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April 17, 2025 News & Updates

St. Theresa Catholic School 515-277-0178

Upcoming Important Dates

4/18/25 2:30 p.m. dismissal, Good Friday

4/21/25 No School, Easter Monday

4/25/25 Grandparents Day

4/26/25 St. Theresa Gala 5:30 p.m.

5/15/25 6:00 p.m. PreK-5th Grade Music Concert

5/19/25 7:00 p.m. Middle School Music Concert

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

Meals for Mrs. Watznauer

Mrs. Watznauer is recovering from her surgery and is doing well. If you would like to provide a meal for her while she is recovering and even when she first comes back, please [sign up here](#). This is a wonderful way to help!

Volunteers

Many hands will help make our annual school fundraiser a success. We are in need of volunteers for the night before the gala, the day of the gala, and clean up Sunday morning. Please consider volunteering even if it's for an hour. Sign up [here](#). Thank you in advance for your help and support! - Gala Committee

Field Day Volunteers Needed

Parents-this year we are asking for a huge favor. If you have time to come for the field day on May 27, it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider helping with the success of our students. Our Middle School students will NOT be on campus that day and will not be able to help as usual. If the spirit moves you, please consider your time and come and help put on a great ending to the school year and help with the events that day. Thank you for considering this opportunity. Mr. O'Connor

[Primary Parent Sign Up Sheet](#)

[Intermediate Sign Up](#)

Welcome back Mrs.
Watznauer! She misses
her pajamas so we are
having a



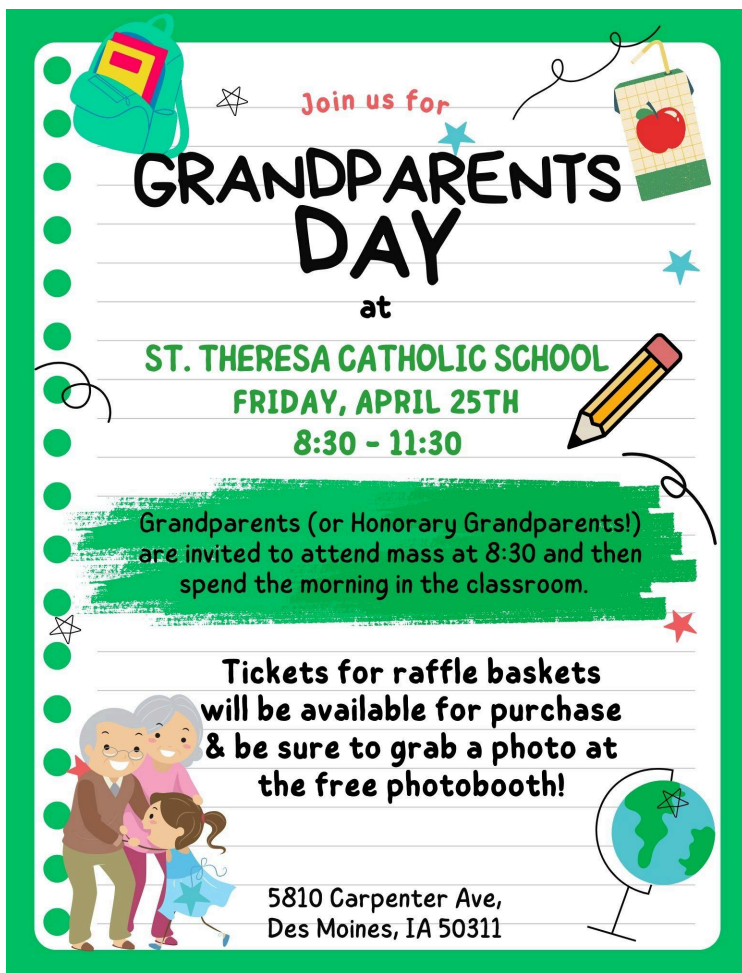
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APRIL 23, 2025

(SCHOOL APPROPRIATE)





Grandparents Day Schedules

K-2nd grade students and their grandparents:

8:30-9:30 - Mass
 9:30-10:00 - Recess
 10:00-10:30 - Cookies and Gala Baskets in the Gym
 10:30-11:20 - Join us in the classroom for activities and learning with your primary student.

3rd-5th grade students and their grandparents:

8:30-9:30 - Mass
 9:30-10:00 - Recess
 10:00-10:30 - School/Classroom Scavenger Hunt with their special guest
 10:30-11:00 -- Gym. and Help clean up for Primary Lunch

Middle School students and grandparents:

8:30-9:30 - Mass
 9:30-9:50 Cookies in gym
 9:55 Middle schoolers with grandparents give tours immediately WHILE all other middle schoolers report to middle school homerooms
 10:00 Middle school classes resume (those giving tours have permission to return to class when finished giving tours, no later than 10:15)

Whole School schedule

8:30-9:30 - K-5 Mass, Prek in classroom
 9:30-10 - MS in gym, k-5 recess
 10:00-10:30 - MS grandparents leaving, Primary in gym, intermediate in classrooms with grandparents
 10:30-11 - Intermediate in the gym, primary in the classroom with grandparents until lunch



You're Invited! **St. Theresa's** **Jukebox Jamboree** **2025 GALA**

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

Doors Open at 5:30pm
Event Starts at 6:00pm



STCS Annual Gala and Auction!

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/sttheresacatholicschoolauction/>

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

1. Register on qgivi's website or app to preview and purchase items from the silent auction.

***You do not need to purchase a ticket to the Gala to participate in the silent auction.**

2. Register and purchase Gala and Auction individual tickets or purchase a table on the qgivi website or app. Saturday, April 26, 2025 starting at 5:30pm, enjoy a full dinner buffet and complimentary drinks while raising funds for STCS.

