



St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Come grow with us!

April 25, 2010
4th Sunday of
Easter

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

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

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".*

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL
BEACON OF HOPE!

St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls is currently undergoing a massive renovation/beautification process. This project began several years ago when Bishop Carlson ordered the improvement of the foundation and water drainage around the structure. He also moved the chapel upstairs into the old sacristy and turned the basement into the Cathedral Parish Hall. Bishop Swain has taken it upon himself to continue these improvements by moving the project into its final phase of renovation. This includes repainting the plaster relief sculptures, marbleizing the pillars, and updating the wiring and the air handling system.



What is so important about the Cathedral? When our Christian faith was just beginning, each area only had one church where the bishop of that area resided and celebrated the sacraments. As the faith grew, other churches were built under the governance of the bishop so the faithful could more easily attend Mass and have access to a priest and the sacraments. The original church, the cathedral, continued to be the main church of each area, sometimes referred to as the "mother church".

In the Sioux Falls Diocese, which encompasses all of east-river South Dakota, that mother church is St. Joseph's. Although there is a parish that is served by the Cathedral, the church itself is the focal point for all in our diocese. Indeed, St. Joseph Cathedral is the true home of all Catholics in eastern South Dakota.

Next weekend (May 1st & 2nd) you will be asked to consider giving a donation to the Cathedral restoration project. At St. Katharine Drexel Parish, it may seem like we're constantly asking you to give. We have our own building project going on, our own day-to-day expenses to cover and we just asked you for CFSA gifts. We thought about skipping participation in the appeal but then reconsidered. St. Joseph Cathedral is the "Beacon of Hope" for St. Katharine Drexel parishioners too, and you should have the opportunity to participate if you are able. Remember, the Cathedral is your church, too. Please consider a gift to this worthy project.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW, FR. JOE?

World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Currently, our diocese is going through a planning process that will likely result in the closing of some parishes and the realignment of many others. This type of planning is happening in nearly every diocese in the nation and has come about because of population shifts from rural areas to cities and there are simply not enough priests to go around. In 1965, there were 196 priests in the Sioux Falls Diocese. Today, 45 years later, there are 89 priests and that number is projected to drop. By 2012, there will be 71 priests and by 2016 it is projected that there will be just 55! What are we going to do?!



For now, we pray. Each and everyone of us needs to pray *intentionally* for vocations to the priesthood. All of us have been given a vocation by God, a way of life that best suits our personality, gifts and calling. Most are called to marriage, some are called to religious life (sisters, brothers, monks) and some are called to the priesthood. In this day and age, it can be difficult for our young people to hear the "still, small voice of God" in their lives because we live in such a noisy and self-centered culture. That's why we must pray and assist our children in listening to God's calling.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." Do you know Jesus' voice? Have you heard His call and promptings in your life? Recognizing Jesus' voice is no different than recognizing the voice of a friend or family member. You know them because you have a relationship with them. You know their voice because you hear it frequently. It's no different with Jesus. If we want to hear Him, we must know Him. If we want to know Him, we **MUST** pray. In your prayer, very simply ask Jesus "What do you want me to do with my life?" and then listen to Him.

Imagine a church without any priests. To me, this is a scary proposition, but it could happen if we continue on the path we are on. Our Church is not looking for young men who feel forced or coerced into the priesthood. Our Church needs men who come seeking ordination because they believe in their hearts that God wants that for them. God always calls enough men for the priesthood, so the problem lies not in the callings, but in the responses. **PRAY** for authentic and honest discernment among all of our young people.

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



We plan on offering a summer-time RCIA program in collaboration with St. Michael Parish. Please call Fr. Joe or Deacon John for more information.

The Bread of Life Prayer Group invites you to praise and worship in the Spirit of Pentecost on Monday, May 3rd. A talk on intercessory prayer will follow. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Call Julie Cady at 605-521-5782 for more info.

The Parish Activities Committee will be hosting a **garage sale** in June and they are looking for volunteers to help organize this event. If you are interested, please join them at their next meeting **Mon., May 3rd at 7:30 p.m.** in the conference room or email Abby or Nicole at skdactivities@gmail.com for more info.

HELP WANTED

We need someone to till up the dirt in our community garden area. Do you have manure or compost to donate? Please call the Parish Office if you can help with either.

