

St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Come grow with us!

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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".*

Deacon's Digest **Christmastime Memories**

My favorite Christmas memory from my childhood is (ironically) the year we didn't get any special presents. I was about 11 years old and, as I look back, I realize money must have been tight. As Christmas Day approached, the stack of presents under of the tree became huge. But as we unwrapped all the gifts, it was obvious that we were not going to get any of the neat and expensive toys we had asked for. Instead, we got underwear, socks and clothes for school. When the gift opening was finished, I remember being surprised by my reaction. I wasn't disappointed or angry but grateful. I realized that my parents had probably sacrificed plenty to get us the necessities they did and I was just glad that we were able to open some presents. Instead of running off to play with our stuff, we all sat around the dining room table, talking and playing cards. I remember that day with great fondness.

In today's Gospel, we read about the visitation of the shepherds. As they tell of the message the angels gave them, it says that "all who heard it were amazed." Then it goes on to say that Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." I would imagine that, as time went on, she looked back on that first Christmas in the stable with the shepherds, the farm animals and her husband and child as one of the best times of her life. It may not have been the way she planned things, it may not have been her idea of a good place to give birth, but in the totality of the experience, she found God's peace and blessing.

So what about you? What is your favorite Christmas memory - that time when you "kept all these things, reflecting on them in your heart"? In this Christmastime, you can count on the fact that God is trying once again to connect with you through the experiences of the season. Take some time and ponder where God has been near to you lately, giving you His peace and blessing.

January 1, 2012 Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God



WHAT DO YOU KNOW, FR JOE? **New Year's Resolutions**

Here we go again—time to look at the year behind and evaluate and to the year ahead and plan. What did you do in 2011 that worked well? What brought you closer to God and others? What didn't work out so well? What did you do that improved your health, your mind, and your relationships? What could you have done better?

In the answers to those simple questions, I think you'll find some resolutions to carry forward into 2012. My recommendation for you is to just pick two or three things you know you need to do and commit to making a steady improvement throughout the year. If you need to make some changes in your health, now is the time. Don't put it off! If you need to figure out a way to pray more, get it on your daily calendar now so you can't avoid it. Who do you need a better relationship with—a brother or sister, mother or father, spouse, old friend or coworker? Don't let another day go by without making a plan for improving that situation.

Think ahead to December 31, 2012. Do you want to look over the year and see that nothing has changed? Of course not. Improvement will happen only if you are intentional about it. My prayer for you is that God's grace will strengthen and guide you so you can become "the best version of yourself."

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to all those who made our Christmas Masses so wonderful. The church was decorated so beautifully for the Christmas season. Thanks to all those who donated money to buy the flowers used in our church. Special thanks to all the musicians who do so much to enhance our liturgies. Most people are unaware of how many practices our musicians attend to get ready for the times they sing. Once again the reenactment of the Nativity story was done so well at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Thanks to those who organized the practices and all the parents who brought your children to practice. I always find it inspiring to see so many of our young people participate in this. I doubt they will ever read and pray the Christmas story the same.

I am so grateful to be pastor of such a giving parish. It was unbelievable how many items were donated to our Advent Giving Tree. Many people also responded to our Food Pantry needs and to our Winter Coat Drive. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to help others.

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org

Please join us for our RCIA classes anytime you wish. 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. We will not meet on December 29th. Our next class will be Jan. 5th at 7 p.m. in our Chapel. Questions? Please call the Parish Office: 275-6870.



St. Katharine Drexel School News:

We will be on Christmas break until January 5th. We wish everyone a blessed New Year. The Open House for new/prospective students for Preschool-Grade 5 will be on Tuesday, January 11th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Questions? Call the School Office at 275-6994 or e-mail Mary at mhaiar@sfcss.org

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

- Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 6:30 p.m. Kim Brenden (d)
- Wednesday, Jan 4th, 8:00 a.m. Eileen & Harry Huffman
- Thursday, Jan. 5th, 8:00 a.m. Jeff Haeder (d)
- Friday, Jan. 6th, 8:00 a.m. Don Kardell (d)
- Saturday, Jan. 7th, 9:00 a.m. Jeff Haeder (d)
- Saturday, Jan. 7th, 5:00 p.m. Nick & Alma Bruck (d)
- Sunday, Jan. 8th, 8:30 a.m. John Schaefer
- Sunday, Jan. 8th, 10:30 a.m. For the people of the parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Tuesday—5:45 p.m.
- Thursday—7:00 a.m.
- Thursday—12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday—3:45-4:45 p.m.
- or anytime by appointment

Baptism Preparation: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room

How to reach us: phone: 275-6870 fax: 275-6998

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

Needed each week:	\$ 12,500
Dec. 25th collection:	\$ 14,856
Surplus /(Shortfall):	\$ 2,356



The Annual Marquette Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be held Saturday, January 14th at O’Gorman Junior High Gym. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with the contest starting at 10:30 a.m. The contest is open to all boys and girls in our community who are 10-14 years of age. Eligibility is determined by the age of the participant as of January 1, 2012.

