



**St. Katharine Drexel Parish**  
*Come grow with us!*

**March 1st,  
 2009  
 First Sunday of  
 Lent**

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

**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".*

**Feast of Saint Katharine Drexel—Tuesday, March 3rd**

What would you do with your life if you suddenly inherited twenty million dollars? Just the thought of it probably has you thinking about the house you could own, the cars you could buy, the vacations you could take, and the life of leisure you could live. Maybe you would think about giving a little bit of the excess away after you got all of the things you wanted.

Psychologists say that when people win the lottery or come into a large sum of money, they don't automatically become more generous. In fact, if a person is selfish or stingy, the money will just make them more so. If a person shares what they have, the money will compel them to share even more.

St. Katharine Drexel must have been a VERY generous person. She inherited \$20 million from her parents' estate and spent the rest of her life giving it away. She established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People and built 63 schools including Xavier University in New Orleans.

She did this while making great personal sacrifices. She repaired her own shoes and shoe laces and used pencils until there was nothing left of them. She did this so that Native and African American children could be educated.

She lived a life worthy of imitation. Maybe we can't do all that she did, but each of us can do something. Tuesday, March 3rd is her feast day. Spend some time in prayer asking God how you could best share in the mission she has left for us. Also, pray for the intercession of St. Katharine, that God would grant you the grace to give up any prejudice you may be harboring against people of color. St. Katharine Drexel gave her fortune and her life in service to them.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**St. Katharine Drexel Feast Day  
 Celebration**  
 Tuesday, March 3rd  
 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by a  
 Soup Supper and the unveiling of our  
 new St. Katharine Drexel statue.

*Please join us!*

**"If I can say of an action, 'I did it out of love of God', there is something about it that will last for all eternity."**

***Deacon's Digest***

***Repent and believe!***

Several years ago, I was attending a Lenten retreat at St Michael Parish and Bishop Carlson gave one of the talks. He told about an experience he had at a seminar he attended at Notre Dame. A speaker began his talk with those words from the Gospel, "repent and believe". After a period of silence, he repeated them. After another short silence, he repeated them again. Bishop Carlson said he was uncomfortable because he thought the man had forgotten the words to his speech and felt bad for him. When he repeated them again, he realized his discomfort came from within himself. He understood that the man was speaking to HIM, and those words "repent and believe" were proclaiming a personal message.

Those words from today's Gospel always trouble me—I guess because they are directed at ME. The word "repent" is defined in the dictionary as "turning from sin and dedicating oneself to amending his or her life". Most of us don't want to hear that we need to amend our lives or turn from sin, but that's just the message Jesus has for us. Whether you're a bishop, a priest, a deacon or a layperson, repentance needs to be a constant element in our lives.

Lent is a great time to take inventory of our own lives and decide what needs to be disposed of and what can be kept and enhanced. Take some time today and ask yourself this question: "What is my favorite sin?" Does it have to do with pride, envy, greed, lust, gluttony, sloth, or anger? Is it related to one of the Ten Commandments? Where do you get pleasure from life in an unholy way? Can you see where that behavior is leading you? Are you willing to dedicate yourself to amending that behavior?

When you're done with that, start assessing those good and holy habits you have. How often do you take time for prayer? How generous are you with the gifts God has given you? How do you show the love God has lavished on you to your family, friends and co-workers?

God honors even the smallest step taken in His direction. Take that step this Lent. Change a sinful and destructive behavior. Increase a positive one. Don't let this opportunity slip by.

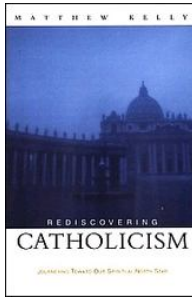
***"This is the time of fulfillment, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the Gospel!" (Mk 1:15)***

## PEW CAMPAIGN

We are 2/3 of the way there! So far, we have pledges for nearly \$50,000. Please consider a gift to this appeal. We would like to have the entire \$75,000 raised before the pews are installed.