3. Go to qgivi using the website or QR code and make a direct donation to the 2025 STCS Gala!



April 26
2025

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Gala Student Raffle

Dear Families,

We are thrilled to share an exciting opportunity for our students to get involved in the upcoming Gala! The week of April 20th-25th, our teachers will be hosting a Student Raffle, which will help raise funds for important school initiatives. In past years, this raffle has raised up to \$4,000 for our school, and we are excited to continue this tradition with your support!

The raffle baskets and items will be displayed during Grandparents Day in April, giving everyone a chance to see the fantastic prizes up for grabs. Each class will be participating, and we encourage students to join in on the fun and excitement leading up to the Gala. Remind those Grandparents to bring their \$1

If you have any questions or would like to contribute a prize to the raffle, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Castellano or the school office. Here are some ideas for raffle prizes that teachers are offering:

- A teacher bringing doughnuts to a student's class
- Friendship bracelets made with Ms. Pane (includes materials for bracelets)
- Outdoor Fun and Dairy Queen from Ms. White

We are looking forward to seeing the creative and exciting prizes our students will have the chance to win. Thank you for your support in making this event a success for our school community!

Best,
Mrs. Castellano

Calling All Talented Students!

Get ready to shine at our School Talent Show! Whether you're a dancer, singer, comedian, musician, or have any other special talent, this is your chance to showcase your skills and amaze your classmates.

Audition Date: April 30

Audition Time: 3:30 till end

Audition Location: Music Room (211)

The Talent Show will happen on the Last Day Of School.

Let your talent take center stage! Don't miss out on the fun – we can't wait to see what you've got! 🎉 ✨

For questions or more information, email epatrick@stdsm.com

Nonpublic Transportation Reimbursement

Families of students in K-8th grades may be eligible for a nonpublic transportation reimbursement if they live more than two miles away, one-way from St. Theresa Catholic School. Forms must be submitted each semester (due Dec. 1 & May 1) according to the requirements of each district. Eligible families will receive one check following the end of the school year. See below for instructions.

Please click below on the school district in which you reside for instructions:

[Adel DeSoto Minburn](#)

[Ankeny](#)

Dallas Center-Grimes - please [email](#) your [form](#).

Des Moines Public - DMPS will NOT accept paper copies. Please [click here](#) to complete the form online.

Southeast Polk - please print and mail [this form](#) to: Accounting Department, Southeast Polk Community School District, 407 8th Street SE, Altoona, IA 50009.






West Des Moines - WDM will NOT accept paper copies. Please [click here](#) to complete the form online.

For all other districts, please submit the [reimbursement form](#) to the [public school address](#) in which you reside if you live more than two miles, one-way from STCS.

You're Invited to the Dowling Catholic Year-End Carnival!

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of excitement and joy at our Year-End Carnival, hosted by Dowling Catholic, on **May 17th from 4-6 PM** in the **Dowling Catholic High School Gym!** This event is especially for our youngest friends—Pre-K through 3rd graders in the Diocese of Des Moines, but we welcome everyone! 🌟

Come enjoy:

-  Carnival games
-  Balloons
-  Face painting
-  Music
-  Prizes and more!

Whether you're a Dowling family or not, all are welcome! **Feel free to bring a friend with younger children**, even if they're not part of the diocese—the more, the merrier! 🎉

This is a FREE event and we can't wait to see you there for an afternoon of fun and community! 🎊

See you at the gym on May 17th! 🏠



2025 Saint Theresa Catholic School Summer STEM CAMP



When: June 9th-12th

9am-3pm (times between STEM camp and STCS Day Camp field trips will be covered on Thurs.)

Who: Current 2024-2025 K-5th Grade Students

Where: Saint Theresa School

What to bring: Sack Lunch each day and a water bottle

What we provide: Snacks and all materials for the FUN!

Cost: \$250

World Adventures *Minimum of 8 Enrolled to have Camp, Camp is full at 25

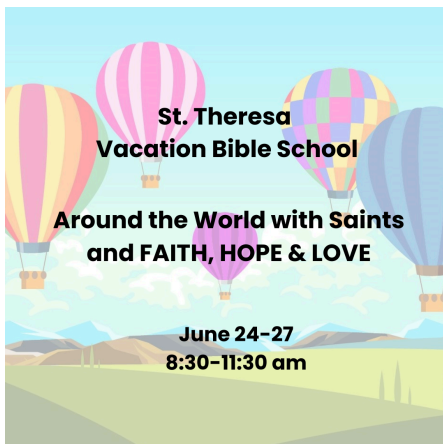
Morning - Kids will be visiting Germany, Egypt, China and Brazil building structures, exploring history and the celebrations of these countries.

Afternoon - Kids will create art inspired from cultures around the world, like Chinese pit pots and Egyptian Papyrus Paper drawings.

We can't wait to trek around the world with you! Sign up with a friend today!
Please contact the school office to learn more about Sister Jude funds that can be used to assist with STEM camp cost.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Collins at mcollins@stsdsm.com

[STEM Camp Registration Form](#)



Vacation Bible School

Students entering grades K-5 in the fall of 2025 join this summer for VBS!

June 24-27, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Theresa Parish Hall

To volunteer or ask questions, contact Jane Ann Becicka, 515-279-4654 x304 or jbecicka@stsdsm.com

Register [here](#)

Sports/Clinics

Check out our website under news/events for a listing of camps and clinics available through Dowling Catholic High School or click [here](#). There are several spring camps as well as information regarding swim team, summer swim lessons and track and field.

[Dowling Catholic Volleyball Club \(DCVC\) Tryout Information](#)

[Catholic Football League Information](#)

[Maroons Track and Field Club Information](#)