MASS INTENTIONS

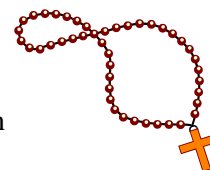
Do you know of someone (living or deceased) who could use the grace of having a Mass said for their benefit? Stop by the Parish Office to get their name on the Mass calendar. The usual donation is \$10 per Mass.

**CATHOLICISM:
A JOURNEY TO THE
HEART OF THE FAITH**

This 10-week program will begin on Sunday, January 22nd at St. Michael Parish at 7:15 p.m. If you have ever wanted to know more about the basics of your Catholic faith this program is just what you need. Cost is \$20. Please call the St. Michael Parish Office to register (361-1600). Registration is required.



Looking for something rewarding to do with a Saturday morning? Join in making rosaries on Saturday, January 14th at 9 a.m. All ages are welcome. Come when you can and leave when you need to.



MOTHERS IN LOVE + FATHERS IN LOVE = FAMILIES IN LOVE! How about giving your family the best gift of all...a fun and loving relationship. We are now taking reservations for couples and religious to attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend scheduled for **February 10-12th** at BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. Space is limited so contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or visit www.WWME.org.

**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 A Activities

Sunday, January 1st: No Youth Activities. Happy New Year!

Mt. Kato Ski Trip: Open to grades 6-12. Friday, February 17th. Cost is \$59 and includes light breakfast, ski/board rental, lessons and lift ticket. (\$49 if you bring your own skis or snowboard.) Registration deadline is Sunday, February 5th. Space is limited so register today. Forms can be found online at <http://www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org/Youth.html>

SEARCH: January 13-15 in Aberdeen, February 10-12 in Sioux Falls, March 23-25 in Aberdeen, June 1-3 in Sioux Falls. Register a month in advance and receive an Early Bird discount!

D-Camp: High School Camps—July 9-12 & July 16-19. Junior High Camp—July 23-26. Cost is \$300. St. Katharine Drexel will pay \$100 for students who complete 10 hours of fundraising for youth activities.

Steubenville North: July 27-29. Mark your calendars now! More details to come.

Confirmation: Please pray for our students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun., Jan. 1st: NO Class—Happy New Year!

Wed., Jan. 4th: Class for 1-6 & 7-9

Wed., Jan. 4th: Confirmation Class at 6:45 p.m.

Any volunteers who work with children/vulnerable adults must complete Safe Environment Training. Please contact Gae for more info.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+Sioux Falls - DWS Support Group for divorced, widowed and separated. Open to people of all faiths. Ten-week program led by volunteers. Registration **Monday, January 9th at 7 p.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral School (south entrance). Cost is \$55 for book and materials. Questions? Please call 605-988-3775, or e-mail hkarrow@sfcatholic.org. No pre-registration needed.

+Broom Tree Upcoming Silent Retreats: For Men—Feb. 16-19, Mar. 15-18, July 19-22, Sept. 20-23; For Women—Feb. 2-5, Mar. 1-4, May 17-20, June 7-10, Aug. 16-19, Sept. 6-9, Oct. 18-21, Nov. 1-4

+Grieving the Loss of a Sibling: Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. January 19-February 14 at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. This group is non-denominational. Cost-Donation. This program is for adults who are grieving the loss of a brother or sister. There are special characteristics unique to the sibling bond. The program will explore the importance of the loss and coping skills for adjusting to the change.

+Servants of the Heart of the Father are sponsoring a deliverance conference *Devoted: God and His People to Deliverance!* On Saturday, January 21st & Sunday, January 22nd, at Wunderlich's Banquet Rooms in Columbus, NE. For info or to register, call 402-246-9219 or www.sothof.org.

+Engaged Encounter Weekends: Feb. 18-19, March 17-18, April 14-15, May 19-20, June 9-10; Couples preparing for marriage should contact Bart & Barb Workman. Registration forms must be mailed to: Engaged Encounter, PO Box 85414, Sioux Falls, SD 57118-5414. Email questions to: eesdworkman@aol.com.

+Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Call or email Fr. Paul Rutten, Director of Vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls, for more information 988-3772 or frpaul@sfcatholic.org.

+Pregnant? Alone? Afraid? Call Catholic Family Services 988-3775 in Sioux Falls or 1-800-700-7867 outside of Sioux Falls or the Alpha Center at 361-3500.

+Natural Family Planning (NFP) Information: For an introduction to the great blessings of NFP, please contact Barb Giles, RN at Avera McKennan Hospital: 322-4434 or call the Diocesan Marriage, Family and Respect Life Office at 988-3748.

+Adoption? Catholic Family Services will be holding an informational meeting about the process of adopting a child. For more information and date please e-mail Christy VanderWoude, MSW cvanderwoude@sfcatholic.org or call our main office 800-700-7867.

