

St. Therese Catholic School

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STS Newsletter

Go Crusaders! 

Mission Statement: To provide Faith, Service and Learning opportunities for students, families and communities in a Christ-like environment.

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December Liturgy

2	First Friday
3	St. Francis Xavier, memorial
4	Second Sunday of Advent (Purple)
6	St. Nicholas
7	St. Ambrose
8	Holy Day: Immaculate Conception
9	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
10	Our Lady of Loretto
11	Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday (Rose)
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13	St. Lucy, memorial
14	St. John of the Cross, memorial
18	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Purple)
21	St. Peter Canisius
23	St. John of Kanty
24	Vigil of the Nativity (Christmas Eve)
25	Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) (Octave of Christmas, day1)
26	St. Stephen, first martyr (Octave of Christmas, day2)
27	St. John, Apostle and Martyr (Octave of Christmas, day3)
28	Holy Innocents (Octave of Christmas, day4)
29	St. Thomas Becket (Octave of Christmas, day5)
30	Holy Family (Octave of Christmas, day6)
31	St. Sylvester I (Octave of Christmas, day7)
Jan 1	Mary, Mother of God (Octave of Christmas, day8)

December Events

December 3-4	Arts and Crafts fair in the parish hall, 9 am - 4pm
December 4	Mass on Sunday 10:00 am St. Therese Church, 6 th gr hosts
December 5	Home and School meeting, 5:30pm
December 6	St. Nicholas day....shoes left out of classroom for St. Nicholas to fill with candy
December 8	Holy Day: Immaculate Conception
December 14	Christmas Program, 6 pm in the Church
December 22	SED: student early dismissal @12:30 pm
Christmas 23-January 9, 2023	Christmas Break
January 9, 2023	Teachers return from break
January 10, 2023	Students return from break

8SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE –DECEMBER



1	Thursday Mass, 8 th grade hosts
4	Sunday Mass, 6 th grade hosts
8	Holy Day, Thursday Mass, 7 th grade hosts
15	Thursday Mass, 6 th grade hosts
22	Thursday Mass, 5 th grade hosts

Note for Masses/Communion service:

As many of you have heard, Father Vincent Chavez, the pastor of St. Therese is on sabbatical. He will be gone for 6 months. Archbishop Wester has assigned a Deacon Larry Carmony to administration of the parish and has assigned Deacon Michael Wesley to oversee Sacraments for the parish and the school. I have been in contact with Deacon Wesley, and he will be providing a Communion service for most of the school Masses on Thursdays. The students will be able to participate in the readings, ushering, altar serving and in choir. We will keep our Mass Day on Thursdays beginning at 8:15 a.m. I welcome parents, grandparents, and any other persons to join us on Thursdays. We will have Adoration after the Masses, unless another event, such as awards, or a funeral are scheduled.



Virtus

Virtus is an Archdiocesan training for all volunteers that helps adults learn to recognize the warning signs of abuse, and it shows them the appropriate way to respond to suspicious behavior. If you are planning on attending or volunteering in any capacity at the school, even if only driving or being with your own child, please take the time to take

"Protecting God's Children" online. The certificate is turned into the front office and is good for five (5) years. This will also cover any volunteering in any of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe communities. Visit www.virtusonline.org and take your class today.



Service Projects

December service project is to support families at Christmas. We will receive family names in the next few days.

Please be as generous as possible. Classes will be keeping track of donation amounts and the class that contributes the most by the last service project in May will win a pizza party!



Education on the Faith

This will be a monthly series for families on Advent Reflections with Bishop Barron. <https://www.wordonfire.org/> (scroll down to Advent Reflections)



Financial Corner

The budget continues to be in good shape! We are working hard to keep costs down yet providing opportunities for students and families.

We are preparing our budget for the next school year. We have decided to keep tuition at \$4800 for another year! We are also offering an incentive for enrollment. If you register your student by December 31, the registration fee will be only \$200 instead of \$250 fee. January 1 the fee will go back up to \$250. Registration will open to

the public by January 30. Your registration will be open by 2 pm today. Log into your FACTS SIS account and scroll down to the enrollment/reenrollment tab.

We had two small fundraisers in November. One was the ornaments that people sold. We earned \$296.75 on this campaign. The other fundraiser was the cork pull at the Thanksgiving luncheon. That event earned \$810.

Please let me know if you have any questions: m.giglio@stschool.org



Spelling Bee winners

We had our spelling bee competition early this year due to new rules that have been decided. The winners for the 2022-2023 school year are:

1st Place: Angelica Borquez, 6th grade

2nd Place: Mateo Sanchez, 6th grade

3rd Place: Daniel Trujillo, 8th grade

Runner up: Sarah Williamson, 5th grade

Congratulations and great job to everyone who participated in this year's spelling bee!



Middle School students participated in the science fair at STS. Judges came in, viewed and conversed with students on their work and found that the following students will move forward to Regionals. Congratulations to the following students:

Esperanza Jaure 6th grade

Ryan Sena 6th grade

Elijah Santos 6th grade

Grace Grady 7th grade

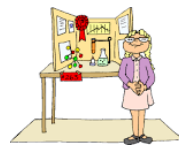
Penny Lee 7th grade

Mattie Mares 7th grade

Andres Valdez 7th grade

Daniel Trujillo 8th grade

Dominic Vollbrecht 7th grade



School Christmas Program

The school Christmas program will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 6 pm in the Church. Please arrive by 5:30 pm with your child at the Church. Students **MUST** be on time for this performance. This event is traditionally crowded, so please be patient and keep in the preparation for the coming of Christ!



Students are to wear a conservative Christmas outfit.



Please, no low-cut dresses/shirts, no jeans, skirts/dresses must not be more than 1 inch above the knee. Please have shoes for your child that they can walk in on marble floors. They may have to walk up / down a set of stairs and will have to step up on the altar. Students also have the option of wearing their complete Mass uniform. If there is ANY questions on dress, please contact Mary Giglio m.giglio@stschool.org



School Dress Code

Just a reminder that students (male and female) should not have highlights or colored hair, artificial nails, non-prescription contacts or wear make-up. Boy's hair should be cut above the collar and not have any shapes or razor art in their cuts. For both boys and girls, hair/bangs should not cover their eyes. We ask that girls keep hair items to a simple hair tie or STS uniform headband or scrunchie. No big bows or jewelry/beads in their hair. Shoes and other items for your student: please make sure that shoes should be regular sneakers that are white, black or blue; no high tops, no Vans with checks or designs, no light-ups and no wheels on the shoes. Please no boots; heels on student shoes no more than an inch. Please keep socks conservative: white, black, or blue. A small swish is fine, but no graffiti or images on the socks. Please do not have students wear the no show socks. They must be ankle or knee socks for both boys and girls. Thank you for helping in honoring the dress code for the school! This is referenced in the handbook.

Annual Notifications

Legal Notice

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St. Therese Catholic School

St. Therese school is dedicated to assisting families in passing on our Catholic faith, morals, and values to our students. The school is a community outside the home where religious values and truths are integrated with daily life. St. Therese strives to provide a quality and challenging education in a Christian environment and to help each student develop his/her own potential. Our mission is carried out through creative expression, hands-on-learning, self-discipline, and the opportunity to participate in the liturgy, prayer, sacraments, and community service.

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