



# ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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## January 9, 2025 News & Updates

St. Theresa Catholic School 515-277-0178

### Upcoming Important Dates

1/12/25 Bingo - Parish Hall, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

1/16/25 PreK/Kindergarten/Early Childhood Roundup 6:30-7:30pm

1/20/25 No School Teacher PD day

1/26 CSW Mass 8:30-student and teacher led

1/26 CSW Open House 9:30-12:00 Pancake Breakfast in the gym, visit classrooms

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

### Photos Friday for Catholic Schools Week

Let's celebrate St. Theresa together! Catholic Schools Week is almost here, and we want to spotlight the amazing community that makes St. Theresa so special-YOU! We're inviting all staff and families to join us this Friday from 3:30-4:30 (in the hallway by the gym and PK/Kindergarten doors) for a fun photo session taken by Lauren Campbell. Whether it's a group shot or an individual picture, we want to capture the joy and spirit of our school. Once your photos are taken, we'll send you a link where you and your family can share a quick note about what you and your family love most about St. Theresa Catholic School. Whether it's the friendly faces, the caring teachers, or just the special memories, we want to hear it all! Your stories will help us show off the heart of our school during Catholic School Week! So grab your smiles and come make memories with us! We can't wait to see you and your family!

## Speaker & Founder of Safe Social Network, Ben Tracy

All parents are invited to this great event at Holy Trinity to hear Ben Tracy share his story about how teenage social media impacted his life and discuss cyberbullying, online predators, the relationship between social media and mental health, drugs on social media and he encourages students to use technology in a positive way.

Monday, January 13th, 7-8pm at Holy Trinity Church & School

Middle School (6-8) and Intermediate (3-5) will have an assembly with Ben Tracy on Monday, January 13 to learn about the impacts of social media and cyberbullying. Please let us know if we have any questions. Thank you, Mrs. Watznauer



St. Theresa Catholic School  
8th Grade Fundraiser



**SUNDAY | JANUARY 12 | 5:30-8:30 PM**

Dobbers \$1

Pack of bingo cards for ten games - \$25

Single bingo cards - \$2.50

Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and drinks  
available for purchase





JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**



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**AT ST. THERESA CATHOLIC**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH  
 8:30 AM - SCHOOL LED MASS (CHURCH)  
 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - PANCAKE BREAKFAST &  
 OPEN HOUSE (SCHOOL GYM)

**Catholic School Week (CSW)  
 Mass & Open House**

Let's pack the house for the Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at 8:30 on Sunday, January 26. All St. Theresa Catholic Schools families and staff are encouraged to attend. Students should wear their school uniforms. We will need lots of volunteers for mass-please watch for the sign up next week.

Join us in the school after mass for the CSW Pancake Breakfast and Open House. Visit classrooms, the Little Flower Chapel and eat breakfast. Invite a friend to join you and give them a tour.

## Alpha

St. Theresa Parish is excited to offer Alpha at our parish this winter! We had over 60 people join us for Taste of Alpha last weekend. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great. Would you consider coming for a session, two or three? We would love to have you participate in the Alpha program as we explore the difficult questions that we all face in life.

Alpha will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the parish hall. Each night we will gather for a meal, a short video and a small group discussion. It is not mandatory that you make every session. Videos will be sent out to participants to view when they are not able to attend a session.

### Schedule:

January 19, 26

February 2, 9, 23

March 2, \*8, 23, 30

April 6, 13

\*March 8th is Alpha Day Away. This is a weekend full day session. We invite all to attend, but it's not mandatory.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Alpha and to register for the program or email [alpha@stsdsm.com](mailto:alpha@stsdsm.com).



## First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Parents, Your children are most precious to you. They are also most precious to Jesus. Please plan to attend the parent gathering to examine ways to help your children prize Jesus as most precious to them, too! Tom Quinlan, Director of the St. Joseph Evangelization Center, is our guest presenter.

**What:** Parent Meeting for First Eucharist

**Who:** Parents of children receiving First Eucharist

**Date:** Wednesday, January 22nd

**Time:** 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Location:** St. Theresa Church

**Childcare** available by contacting Mrs. Becicka at [jbecicka@stsdsm.com](mailto:jbecicka@stsdsm.com) or (515) 279-4654

## There's a seat for you at the table!

### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of conversations about the things we all question in life: Why do bad things happen to good people? What's the purpose of life? What's next?

At Alpha, you can ask anything - it's a safe space to question life, faith, and meaning. Everyone is welcome. You're invited no matter your background or beliefs. Alpha is free, and there's no pressure to come back.

Click on the QR code to learn more about Alpha and registration.



Questions:  
[alpha@stsdsm.com](mailto:alpha@stsdsm.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/>



### Incoming Freshman Placement Test

#### January 11<sup>th</sup>

Christ the King  
Holy Family  
Holy Trinity  
Sacred Heart  
St. Anthony  
St. Augustin  
Potential Dual Enrolled 6/7<sup>th</sup>

#### January 18<sup>th</sup>

St. Francis  
St. Joseph  
St. Luke  
St. Pius X  
St. Theresa  
All Other Schools

**Held at DCHS from 8:15 am – 12:30 pm**  
(arrive by 8:10 am on your scheduled date)

All Parochial School 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have completed the application process will be automatically registered for the test.

The test is used to identify the level of classes that will allow the student to be successful at Dowling Catholic.

There is no need to RSVP but please reach out if you have questions.

More detailed information was sent to families in mid-December and a reminder email will be sent the week of each test.

515.222.1046 | [admissions@dowlingcatholic.org](mailto:admissions@dowlingcatholic.org)

## 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**