



St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Come grow with us!

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

**August 22,
 2010
 21st Sunday in
 Ordinary Time**

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".*

Deacon's Digest

The Narrow Gate

This past weekend, Mary and I spent some time in Redwing, MN. We don't have relatives there and didn't go there for any particular reason. We went to Redwing because when we want to relax for a few days, we go to a place where there isn't a whole lot to do. We spent most of our time reading books and relaxing by the Mississippi River.

One of the most interesting things for me was to watch the barge pilots steer their cargo down the river. The biggest load I saw contained sixteen barges. Each barge is 52.5 feet long and 35 feet wide and can carry 2,000 tons of cargo. They are positioned four wide and four long ahead of the barge pilot. In the Redwing area, there is a bridge that the barges have to go under. The bridge supports in the water are just 145 feet apart. The barges that the pilot steers are a total of 140 feet wide, so he has just two and a half feet on each side of the load as he goes under the bridge. It takes a very skilled pilot to navigate the narrow opening amid the wind and the river currents.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people following Him to "strive to enter through the narrow gate". Just as the barge boats have to carefully push their loads through narrow openings and around sharp curves, we need to be cautious of the paths we take in life. Our culture may want us to go in a direction that leads us away from our eternal destiny. We may be tempted to take what looks like a wider and easier path through life, but Jesus instructions are quite clear. If we stray away from the narrow gate, we will NOT make it to heaven.

You and I are called by Jesus to stay close to Him. We do this through a life of prayer, study and service. If we are faithful, Jesus will be sure to help us steer around the hairpin turns and through the narrow gates. Check yourself today. Where are you headed? Are you allowing Jesus to steer your life? If not, make a commitment TODAY to study Jesus' life more carefully, to serve Him through His people, and to pray that He might point you straight to heaven.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW, FR. JOE?

In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking of the Kingdom of God. He speaks of how wonderful the Kingdom will be and someone from the crowd asks him "Lord, will only a few be saved?" That is the question that we should continually ask ourselves and the Lord: "What must I do to be saved and enter the Kingdom of God?"

Here are some very practical guidelines that may help all of us on our journey to heaven..

- 1) *It isn't "first come, first served."* Even if we have been in line forever, people from the end of the line may be allowed in ahead of us.
- 2) *It doesn't matter who you know.* Just hanging around Jesus doesn't cut it. Our sense of privilege, whether inherited, earned or invented is pretty much worthless.
- 3) *People you never thought had a shot at this will be sitting in the good seats* and there may be a whole lot more of them than we ever thought.
- 4) *It is a mistake to just sit back and assume that you are in.* According to Jesus it takes hard work. The word "strive" means to pull out all the stops and do everything you can to get there.
- 5) *The best chance of success is to be humble and to serve others.* What really counts is how you treat people.

(Taken from Living with Christ, vol. 11, no. 8, August 2010, p. 113.)

ON RETREAT

I will be on an 8-day silent retreat in Omaha from this Thursday, August 28th through Sept. 3rd. All priests are expected to make one retreat each year very simply because we can't give what we don't have. My prayer for the retreat is that I become more aware of God's incredible love for me at all times. Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you.

Mother Mary, Protect Us.....

Mother Mary, be our protector against the lies of the evil one and bring our needs to your Son who alone can make all things new. Amen

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfd.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our next meeting of the summer RCIA program will be Wednesday, August 25th at St. Michael Parish at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Right to Life and a Consistent Ethic of Life and the Dignity of the Human Person". We meet in the Multipurpose Room. Please join us whenever a topic interests you.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you want to expand and grow your own knowledge of Catholicism? Good news! Our fall RCIA program will begin on Thursday, Sept. 16th. RCIA is for any person who wishes to join the Catholic Church, for adult Catholics who were never confirmed, or for anyone who wants to know more about the Church. Call the Parish Office with questions: 275-6870.

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, August 24th, 6:30 p.m. Merle Falor (d)
Wednesday, August 25th, 8:00 a.m. Julius Snyder
Thursday, August 26th, 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
Friday, August 27th, 8:00 a.m. Clifford Mumm
Saturday, August 28th, 5:00 p.m. Troy Dubbelde (d)
Sunday, August 29th, 8:30 a.m. For the people of the parish
10:30 a.m. Rita Allevan (d)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Baptism Preparation

Second Thursday of each month
at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

Needed each week: \$ 12,025.00
August 15th Collection: \$ 9,827.16
Surplus / (Shortfall): \$ (2,197.84)

Continuing the Journey Campaign**:

Total Pledged: \$1,594,304 (517 families)
Total Paid: \$ 287,624

July 2010 Parish Operations Report

	Actual	Budget
Income:	47,964	51,567
Expenses:		
Payroll	14,817	15,875
Administration	8,756	7,466
Facilities	7,962	6,585
Rel. Ed.	0	950
Youth Min.	54	467
SFCS Subsidy	24,005	24,005
Total Expenses:	55,594	55,348
Surplus / (Shortfall)	(7,630)	(3,781)

There are 754 families currently registered at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Each week we will update you on the Weekly Support. Each month we will give a report on the Building Fund status as well as a summary of income and expenses for the prior month.