## REDISCOVER YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Studying your Catholic faith along with this book would be a great way to spend time this Lent. Through a special discount program we have them for just \$3 even though thousands of copies were sold at \$22.95. They are available at the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Gathering Space.



## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

This Friday (March 6th) is the First Friday of the month. We will offer Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.



## Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

**Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30 p.m.** Tyler Neuharth (d) & family  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
**Wednesday, March 4th, 8:00 a.m.** For the souls in purgatory  
**Thursday, March 5th, 8:00 a.m.** For the souls in purgatory  
8:30 a.m. Station of the Cross  
**Friday, March 6th, 8:00 a.m.** Charles Quinn  
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday, March 7th, 5:00 p.m.** Dale Kelly (d)  
**Sunday, March 8th, 8:30 a.m.** Lyn May  
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: \$ 10,500.00  
Feb. 22nd Collection: \$ 10,488.66  
Surplus / (Shortfall): \$ (11.34)

## FIREPROOF—MARCH 1st

This blockbuster movie will be available for a special viewing at St. Katharine Drexel Parish on Sunday, Mar. 1st at 3:30 p.m. Babysitting will be available. Please join us.



All marriages go through some good times and some bad times. This movie shows how to “fireproof” your marriage so that nothing can burn it down. Study groups will also be formed where books and study materials will be available. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more details.



The Knights of Columbus will meet Sunday, March 1st at St. Katharine Drexel Parish School at 7:00 p.m. All parish men are invited to participate.

**Knight of Columbus Fish Fry** will be held during Lent at St. Michael Parish on Feb. 27th, Mar. 13th and Mar. 27th following the 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and at St. Katharine Drexel Parish on Apr. 3rd following the 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Menu: Fried and baked fish, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, grilled cheese sandwiches and cookies.



Catholic Daughters invites all Catholic women to attend their new member reception and meeting Tues., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. at St. Michael Parish Multipurpose Room. **SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:** Catholic Daughter Ct. Mother Teresa has a local scholarship for a student entering or attending a post-secondary school in the fall 2009. Applicant must be a confirmed Catholic who is a member of a Sioux Falls area Catholic parish. Deadline is Apr. 15th. Applications are available at the Parish Office or by calling Mary Gibson at 543-5802.

## FAITH FOR LIFE CONFERENCE—Saturday, March 7th

“Catholic Apologetics 101: Explaining and Defending the Faith” Joe Rutten, O’Gorman Theology Teacher, will offer a series of presentations explaining the basics of our Catholic faith and how we can answer questions and objections. The seminar begins at 9:00 a.m. and goes until 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Lunch is provided. Call 988-3766 to register. There is a \$10 fee.

## Can you spend one hour in prayer with Jesus?

Lent is a great time to begin new habits of prayer and devotion. Saint Michael Parish has open hours for Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Anne at 361-1600 to sign up.



## 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 the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Community.

# Youth YG Group

**Sunday, March 15th—5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Faith Lens—Discussing current events through the Lens of Faith at St. Katharine Drexel Parish (Grades 9-12) Food, Fun & Faith

**Wednesday, March 18th—7:30—9:00 p.m.**

Grades 10 & up and Catholic School Students  
Ice Skating at Sioux Falls Ice and Rec Center (meet there)  
Consent forms are available on our website.

**Monday, March 23rd—6:00 p.m.**

Youth Council Meeting at St. Katharine Drexel Parish

patti.stkatharinedrexel@midconetwork.com  
or call the Parish Office at 275-6870



## St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Join us for the school Mass on  
Tuesday, March 3rd at 8:00 a.m. for St.  
Katharine Drexel's feast day.

*Registration for the 2009-10 school year continues.*

Thank you for your donations of Campbell Soup labels (bar code needed) and Land O Lakes lids. We are now accepting Capri Sun juice packets as well. If you have any questions, please contact Anne at 275-6994.