+Grief Counseling Catholic Family Services is offering grief counseling for individuals, couples and families at a flat rate to help you through this difficult time. For office locations or to set up a time please give our main office a call 800-700-7867.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in front of Planned Parenthood every Friday at 3 p.m. Please join Fr. Joe and other St. Katharine Drexel parishioners as they come together at the hour of mercy to pray for mercy for the clinic employees and the mothers and fathers who have chosen abortion.

Also, please join us at the Planned Parenthood Clinic on the 1st, 10th, and 15th of each month at noon to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion. Prayer makes a difference!



Pray the Rosary for Vocations with Bishop Swain

We have CDs featuring Bishop Swain praying the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This is a great way to pray the Rosary with our Bishop at home, in the car, or even when working out. The CDs are available in the Gathering Space and are \$5 each.



Did you forget your contribution envelope at home? St. Katharine Drexel Parish offers Online Giving to keep up with your home parish contributions.

Visit our parish website to sign up for Online Giving and begin donating to our parish in this easy, automatic way. You can choose to do one-time, weekly, and monthly donations. For a list of FAQs or for more information, please go to the parish website at www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org

SIoux FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS POSITION OPENINGS:

Administrative Assistant: FT/Seasonal (11 months) (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) for O'Gorman Jr. High School.

Administrative Assistant/Office Manager: FT/Year Round (30-40 hours) flexible for Sioux Falls Catholic School Central Office.

Substitutes for clerical, custodial, food service, after school, and educational assistant positions.

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

Apply by phone to: Human Resources, SFCS (575-3350) or email shurley@sfcss.org.

January 7-8 Ministers

5 p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Susie Lammers
Lector 2: Teresa Skibinski

Altar Servers: Courtney Holt,
Jake Scheafer

Book Bearer: Whitney Ziebell

EOMs: T Deering, J Earll, S Holt,
M Phillips, M & S Rierson, L Robison

Greeters: Cotten, Robison, &
Sayasavanhs

Gift Bearers: Scott & Jamie Ziemer

Ushers: K Hanlon, R Schaefer,
T & TJ Scheafer

Sacristan: Mike Rierson

SFCS Cert.: Carol Deering

Rosary: Kathy Halma

Nursery: Lynn Brady, L Brady

Wknd Mass Reception: C Dougherty

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Teresa Frederick
Lector 2: Joe French

Altar Servers: B Krump, J Woolridge
Book Bearer: Logan Kobernusz

EOMs: J & D Elsinger, GB Shawd,
BMK Kobernusz

Greeters: Donohoes & Sabers

Gift Bearers: Bill & Barb Slater

Ushers: P Nikolas, D Srstka,
T & T Northrup

Sacristan: Mary Bills

SFCS Cert.: Sara Siemonsma

Rosary: Jim & Donna Cannon

Coffee/Rolls: John & Joni Brennan

Bakers: M Nielsen, M Nikolas,
M Northrup, D Obr

Nursery: Heidi Mitchell, A Behm

CLOW: Chris/Taryn

Wknd Mass Reception: K Peters

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Rob McCoy
Lector 2: Ruth Parkhurst

Altar Servers: A Byrd, D Parkhurst
Book Bearer: Nate Byrd

EOM: A Brazil, K Dumdie,
A Hoekstra, D Nekvinda, E Oines,
T Peichel, V Yttreness

Greeters: Kooimas & Lynchs

Gift Bearers: D & D Wolf

Ushers: Hoekstra Family

Sacristan: Diane Nekvinda

SFCS Cert.: Diane O'Connell

Coffee/Rolls: Sehr Family
Bakers: S Runge, K Schroeder,
K Sehr, C Snyder, L Squires

Nursery: Mary Runge, E Runge,
R Wilson

CLOW: Renae/Chris &
Mackenzie

Next week's readings: January 2-8

Monday: 1 John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 John 2:29-3:6, John 1:29-34
Wed: 1 John 3:7-10, John 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 John 3:11-21, John 1:43-51

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13, Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21, John 2:1-11
Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6,
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6,
Matthew 2:1-12

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

6 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, January 6th
St. Katharine Drexel Parish Chapel
Please sign up for an hour on the sheet in
the Gathering Space.



FIRST SATURDAY MASS SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH 9 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Please join us for this ancient Church
practice of honoring the First Saturday
with a Mass devoted to Mary.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who
made our Christmas liturgies so beautiful! To all of
our musicians, liturgical ministers, those who helped
with (and performed in) the Christmas play and those
who helped in any other way: **THANK YOU** for
sharing your time and talents! **THANK YOU** also to
our wonderful crew who helped decorate our
church—it looks fantastic! Thanks for your willing-
ness to help wherever needed ☺
Jennifer Hartmann, Director of Liturgy & Music

*The Parish Office will be closed
on Monday, January 2nd.*



♪ Well-Known Stranger, our parish youth band, is in need of singers, a
guitar player and a bass player. If you are in grades 10-12 and are
available on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m., please consider
joining this fun group. Questions? Please contact Jennifer at the Parish
Office.