



November 26, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

11/27/24-11/29/24 Thanksgiving Break

12/2/24 No School - Professional Development Day

12/3/24 Classes resume

12/6/24 MS Ugly Sweater Party

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

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

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

Winter Coats

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

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.

Student Absences

If your student is going to miss school for any reason, you must call or email the school office by 8:45 a.m.. Attendance is very important. If you need to pick up your student for

any reason during the school day, you also must call or email the school office in advance. This helps everyone to be prepared.

Nonpublic Transportation Reimbursement - Deadline December 1

More information is on our website under news/events or by clicking on the link below.

<https://sainttheresaiowa.org/school/news-2/nonpublic-transportation-reimbursement/>

SPORTS

7th and 8th grade Winter Weightlifting

Click [here](#) for more information.

Mini Maroons Soccer Camp

Registration opens on December 1st for children ages 4-7. Check out our website under news/events for more information or click on the following link.

<https://sainttheresaiowa.org/school/news-2/mini-maroons-soccer-club/>

5-8th Grade Cheerleading

Register by 12/6/24. Check out our website under news/events for more information or click on the following link.

<https://sainttheresaiowa.org/school/news-2/5-8th-grade-cheerleading/>

5th-8th Grade Boys Basketball Registration

Register by Friday, 12/6/2024. Check out our website under news/events for more information or click on the following link.

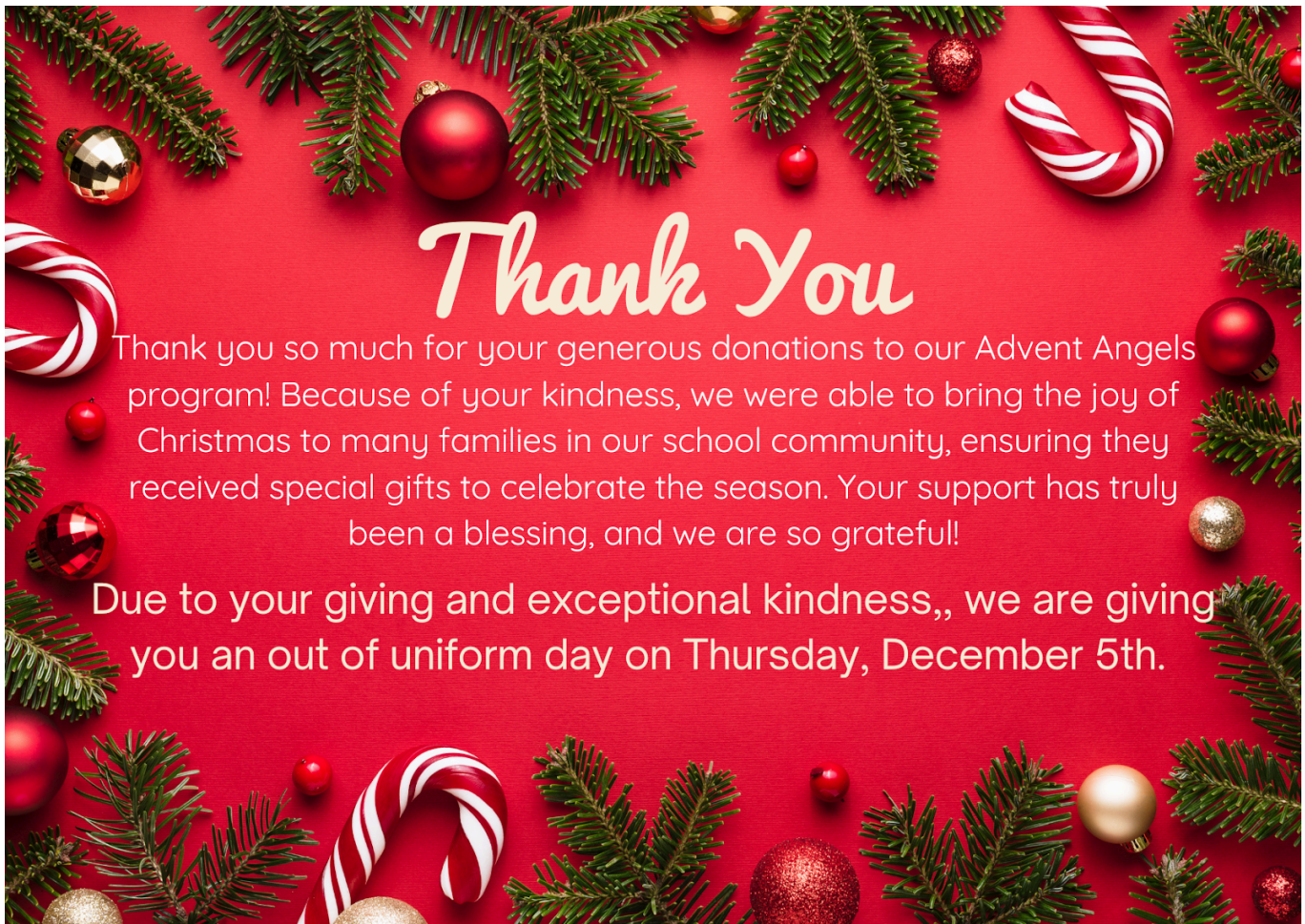
<https://sainttheresaiowa.org/school/news-2/5-6th-girls-basketball/>



SO MUCH GRATITUDE!!!

THANK YOU to all of our students and their families who so graciously brought in foods for our St. Theresa food pantry. YOU helped to fill our pantry shelves and support our STCS families! It was heartwarming to see each preschool student physically carrying an item that they brought to the pantry and witnessing them making a difference. So many of you are making a difference! It doesn't take long to use up our resources so we are very excited to have full shelves as we go into the holiday season. We appreciate your donations and ask that you continue to think about us into the new year. With the help of our Parish Pantry director, Anita Holub, we are receiving a grant to help purchase a new refrigerator. We are super excited to have a refrigerator for our school pantry. This will allow us to receive fresh food donations like fruits, meats, and dairy products. Thank you Anita!