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, April 27th, 6:30 p.m. Jean Saboe
Wednesday, April 28th, 8:00 a.m. Joyce Larsen (d)
Thursday, April 29th, 8:00 a.m. Don & Mary Schroeder
Friday, April 30th, 8:00 a.m. Ester DeWaters
Saturday, May 1st, 9:00 a.m. Fr. Thomas Anderson
Saturday, May 1st, 5:00 p.m. Roy Gaikowski (d)
Sunday, May 2nd, 8:30 a.m. Don & Mary Schroeder
10:30 a.m. For the people of the parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

How to reach us:

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

Needed each week:	\$ 11,025.00
April 18th Collection:	\$ 12,625.03
Surplus / (Shortfall):	\$ 1,600.03

CDA Ct. Theresa #2510, Sioux Falls, invites you to their annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 8th, St. Michael Gymnasium - 11:30 am - Menu; lasagna, salad, breadstick & Italian ice cream. Tickets available at St. Michael and St. Katharine Drexel Parish Offices and at the door the day of the luncheon. Cost: Adults-\$7; Children 4-12-\$3; 3 & under-Free. Theme: "Accessorize Yourself"

Pray for vocations!

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Food Pantry: **Items needed:** Kids' breakfast cereals, granola bars, non-refrigerated juice, jelly, boxed mac & cheese, and canned Spaghettios & ravioli. **Thank you!**

St. Katharine Drexel Parish is partnering with six other Sioux Falls Catholic parishes and nine local Christian churches to help build a Habitat for Humanity house for an Ethiopian refugee family with 7 children. Our parish is looking for 10 volunteers (ages 18 or older, previous construction experience is **not** required). Each volunteer is asked to sign up for one 3-hour shift. Our parish's scheduled volunteer dates and shift times are as follows:

Wed., May 19th: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sat, May 22nd: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m.

We are also scheduled to help on Aug. 25th and 28th. Sign-up sheets and more information are in the Gathering Space.

Clean and Green Sign Up

We need assistance with our grounds maintenance. Please sign up on the table in the Gathering Space for mowing, watering trees, pulling weeds, spraying and trimming. The mowing will be done on Thursdays at 6 p.m. If that time doesn't work with your schedule, other options are available.

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.

- Heavy duty gas trimmer \$250
- Air compressor (10 gal. or larger) \$250
- Push mowers
- Gas-powered pressure washer \$300
- Vice \$80
- Grinder \$100
- Tool Chest \$100

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

Sunday, April 25th

Senior High Youth Group at Gallagher's

Wednesday, May 5th 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Year-End Party - Meet Me at the Pit

We will roast hotdogs and marshmallows, play yard games and just hang out. The Pit will be set up just south of the school playground.

Youth Trip:

Steubenville North in St. Paul, MN

Fri., July 30th - Sun., Aug. 1st

Only two spots left - sign up now!

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.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:

YOUTH RETREATS:

Search: June 4-6th in Sioux Falls

Sr. High D-Camp: July 11-14

Jr. High D-Camp: July 15-18



Game Night is back! Friday, April 30th from 7-9 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Join us for card & board games, snacks, fellowship & fun!

This weekend, envelopes will be available to make special donations to the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. 45% of the dioceses in the U.S. have areas where parishes cannot be sustained, so home missions become the way the Faith is taught and passed on. Please consider a donation to this worthy cause. For more info: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

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. Your last chance for a guided tour this month is April 25th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. You will be greeted at the Duluth Ave. lower level entrance.

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.



St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Please join us for school Mass on Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, April 28th is Specialty Day

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, April 25th: RE classes grades 1-6

Wed., Apr. 28th: RE classes grades 1-10

Totus Tuus registration forms are on the table in the Gathering Space. Registration is \$30. Jr. High & Sr. High meet Sunday, June 21st-Thursdays, June 25th from 7-9 p.m. Grades 1-6 meet Monday, June 22nd-Friday, June 26th from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

ATTENTION CURRENT FIRST GRADE FAMILIES:

There will be a First Reconciliation and Communion meeting on Wed., May 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

Confirmation Retreat at BroomTree on Sept. 11th.

Registration forms on the table in the Gathering Space.

