



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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January 16, 2025 News & Updates

St. Theresa Catholic School 515-277-0178

Upcoming Important Dates

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

1/29 11:30 Early Out for Catholic Schools Week Staff Mass with Diocese

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)



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- [sign up here](#).

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. We also need volunteers for this great event. Please sign up here: [Pancake Breakfast/Open House volunteers](#)

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

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@stdsm.com



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.



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 or (515) 279-4654

**St. Theresa's
Jukebox Jamboree**

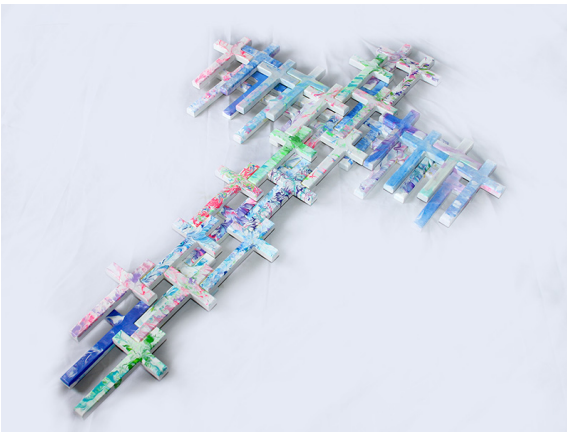
Rock Around the Clock: A 1950s Party to Remember!

**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**



The gala committee is looking for one or two volunteers to lead the class projects for the 2025 Gala. Volunteers are responsible for coordinating with each class to complete projects that will be auctioned off at the 2025 Gala.

Please contact Tai Lieu, tai.r.lieu@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested. Thank you!

Handbook Highlights - a little snippet each week from our Student/Family Handbook

Students Who Need to Leave During the Day No student is to leave the school grounds after arriving unless written permission or phone call from parents is shared with the teacher or office. It is critical that the office knows the location of all students for safety.. The process for students to leave early includes: • Parents of Pre-Kindergarten – 5th grade students must bring/meet their children in the office to sign them in and out when it is necessary for the students to be dismissed early. • Middle school students must sign in/out in the office after parent contact and can walk out to the car. Please notify the school office if there is a change in who is picking up your children. Students will not be allowed to go with a non-designated person unless the school office has been notified.



Incoming Freshman Placement Test

<u>January 11th</u>	<u>January 18th</u>
Christ the King	St. Francis
Holy Family	St. Joseph
Holy Trinity	St. Luke
Sacred Heart	St. Pius X
St. Anthony	St. Theresa
St. Augustin	All Other Schools
Potential Dual Enrolled 6/7 th	

Held at DCHS from 8:15 am – 12:30 pm

(arrive by 8:10 am on your scheduled date)

All Parochial School 8th 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.

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SPORTS

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

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

3rd-8th Grade Baseball Clinic

7th and 8th grade Winter Weightlifting

Mini Maroons Soccer Camp

Dowling Color Guard Experience Camp

