



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



January 2, 2011
Solemnity of the
Epiphany
of the Lord

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

Grace as stewardship?

In today's second reading, St. Paul uses an unusual phrase to describe how he has been gifted to carry God's plan of salvation to the people. He says "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit..." For me, it is astounding to realize that Paul had the humility and inner awareness to attribute all he was doing to the gift of God's grace working through him.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines grace as "the free and undeserved gift that God gives us to respond to our vocation to become His adopted children". In Webster's Dictionary, grace is defined as "a virtue coming from God and unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their sanctification and regeneration". Think about that for a little while. Grace is FREE. Grace is undeserved (cannot be earned). God gives us grace with the "big picture" in mind - not just our own lives and problems, but so we can live out our vocations and become a gift to others.

This can be difficult to realize at times. It's easy for me to think that everything that I've done, everything I'm good at and everything I have is all of my own doing. With that attitude, it's easy to think that I can do whatever I want with my money, my stuff and my time. After all, it's mine, right?

One of my resolutions for the new year is to give God the credit. I suspect when I do that I will be more able to receive His graces as gifts and share them more freely. So, what about you? What graces has God gifted you with? For some it's a special talent, for others it's extra time and for still others it's financial resources. There is an old saying that goes something like this: "You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give." Challenge yourself throughout 2011 to recognize your blessings and then pray for the ability to give them away. Maybe by year's end we'll be able to look at the world and say along with St. Paul "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit..."

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Thanks to all of you for your service, your acts of kindness, the treats you brought into the Parish Office, the greetings you sent and said and the prayers you offered. Please know that we appreciate you. It truly is a blessing to serve you!

Please accept my personal thanks for the greetings, gift cards, Masses offered, and all the ways you expressed your kindness to me throughout Advent and Christmas. I am truly humbled by your generosity.

- Fr. Joe

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfd.org



Our fall RCIA program is in full swing. 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. Our next meeting is on January 6th at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space. The topic will be *"The Sacraments & The Sacrament of Baptism"* Questions? Please call the Parish Office: 275-6870



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!

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, January 4th, 6:30 p.m. Fr. David Janes
Wednesday, January 5th, 8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Kelley
Thursday, January 6th, 8:00 a.m. Fr. Albert Cizewski
Friday, January 7th, 4:00 p.m. George Lipetzky (d)
Saturday, January 8th, 5:00 p.m. People of the parish
Sunday, January 9th, 8:30 a.m. Richard Oliver
10:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

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 Office Conference Room

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

Needed each week:	\$ 12,025.00
December 26th Collection:	\$ 9,397.90
Surplus /(Shortfall):	\$(2,627.10)

Reminder:

If you want financial donations to be credited to your 2010 statement, please have them in the Parish Office by Monday, January 3rd.



Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, January 16th, the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of St. Michael and St. Katharine Drexel Parishes are hosting a pancake breakfast. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, and eggs with freewill offering proceeds that will go to the Food Pantry. Food will be served at St. Michael Parish Gym from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. At 2 p.m., the Knights will have their annual Free Throw Contest for kids ages 10-14 as of Jan. 1st. Warm-ups begin at 1:30 p.m.



TWO TUESDAYS TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIBLE

Have you ever wished you knew a little bit more about the Bible? This basic course in Scripture will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in the Gathering Space on **January 4th and 11th**. It will begin at 7 p.m., conclude by 8:30 p.m. and is presented by Deacon John Devlin. *There is no cost, but please call the Parish Office to register: 275-6870*



Come and pray the Rosary with us each Sunday 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.

COMING SOON: ONLINE GIVING

St. Katharine Drexel Parish is proud to present a new way for you to give to your parish. Coming in January, you will be able to sign up online to give your weekly or monthly donations to our parish. You will also be able to use debit or credit cards as payment types. There will be options to pay for building campaign, Mass stipends, Religious Ed. fees, debt reduction, tuition assistance and other special funds. More detailed information will follow in January.

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 Room/Youth Group Wish List— Visit our website for a complete listing.

Retreats: Fire and Ice — Ever feel like your relationship with God is cold as ICE? Join us as we learn more about the Holy Spirit and allow the FIRE of God's love to burn within your heart. The event is in Rapid City February 16 - 19th. Please sign up prior to Monday, January 31st using the form on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Register for D-Camp by February 1st on the Diocesan website and get a discount (www.sfcatholic.org) High School: July 10th-13th and July 14th-17th; Jr. High: July 18th-21st

SEARCH: Aberdeen: Jan 7-9, 2011; April 1-3, 2011; Sioux Falls: Feb 11-13, 2011 Register online at www.sfcatholic.org/youth

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun., Jan. 2nd: No class 1-6 RE

Wed., Jan. 5th: RE Classes 1-10

Confirmation Mass: Sun., Jan 23rd, 1 p.m.

1st Reconciliation is Thursday, Jan. 6th at 7 p.m. in the Nave. Please contact Gae French if you have questions. All adults working with children in Religious Education, CLOW and/or Nursery need to complete online safe environment training located at <http://www.sfcatholic.org/Safe Environment> Please give a copy of your training certificate to Gae French or email it to her.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+Sad Isn't Bad: A grief support group for children and adults who care for them who are learning that it's ok to be sad when someone close to us dies. Four Tuesdays: January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Please email cook@sio.midco.net or call 332-0094 to register.

