load for the STCS staff and send them home with holiday goodies for the winter break.

Bring 1-2 dozen cookies or holiday treats on Thursday December 19.

Drop off in AM carline or school office.

Cookie Exchange

Let's send our teachers and staff home for Christmas break with cookies and treats from our STCS families. Please bring your goodies to school on Thursday, December 19. You can bring them to the office or drop off in the morning carline. Any questions, contact Vicki Nolan (515-314-9565).

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Servers play an important role in the Mass and with developing our relationship with the Church and God.

Be that important role! Grow in your faith and help Father!



**CALLING BOYS & GIRLS
3RD GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL**

Training Times

Wednesday, December 18 6:30 p.m.
Meet in the church

Contact Josh Tyrell with questions
319.931.6724
tyrell.w.j@gmail.com



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

We are excited to announce that Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is coming to St. Theresa School! Beginning in January, kindergarten and 1st grade students will experience weekly or bi-weekly CGS faith formation to support the great work that is being taught in their classrooms. Scripture, song, prayer, art and hands-on experience with child-sized articles used at Holy Mass help children connect the parable of the Good Shepherd with Jesus, the Living Good Shepherd, who loves them and gives himself to them in Holy Communion. To learn more check out <https://www.cgsusa.org/discover/>

SPORTS

Check out our website under news/events for a listing of camps and clinics available through Dowling Catholic High School.

<https://sainttheresaiowa.org/school/news-events/>

3rd-8th Grade Baseball Clinic
7th and 8th grade Winter Weightlifting
Mini Maroons Soccer Camp
DCHS Winter Dance & Cheer Clinic
Dowling Color guard Experience Camp

**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**

