



St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Come grow with us!

1800 S. Katie Ave. Suite # 1, Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday–Friday

Parish office will be closed Monday, April 5th.

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Mission Statement: *The mission of St. Katharine Drexel Parish is to gather together as a community of faith, sharing the Word of God with all of our neighbors through our words and example. We emphasize the sanctity of the Eucharist in our daily lives and encourage good stewardship and lifelong Catholic Christian education. Our consistent message is "Come home to Christ".*

WHAT DO YOU KNOW, FR. JOE?

Divine Mercy is REAL!

Since Good Friday, dozens of our parishioners have been praying the Divine Mercy Novena. This devotion became popular in the 1990's with the beatification of Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. Pope John Paul II canonized her as the first saint of the new millennium in the year 2000 and at the same time, he drew from the insight of her writings when he proclaimed: "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'". John Paul made this announcement on the 2nd Sunday of Easter (April 30, 2000).

The central theme of this devotion is simply that God is Mercy! It can be tempting to see God as one who is merciful only when He wants to be, but the revelation that "God is Mercy" teaches us that God's merciful love goes well beyond our human understanding. In her diary, St. Faustina records several revelations that she received directly from Jesus including: *"I am Love and Mercy itself. My heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners... it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with Mercy."* Wow! Stop and read that again. What a great God we have that He would allow His own heart to be opened up for us so that we see how much He loves us and how truly merciful He is. All of us are sinners, but God's mercy is a lot bigger than any offense we can commit.

In one publication, the ABC's of mercy are spelled out so that we can more easily understand and experience them.

A. Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. St. Faustina's diary quotes Jesus as saying: *"Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion. Beg for mercy for the whole world. No soul that has called upon My mercy has ever been disappointed."*

B. Be merciful to others. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. Again in her diary, St. Faustina records Jesus: *"I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and*

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everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse yourself from it. Even the strongest faith is of no avail without works of mercy."

C. Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. To this, Jesus speaks of trust through St. Faustina: *"I have opened My heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, that is TRUST."*

I'm sure you have all seen the Divine Mercy image of Jesus with the white and red light coming from His side and the words *"Jesus, I trust in you."* All you and I have to do is place our trust in Jesus Christ, ask for His mercy, and be merciful to others. That last one can be the toughest. Often times, mercy is equated with forgiveness. While forgiveness is a component of mercy, it is not that exclusively. If you think back to your days in CCD or Religious Education, you may remember the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. In order to spread this message of Divine Mercy, we all need to participate in these:

The Corporal Works of Mercy:

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Comfort the imprisoned
6. Visit the sick
7. Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy:

1. Admonish sinners
2. Instruct the uninformed
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the sorrowful
5. Be patient with those in error
6. Forgive offenses
7. Pray for the living and the dead

We make mercy real to others when we bring mercy to them in these ways. This is not a new teaching of our Church, but has always been the way to show the face of Jesus to the whole world. There is no greater sign of love and mercy than the Eucharist. Jesus pours Himself out for us in this sacrament so we can know and experience true mercy. It's up to us to take that gift out into the world and show others just how much Jesus loves and cares for them by the way we assist them in body and spirit. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, now that you have received mercy, *go forth and be merciful!*

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our next class will be Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. when Fr. Joe will give a program on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome. Please join us if you can.

We plan on offering a summertime RCIA program in collaboration with St. Michael Parish. Call Fr. Joe or Deacon John for more information.

Bishop Swain will pray the Rosary at Planned Parenthood on 41st Street on Wednesday, April 14th at 12:00 noon. Please join him.



St. Katharine Drexel Parish is looking for softball players for their newly formed co-ed softball team! The church league season runs May-July with games held one night per week at Sherman Park. You must be at least 16 years old to play. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space. Contact Abby Cogley at 481-1243 for more information.

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, April 13th, 6:30 p.m. *Sylvia Schron Dahl (d)*
Wednesday, April 14th, 8:00 a.m. *Fr. Ranek*
Thursday, April 14th, 8:00 a.m. *Nicole Malone*
Friday, April 16th, 8:00 a.m. *Mary Beth Piatt & family*
Saturday, April 17th, 5:00 p.m. *Alice Dutenhoeffer (d)*
& Merlin Schinke (d)
Sunday, April 18th, 8:30 a.m. *For the people of the parish*
10:30 a.m. John Devlin family

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday—6:00 p.m.
Thursday—7:30 a.m.
Saturday—4-4:45 p.m.
or anytime by appointment.

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

Needed each week:	\$ 11,025.00
April 4th Collection:	\$ 14,396.30
Surplus / (Shortfall):	\$ 3,371.30

Foundation, A Parents' Group

Foundation meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Parish Office to discuss our role as Catholic parents, friends, and spouses. Please join us. For more information contact Jill Pellicotte: 362-5882. Childcare provided.