Happy Holidays and God Bless you all!



Thank You

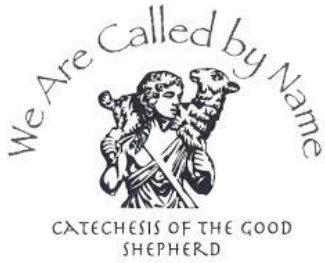
Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Advent Angels program! Because of your kindness, we were able to bring the joy of Christmas to many families in our school community, ensuring they received special gifts to celebrate the season. Your support has truly been a blessing, and we are so grateful!

Due to your giving and exceptional kindness,, we are giving you an out of uniform day on Thursday, December 5th.

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@stsdsm.com or bring it to the school office.

[Sister Jude Scholarship Application](#)



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/>

Iowa Catholic Conference - Immigration Letter

Please read the letter on immigration from the Iowa Bishops.

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Early Childhood Education Classes Flyer](#) (click to access)

[Blog: Supporting the Future of Catholic Schools](#) (click to access online): This blog contains important information about why our schools need additional support, even with the availability of ESA funds and CTO.

[23-24 CSO Annual Report](#) (click to access online): Read the Catholic Schools of Des Moines annual report.

[ESA for Iowa Resources](#) (click to access online): ESA educational resources are available with this link.

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

ADVENT *Retreat*

DECEMBER 5, 9:30 AM-12 PM

Parish Hall & East Meeting Room

Speaker: Father Mike Mahoney

Topic: Preparing for the Three Comings of Christ

Lunch and Reconciliation immediately
following the retreat.

RSVP to Barb Woods

515-210-6649 or bwoods@stdsm.com





St. Theresa School & Parish 6-8 grade students

please join us for an

UGLY SWEATER



DECEMBER

6

7:00 - 9:00 PM

COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS

JAMMIES OR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER!

\$10 cash per student at door

Activities and Raffle prizes included!

Cash concessions will be available

All proceeds go to 8th Grade class





St. Theresa Annual Church Ladies

Bazaar & Bake Sale

Admission is free, bring friends & family!

December 7, 9 am - 3 pm

Lunch - Raffle

Vendors - Gifts, jewelry, art, home decor, crafts

Visiting & activity with Santa, 9-11 am

RSVP to Barb 515-277-1153

1230 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines
St. Theresa Parish Hall - West Entrance

Advent Communal Penance

December 11, 6:30 PM

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus





Women of the Parish please join us for an

Advent Tea

DECEMBER **14** AT 2 PM

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish Hall

Bring your daughters, granddaughters & friends!

Free will donation for Mary's Helping Hands
Most needed items are: Sippy cups, 8oz bottles,
wipes, and board books

Guest Speaker - Stacy Halbach
Mother, author and creator of
Jump In Family Life Ministry

Finger food, desserts & drinks
Tea party attire - Fascinators welcome

RSVP to Barb Chicoine by December 7th
Call or text 515-979-5172



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

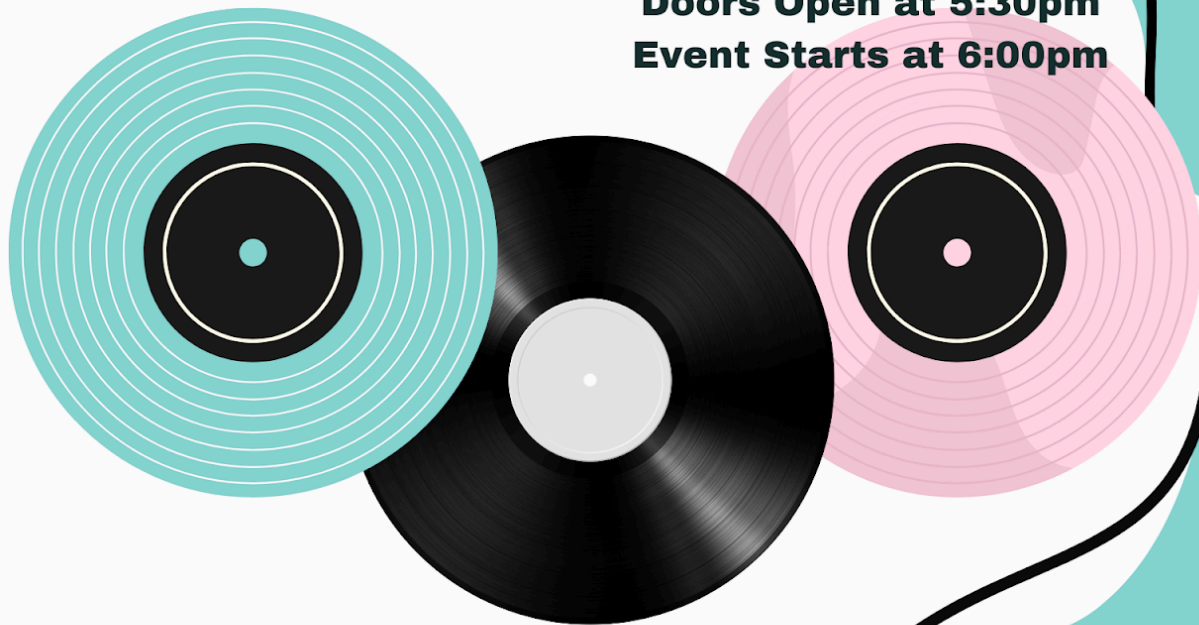
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St. Theresa's Jukebox Jamboree

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**

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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