****Our "Continuing the Journey" Campaign is an ongoing effort to raise funds for additional classrooms for our school as well as a gym/parish center. If you have not pledged, please fill out a card today and return it to the Parish Office.**

Our 2010-11 budget and the 2009-10 financial statements are available by request at the Parish Office.

BREAKFAST AT THE BANQUET!

St. Katharine Drexel Parish is serving breakfast at The Banquet once again on **Wednesday, September 8th**. We need 5 volunteers to come at 5:30 a.m. to cook and another 15 to come at 6:30 a.m. to help serve. Please consider assisting in this important ministry. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.



Come and pray the Rosary with us each Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. on the site of our new addition. We pray for the safety of the workers and in gratitude to all who have contributed in so many ways toward the success of our project.

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

Divine Collision Block Party: Sunday, September 19th at McKennan Park. Join us for Mass at 5 p.m. and an evening of fun and entertainment

Confirmation Students: If you haven't yet completed your required retreat, there are only a few opportunities left. Register for a Search weekend TODAY! Registration forms are in the church entrance.

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

UPCOMING DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS: YOUTH RETREATS:

Junior High Youth Rally: October 10th

Senior High Youth Rally: November 7th

SEARCH—Aberdeen: Oct 29-31st; Jan 7-9th, 2011;

April 1-3rd, 2011 www.search4christianmaturity.com

SEARCH—Sioux Falls: Nov 12-14th; Feb 11-13th, 2011



Co-Ed Volleyball sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space. Come, have some fun and get a little exercise with other St. Michael and St.

Katharine Drexel Parishioners. Play will begin at St. Michael Parish Gym on Thursday, Sept. 16th!

Can you help us buy a load of sand?

We are in the process of building a regulation-sized volleyball court on the southern part of our parish campus. It will be used by the youth and adults of our parish. We've got the nets and poles and the land is leveled. The sand to cover the court, though, costs around \$2,500, which is not in our budget. Donations in any amount are welcome. Simply drop an enveloped marked "volleyball court sand" in the collection at Mass or stop by the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

Start! Heart Walk will be held on Sat., August 28th at Falls Park. Funds raised benefit the American Heart Association. If you would like to participate in the walk or want to join an existing team today, call heart surgery survivor and Community Team Leader Jeremy Aylward at (605) 870-7629 for details and check out his story at www.heartwalk.kintera.org/siouxfallssd/jeremyaylward

On Saturday, September 4th Bishop Swain will be celebrating an **all-city Mass** at Howard Wood Stadium at 4 p.m. before the Bob Burns Dakota Bowl. Collections for the parishes will be taken, and any other donations will support the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.



St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Monday, August 23rd – first full day of school 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Please come join us for School Mass on Wednesdays at 8:00

a.m. Questions? Call the School Office at 275-6994 or e-mail Elaine at ehearst@sfcsc.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms for the school year 2010-2011

are available in the wall file tray next to the youth bulletin board. Registrations do not carry from one year to the next. Please fill out and return the form to the office. Cost is \$30 per student with a \$5 late fee after **Monday, August 23rd**. Classes start at the beginning of September.

A Religious Ed. Teachers' meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 25th at 7 p.m. in Gathering Space.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION students, parents and sponsors: There will be a meeting on Wed., Sept. 1st at 6:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Safe Environment training will be available for all parents at the meeting on Sept. 1st.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+Broom Tree Silent Retreat Schedule: Women's-Sept. 16-19th, Oct. 21-24th, and Nov. 4-7th. Men's-Sept. 23-26th;

+Healing from Sexual Abuse Program: 8 Wednesdays, Sept. 1st - Oct. 20th, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 523 N. Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls. Questions, call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email hkar-row@sfcatholic.org.

+It's time for the Annual Dakota Bowl Cheerleading Extravaganza on Sat., Sept. 4th!! Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space and are due by Tue., Aug. 24th. Hope to see you all there and GO KNIGHTS!!

+Attention boys grades K-6! Here's your chance to be a part of the Bob Burns Dakota Bowl! This year's O'Gorman Knights football team, coaching staff and Dakota Bowl Committee is hosting a football camp! Call 336-6354 or go to www.sfcss.org for more information.