The Catholic Daughters, Court Mother Theresa, will hold their monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13th at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in the Gathering Space. Mass is at 6:30 p.m. All parish women are encouraged to attend.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLE SALE

On April 17th and 18th, representatives will be selling Olive Wood statues, plaques, rosaries, and crucifixes in the Gathering Space after each Mass. The sale of these items helps support the upkeep and protection of Christian Holy Sites and Churches in the Bethlehem area. With the current conditions in the Holy Land, tourism has slowed down and the sale of these items in Bethlehem has dropped off significantly. Please stop after Mass and take a look at these beautifully handcrafted

GROUNDS COMMITTEE WISHLIST

Our Grounds Committee is in need of the items listed here. If you are able to donate the item itself, or can donate the money to purchase it, please contact the Parish Office.

- Riding lawnmower (new or used)
- Heavy duty gas trimmer \$250
- Large push broom \$30
- Air compressor (10 gal. or larger) \$250
- Gas-powered pressure washer \$300



The Knights of Columbus will meet on Sun., April 11th at St. Michael School Art Room at 7:15 p.m. All parish men are invited to attend.

Did you know?...

There can only be one cathedral in a diocese. The name for this church comes from the bishop's chair, called the cathedra, which is housed there. St. Joseph's is the cathedral for our diocese and is the "mother" of all the parishes.

How do I register at St. Katharine Drexel Parish?

Stop after Mass today and introduce yourself to Fr. Joe and tell him you would like to become an active part of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

Youth Y G Group

Youth Trip:

Steubenville North in St. Paul, MN
Fri., July 30th - Sun., Aug. 1st

St. Katharine Drexel Parish youth pay \$50 registration fee and the parish will pay the rest of the cost of the trip which consists of \$115 conference fee and transportation in return for service hours. There is a very limited number of spots, so get your registration in early!

Email skd.youthsf@gmail.com
or call the Parish Office at 275-6870

UPCOMING DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:

YOUTH RETREATS:

Search: June 4-6th in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

Custodian: Full time/year round (3:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.) for O'Gorman High School.

Custodian: Part time/year round (3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) for Holy Spirit School.

All positions posted on SFCS website: www.sfcss.org

Apply by phone to: **Human Resources, Sioux Falls**

Catholic Schools - 575-3350 or e-mail: shurley@sfcss.org

The Parish Activities Committee will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, May 2nd, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the St. Katharine Drexel Parish parking lot. Please sign up for a donation time on the table in the Gathering Space.

Tour St. Joseph Cathedral

Want to see the progress of the restoration of St. Joseph Cathedral in person? Take advantage of this opportunity to take a "hard hat tour" of the Cathedral. Tours will be hosted on three Sundays in April: April 11th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

April 18th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

April 25th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

You will be greeted at the Duluth Ave. lower level entrance.

“Theology of the Body”—CANCELLED

Theology of the Body Institute regretfully informs us that Christopher West, effective immediately, is taking a six-month sabbatical from teaching and travel for personal and professional renewal. The retreat that is scheduled for Sat., April 24th has been cancelled. All money will be returned in the next few weeks to those who have already purchased tickets.



St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Please join us for Mass on Wednesdays.

2010-2011 school year registration for

Preschool and Kindergarten is currently available. Questions: call the School Office

at 275-6994 or e-mail Katie at Kerkvliet@sfcss.org.

SFO Meeting, Apr. 12th at 7 p.m. in the lunchroom.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, April 11th: RE Classes - Grades 1-6

Wednesday, April 14th: RE Classes 1-10

Sunday, April 18th: No RE Classes

Our 2nd Graders will be receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 17th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, April 18th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray for these students that they will experience the grace, love, and presence of Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament.

Parents of First Communicants: Please have your child to Mass 30 minutes prior to Mass. We will meet in the School Lunchroom.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+Baptism Preparation Class is offered the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. The next class is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th. No pre-registration is needed.

+JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT! Presented by O'Gorman High School on April 22, 23, 24 & 29, 30 & May 1st at 7p.m.; Tickets on sale now. Box office open 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. For tickets call 575-3335. All seats reserved.

+St. Mary Parish Annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 11th from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Take out meals are available. The price is \$7.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door for adults. Children (4-12) eat for \$4.00. Call 332-6391 for more information.

+Holiness: Diving into the Ocean of Mercy with Fr. Paul Rutten presented by Pro Sanctity on Sun., April 11th 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. Lambert Parish. Fr. Rutten will dispel the myths about holiness and help us to see more clearly what living a life of holiness is and what it is not. For more information call Teresa Thornton at 366-2748 or email sdprosancity@gmail.com

+“Graces from the Resurrection” will be the next topic at Holy Spirit Parish Adult Education session on Tues., April 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Fr. Dave Desmond will be the speaker.

+The Truth About Stem Cells: Travis and Kelly Benson will be presenting a class on Wed., April 14th at 7 p.m. in the Christ the King Church Community Center. Questions call Mary Kay Truckenmiller at 331-6029.