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 13th. No pre-registration is needed.

+Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Color Dreamcoat presented by O'Gorman High School on April 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.

+Going Home to the Father: A talk on end of life issues with Travis & Kelly Benson is on Tues., May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Holy Spirit Parish.

+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. - 1:00 p.m. The next one will be May 12th.

+Grieving the Loss from Suicide: Held every Tuesday, April 27th-June 1st from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. The program is non-denominational and a free will offering will be taken. This program is for families who have lost a loved one from suicide. Call 988-3775 or email hkarrow@sfcatholic.org to register.

+19th Annual O'Gorman Golf Classic on Fri., May 14th at Willow Run Golf Course. Call Pam at 336-6354 for registration information.

+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 p.m. on Saturday, May 22nd. Call 988-3775 for more information.

+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 June 17th and July 21st at 7 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish Fireside Room.

+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.

+St. Therese Parish in Sioux Falls is seeking an individual with a combination of exceptional communication and Excel spreadsheet skills interested in a short term, highly flexible assignment. The **Capital Campaign Project Manager** position will provide oversight and process management for the St. Therese Parish debt reduction campaign scheduled to begin later this summer. Interested persons for this paid position may contact Kim Perry directly at 376-4954.

Pray for vocations!

May 1 & 2 Liturgical Ministers

5p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Marlene Sebastian

Lector 2: Mike Sebastian

Altar Servers: Marie & Patrick Today

Book Bearer: John Garcia

EOM's: R Dunn, M Kellen,
J Mitchell, S, A & A Rieger,
L Robison

Greeters: Buehners & Bureshes

Gift Bearers: Steve & Alice Kary

Ushers: Allan Beyer,
Gloria Paulin,
Jim Simunek,
Doug Today

Sacristan: Mary Pruss

SFCS Cert.: Donna Cranmer

Rosary: Nancy Thompson

Wknd Mass Reception: K Thompson

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Jessie DeGiorgio

Lector 2: Joe French

Altar Servers: T DeYoung,
A Lipetzky

Book Bearer: Zach Bauman

EOM's: K Anderson, J Cannon,
C Godshall

Greeters: DeYoungs & Lipetzky

Gift Bearers: David & Tonia Honner

Ushers: D & K Dobberpuhl,
G & R Lipetzky

Sacristan: Marcia Dobberpuhl

SFCS Cert.: Joni Blauwet

Rosary: Jim & Donna Cannon

Coffee & Rolls: Linneman/Schulte

Bakers: M Engel, A Peters, K Peters,
C Rowe

Nursery: Peg Bennett, K & D Stork

Wknd Mass Reception: S Steffes

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Rob McCoy

Lector 2: Lori Gerads

Altar Servers: M Gerads, L Bechtel

Book Bearer: Bri Gerads

EOM's: C Buthe, C Dendinger,
K Dumdie, J Earll, C Stalley,
J & W Herrmann

Greeters: Boumas & Robbins

Gift Bearers: Dave & Leah Bechtel

Ushers: D & E Bechtel, D Haga,
J Robbins

Sacristan: Tanya Polkinghorn

SFCS Cert.: Joni Brennan

Coffee/Rolls: D & B Adamson

Bakers: R Robbins, C Robinson,
A Williams, J Schwebach, A Haga

Nursery: I Garcia, A Brazil

CLOW: Renae/Barbara

Next week's readings: April 26-May 2

Monday: Acts 11:1-18, John 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, John 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a, John 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33, John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, John 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27,

Revelation 21:1-5a,

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Attention Liturgical Ministers:

Please check your e-mail! The new ministry schedules and calling lists for May 1-July 25, 2010 have been sent to you via e-mail (if you have it.) If you have any problems opening the attachments or other concerns, please contact Jennifer at the Parish Office. If you do not have e-mail, the schedules have been sent to you via USPS. The ministry schedules will continue to be available on the St.

Katharine Drexel Parish website:

www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org.

Thank you!

1st Ever Perennial Sale & Fundraiser!



On May 8th & 9th we will be hosting a fundraiser for our stained glass windows and you can help. If you have perennials that can be divided and you would be willing to donate them, please call the Parish Office.

On the weekend of May 8th & 9th we will have those items available for sale