+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 September 8th.

+Spiritual Warfare conference by Fr. John Corapi: Sat., Sept. 11th at the Qwest Center in Omaha, NE. Joining him will be Archbishop George Lucas & MC Jerry Usher. This event is sponsored by St. Peter Parish. Get details and tickets at www.fathercorapiomaha.com or 1-800-745-3000.

+Senior Day at St. Michael Parish coming this fall: A day for you, the more experienced in life, filled with speakers, food and fun. The Social Ministries Committee is planning this event on Sat., Sept. 11th. Mark your calendars now for this day, featuring our keynote speaker, V.J. Smith, author of "Marty, the Richest Man in Town." Brochures will be available as the date gets nearer. Questions? Contact Sylvia 361-1600 or sylvia@stmichaelsfsd.org

+Have you experienced a life changing event recently (ie. empty nester, career change, birth of a child)? Let us help make the transition less stressful on your marriage! Plan to attend one of two Marriage Encounter Weekends scheduled for **Sept. 10-12th** at Broom Tree Retreat Center in Irene, SD or **Oct. 8-10th** at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. *A Weekend of discovery...A lifetime of love!*

+DWS Support Group for divorced, widowed and separated will begin a 10-week program on Monday, September 13th at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral School (south entrance). This program is open to persons of all faith traditions. Call 988-3775 for registration information.

+Grieving the Loss of a Loved One: Non-denominational retreat for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. Fri., Sept. 17th at 7:30 p.m. through Sun., Sept. 19th at 1 p.m. at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register or email mmoran@sfcatholic.org. Cost: \$165/ person or \$250/ couple which includes room, meals, materials and retreat directors. Registrations limited.

+Catholic Scripture Studies will begin again Mon., September 20th at Christ the King Parish Community Center at 7 p.m. The studies run through May. Fr Patrick Winslow presents St. John's Gospel with a special emphasis on the Eucharist. Call Nina Kappes 339-1082 to order your book. Cost is \$45.00.

August 28-29 Liturgical Ministers

5p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Renae Lamberty
Lector 2: Rick Lingberg

Altar Servers: Lynnzee Brady,
TJ Scheafer

Book Bearer: **HELP!**

EOM's: C Kelly, K & V Kirby,
S Lammers, S, A & A Rieger

Greeters: Rokuseks & Sayasavanhs

Gift Bearers: Kellys

Ushers: Henry & Luke Evans,
Brent & Ed Kelly

Sacristan: Mike Rierson

SFCS Cert.: Sheila Kelly

Rosary: Terri VanDenover

Wknd Mass Reception: C Dougherty

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Rachael Ruba
Lector 2: Rich Hallstrom

Altar Servers: B & M Lauret
Book Bearer: Alex Linneman

EOM's: J Godshall, C & R Lauret

Greeters: Donohoes & Kerkvliets

Gift Bearers: Britt & Twila Roman

Ushers: G & B Krump, B Roman,
J Sorenson

Sacristan: Kristi Wittrock

SFCS Cert.: Curt Lauret

Rosary: Laurie Krump

Coffee & Rolls: Siemonsma/Stiefel
Bakers: T Sorenson, B Stiefel,
J Stork, N Thompson

Nursery: A Woolridge, H Elsinger

Wknd Mass Reception: D Hertz

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Terri Dix
Lector 2: Mike Bruske

Altar Servers: T Baker, Q Evers
Book Bearer: **HELP!**

EOM's: P Andersen, C Brennan,
C Buthe, T Dix, D Dubbelde,
A Hoekstra, M Nielson

Greeters: Mieras & Wests

Gift Bearers: Mike & Tobi Baker

Ushers: D & E Bechtel, J Hoekstra
B Nielson

Sacristan: Pat Andersen

SFCS Cert.: Michelle Shields

Coffee/Rolls: D & K Mikuska

Bakers: A West, LS Bouma,
J Brennan, C Byrd, S Clarey

Nursery: C Berg, K Schroeder

CLOW: Renae/Savannah G.

Next week's readings: August 23-29

Monday: 2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12, Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: Revelation 21:9b-14, John 1:45-51

Wed: 2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18, Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25, Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29,

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a,

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build

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's scheduled volunteer dates and shift times are as follows:

Wed., Aug. 25th: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sat, Aug. 28th: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m.

We are still looking for a volunteer for the Saturday noon-3 p.m. shift. Sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space.

That Man is You!

MEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

St. Katharine Drexel Parish is the host parish for the Diocese for a new men's program. The program "That Man is You" will be starting Tuesday, Sept. 14th from 7-9 p.m. Registration starts Saturday, Aug 21st. If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.