+Men's Spiritual Luncheons with Fr. Jim Mason are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Cathedral Parish Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The next one will be April 14th.

+Spring Craft & Arts Festival is being held at the O'Gorman Rec Center on Sat., April 17th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to local charities in Sioux Falls through the Minnehaha Sertoma Club. If you have any questions please call Cindy at 310-7128.

+Couple's Retreat at Broomtree Retreat Center entitled "Restoring and Fortifying the Domestic Church" will be held April 23-25. Call Broomtree to register at 605-263-1040.

+Single Women's Spirituality and Discernment Group: Come and join us for fellowship, prayer, talks/discussions on topics relevant to Catholic women, mutual support, and to celebrate God's gift of womanhood and what it means in our Church. Upcoming gatherings will take place April 19, June 17, and July 21 at 7 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish Fireside Room.

+Program for Parents featuring Dr. Thomas Phelan designed to help you develop positive behaviors, self worth, and independence in your children will be held at the Chancery from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on these Saturdays: April 24th and May 22nd. Call 988-3775 for more information.

+St. Michael Cemetery now has a 48 niche columbarium for cremation burials. You may purchase a single or double inurnment. Call 338-3376 for info.

April 17-18 Liturgical Ministers

5p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Lori Welbig
Lector 2: June Schnieder

Altar Servers: T Mitzel, L Brady

Book Bearer: Anissa Wichman

EOM's: C Kelly, K & V Kirby,
C Dougherty, M & J McConnell,
J Skibinski

Greeters: Catanguis & Holts

Gift Bearers: Mike & Mary Runge

Ushers: Tim & Tyler Mitzel,
Henry & Luke Evans

Sacristan: Cindy Dougherty

SFCS Cert.: Brent Kelly

Rosary: Mike & Janet McConnell

Nursery: S & K Unzicker

Wknd Mass Reception: M Novacek

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Rich Hallstrom
Lector 2: Sara Siemonsma

Altar Servers: E & A Hertz
Book Bearer: Alex Linneman

EOM's: C Nielsen, P Ordalen, **HELP**

Greeters: Hallstroms & Hertz

Gift Bearers: Jim & Donna Cannon

Ushers: Gene & Brady Krump,
Jim & Zach Schneider

Sacristan: Chris Nielsen

SFCS Cert.: Drenda Groshens

Rosary: Kevin & Pat Ordalen

Coffee & Rolls: Norm & Diane Obr

Bakers: M Northrup, K Oehlke,
D Obr, K Oberbroekling

Nursery: Vance & Sara Siemonsma

Wknd Mass Reception: D Hertz

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Lindsay Plathe
Lector 2: Isabella Garcia

Altar Servers: E Schuster, M Bain
Book Bearer: Klarissa Kobernusz

EOM's: D Dubbelde, J Feterl,
A Hoekstra, L Plathe, J Tribble,
E Wuebben, L VanMeeteren

Greeters: Buthes & Haiars

Gift Bearers: Flecks

Ushers: Jim & Dan Haiar,
Pat & Teddy Schwebach

Sacristan: Ann Trent

SFCS Cert.: Kim Haiar

Coffee/Rolls: Rich & Lisa White
Bakers: M Nielson, B Nilges,
E Oines, C Painter, J Peichel

Nursery: Christy Dembele,
L Hoekstra, A Soukup

CLOW: Harvills/Kayla

Next week's readings: April 12-18

Monday: Acts 4:23-31, John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36

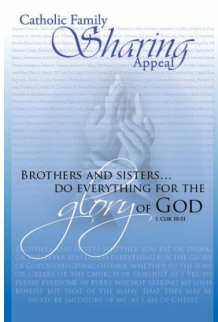
Friday: Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7, 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41,

Revelation 5:11-14,

John 21:1-19



Don't forget to turn in your Catholic Family Sharing Appeal pledge cards even if you are unable to give a monetary gift at this time. PLEASE turn in your card by Sunday, April 25th. We will be calling all parishioners who have not responded by then. You can save us the trouble of making the calls and yourself the hassle of getting them by turning in your card.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers who made our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful and meaningful! Your time and talents are a blessing to our parish and greatly appreciated!
Jennifer Hartmann, Director of Liturgy & Music

Attention all Liturgical Ministers (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, Gift Bearers, Sacristans, Book Bearers, Ushers, Cantors, SFCS Certificate Sellers, Coffee & Roll Servers, Bakers, Nursery Volunteers & Collection Counters): Time-off requests are needed for the next schedule covering May 1-July 25, 2010. Please submit your requests IN WRITING or BY E-MAIL by **Monday, April 12** to Jennifer Hartmann, Director of Liturgy and Music/Volunteer Coordinator: 275-6870, ext. 203 or jennifer.stkatharinedrexel@midconetwork.com.

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