



# ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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## December 5, 2024 News & Updates

St. Theresa Catholic School 515-277-0178

## Upcoming Important Dates

12/6/24 MS Ugly Sweater Party

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

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

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

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

## 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](mailto:klowe@stdsm.com) or bring it to the school office.

[Sister Jude Scholarship Application](#)

St. Theresa School & Parish 6-8 grade students  
please join us for an  
**UGLY SWEATER PARTY**  
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

**6-8th Graders - Join this Friday night for a fun filled evening!**



**Bring your child to visit Santa and enjoy some holiday activities at the annual St. Theresa Bazaar & Bake sale this Saturday, December 7th. Santa will be present 9-11 a.m.**

### **PK-5 Christmas Concert Details**

The Christmas Concert is on MONDAY, at 6pm. Students should arrive by 5:45. Band Students should arrive by 5:30 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, [epatrick@stsdsm.com](mailto:epatrick@stsdsm.com), so we can mark them. Please let me know if you have any questions.  
-Miss Patrick

### **Family Mass**

Please join us for our next Family Mass on Sunday December 15th at 8:30am. 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/10COE48ACA92CAAFBC43-53524251-family>

### **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](https://www.dmdiocese.org/living-advent?utm_source=dmdiocese.org&utm_medium=hp-slide&utm_campaign=living-advent)

# Advent Communal Penance

## December 11, 6:30 PM

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus



### **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.

### **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.



Polar Express RSVP

## 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!

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

## SPORTS

### 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/>

### 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/>

### **DCHS Winter Dance & Cheer Clinic**

Click [here](#) for more information.



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  
tyrell.w.j@gmail.com



## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**

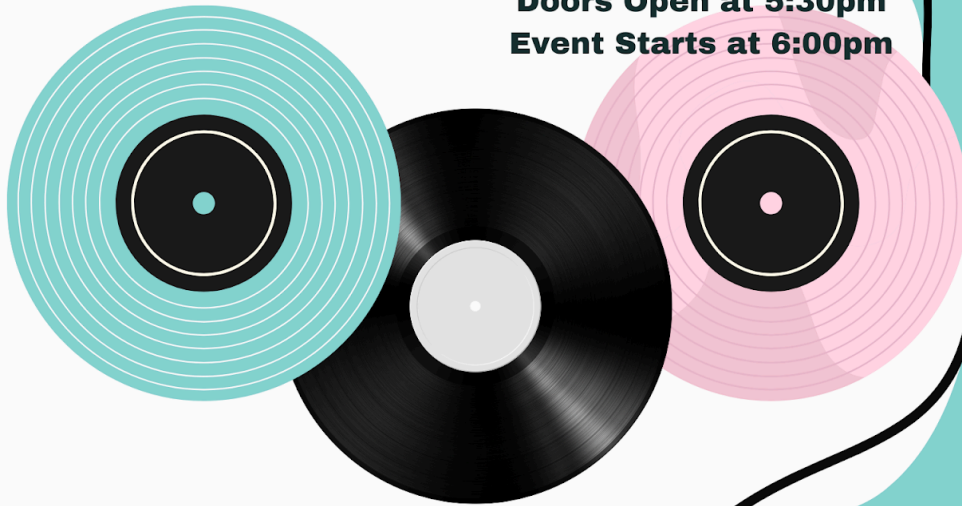
We are excited to announce that Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is coming to St. Theresa School! Beginning in January, kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will experience weekly or bi-weekly CGS faith formation to support the great work that is being taught in their classrooms. Scripture, 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/>

# 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**