+Adult Education: Tues., Jan. 4th at 7 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish. Nathan Knutson, Master of Ceremonies for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, will present on "The New Edition of the Roman Missal – Why Is It Important to Me or to the Church?" Get a preview of some of the changes we will see. Join us for refreshments & questions after the presentation.

+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 p.m. The next one will be January 12th.

+St. Michael Parish Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters will be Sunday, January 16th, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice will be served for a freewill offering.

+Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest will be held on January 16th at 2 p.m. Boys and girls from ages 10-14 (as of 1/1/11) are invited to participate. Warm-ups and registration begin at 1:30 p.m.

+Broom Tree Retreat Schedule for 2011: Women's Silent Retreats will be held Feb. 3-6, March 3-6, May 19-22, June 9-12, Aug. 18-21, Sept. 15-18, Oct. 20-23, & Nov. 3-6. Men's Silent Retreats will be held Feb. 17-20, March 17-20, July 14-20, & Sept. 22-25.

+St. Michael Cemetery Winter Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat-Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

+Husbands and Wives... Let a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend restore, renew & rekindle your marriage. Make a GREAT marriage one of your New Year's resolutions! Our next scheduled romantic **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is **February 11-13th** at Broom Tree Retreat Center in Irene, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Laurent at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. *A Weekend of Discovery... A lifetime of love!*

+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.

Tired of debt? The journey to financial peace begins soon...in a 13-week program taught by Dave Ramsey via video. Classes held Mondays 7-9 p.m. starting Jan. 11th at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. For more information on this life changing program contact Melanie Eitreim at 941-2805. Pre-registration required! Cost is \$100 for the kit. First night is FREE!!! First 10 kits purchased will also receive Dave's Total Money Makeover book!

SIoux FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR:

Stretch Teacher Assistant: PT/Seasonal (4:00p.m.-6:00p.m.) for St. Michael School.

Stretch Teacher Assistant: PT/Seasonal (4:00p.m.-6:00p.m.) for St. Katharine Drexel School.

SFCS is hiring substitutes during the school year to help as needed for food service, educational assistant and after school program.

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 have their first meeting of the year and they need your help with upcoming ideas for the year! This is a great way to meet new people while building fellowship. Please consider joining the meeting at 7:30 pm in the conference room on Monday, January 3rd.



St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Please note that school is out for Christmas break from December 23rd through January 4th.

Preschool and Kindergarten registration will begin Wednesday, January 26th. There will be an Open House for parents interested in preschool and kindergarten on Tuesday, January 11th. Preschool presentation will be at 6 p.m. and the Kindergarten presentation will be at 7 p.m.

School information will be available after all Masses the weekend of January 8-9.

Questions? Call the School Office at 275-6994 or e-mail Elaine at ehurst@sfcss.org

January 8-9 Liturgical Ministers

5p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Alex Shields
Lector 2: Michelle Shields

Altar Servers: Andrew Sammons,
 Isabelle Bauers

Book Bearer: Elliot Sammons

EOM's: J Cogley, K Haiar, S Scherer,
 G, R & R Lamberty, R Lingberg

Greeters: Bradys & Cogleys

Gift Bearers: Troy & Sara Holt

Ushers: Nancy Bohr,
 Mike & David Sebastian,
 Seth Trudeau

Sacristan: Marlene Sebastian

SFCS Cert.: Gary Lamberty

Rosary: Kathy Halma

Nursery: Vance & Sara Siemonsma

Wknd Mass Reception: J
 VanDenHemel

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Britt Roman
Lector 2: Twila Roman

Altar Servers: F Boehmer, A Lipetzky
Book Bearer: Donna Edwards

EOMs: C Behm, L Stark, B Slater,
 K Anderson, T Brandner, L Welch,
 T Northrup

Greeters: Konechnes & Lipetzky

Gift Bearers: Patrick & Seth Dangel

Ushers: MRM Edwards, P Nikolas

Sacristan: Barb Slater

SFCS Cert.: Denise Hertz

Rosary: Jessie DeGiorgio

Coffee/Rolls: Norm & Diane Obr
Bakers: M Nielsen, M Nikolas,
 M Northrup, K Oehlke

Nursery: M DeYoung, H Zeigler

Wknd Mass Reception: K Peters

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Katie Kerkvliet
Lector 2: Jamie Ziemer

Altar Servers: S & D Green
Book Bearer: Nate Lenz

EOMs: G Green, R Kerkvliet,
 M Runge, J & L Mimmack,
 J Robbins, Je Polkinghorn

Greeters: Lonnemans & Tureks

Gift Bearers: R & J McCoy

Ushers: J Slunicka, M Steffes,
 B Storley, S Ziemer

Sacristan: Sonja Olson

SFCS Cert.: Mary Runge

Coffee/Rolls: J Herbst/T Miller

Bakers: L Plathe, D Ptacek, J
 Schmidt, Schroeder, J Schwebach

Nursery: J Ptacek, A Brazil

CLOW: Jackie/Brianna

Next week's readings: January 3-9

Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10, Mark 6:34-44

Wed: 1 John 4:11-18, Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13, Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21, John 3:22-30

Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7,

Acts 10:34-38,

Matthew 3:13-17



**We welcome these new members of
 our faith, baptized in December**

Caiden Wyatt Hermanson, son of Jeremy & Sophia

Dylan Jeffrey Bohr, son of Donovan & Connie

Ty Brennan Olson, son of Cory & Sherry

Tayven David Nilges, son of Jeffrey & Bridget