## **SFCS VOLUNTEER SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM**

This program has been a huge success at O'Gorman Junior High and will be expanded to a few Catholic elementary schools for the 2009-10 school year. All interested nurses with a current RN license are encouraged to volunteer. There is no minimum number of hours required. For more information, please contact Jean McHale at 334-5596.

The Bread of Life Prayer Group invites you to celebrate Mass with Fr. Zimmer on Monday, March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. If you have any questions, please call Brandon Voss at 351-9955.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

This Lent, our parish will be participating along with other cities in the 40 Days for Life campaign to bring an end to abortion. As you know, the only abortion provider in South Dakota is within the boundaries of our parish. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Carrie Sanchez at 359-4562 or go online: [www.40daysforlife.com/siouxfalls](http://www.40daysforlife.com/siouxfalls)  
Planning Life is looking for volunteers during the 40 Days for Life event to greet participants and serve hot chocolate. Please call Carol at 361-3275 to sign up.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



**Sun., March 1: Class for grades 1-6**

**Wed., March 4: Teachers' Meeting**

**St. Michael Parish MPR**

**Confirmation Meeting—9th grade students & parents at 6:45 p.m.**

**Sun., March 8: Class for grades 1-6**

**1st Holy Communion parent meeting at 9:30 a.m.**

**Wed., March 11: Class for grades 1-10**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

+ **Solemn Vespers** will be celebrated on the Sundays of Lent beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will follow. The dates are: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

+ **The Wizard of Oz:** Roosevelt High School Theatre presents this classic musical March 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee performance on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 (\$3 for pre-teens).

+ **God, I Really Don't Have Time for This Retreat:** Sat. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish Multipurpose Room. Patty Schneier shares ways to incorporate prayer in your busy life. Cost is \$10. Register by Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> by calling 338-5691 or [devoff@presentationisters.org](mailto:devoff@presentationisters.org)

+ **St. Michael Parish Dinner:** Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Pork Loin, Baked Potatoes, Baked Beans, Salad bar and desserts galore! Tickets will be available in the St. Michael Parish Office. Purchase your tickets early to be eligible to win a Weber Gas Grill. Tickets are \$7 for an adult, \$4 for a child and a \$30 family maximum. Prices will be \$1 more at the door.

+ **St. John's University Men's Concert:** A concert of sacred and secular music will be held at St. Mary Church on Sun., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. No admission charged - free will donations requested.

+ **Lenten Scripture Retreat:** Fr. Al Krzyzopolski will be conducting the Retreat at Broom Tree March 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to journey into the Heart of Jesus in this silent retreat setting. For more information, call (605) 263-1040 or email: [Broomtree@sfcatholic.org](mailto:Broomtree@sfcatholic.org). Space is limited.

+ **St. Patrick's Dinner:** Sun., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> 11-2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Montrose. \$7 Adults, \$4 K-7th, Free Preschool and under.

+ **Anniversary Mass:** Couples celebration 25, 50, 60, 65 (or more) years of marriage are invited to attend this special Mass and reception at the Cathedral on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required in the Parish Office by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

+ **Inner Healing Weekend Retreat:** Using Theophostic principles, this retreat will be offered at Broom Tree Retreat Center at Irene, SD Mar. 20-22nd. It will help go to the source of your pain and hurt to receive healing through the Spirit of Christ and to be truly set free. Registration fee is \$60 and due on the Friday one week prior to the retreat. For more info or to register contact Jane Barz at (605) 940-4101 or [cottonwoodfrm@santel.net](mailto:cottonwoodfrm@santel.net). For more information about this ministry see: [www.themattthewministry.com](http://www.themattthewministry.com)

+ **8th Annual Shamrock Run** on Sat., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> at O'Gorman High School. There is a 5K race and a 2 Mile fun run/walk for all ages and abilities with a chili feed following the race. New this year...the Leprechaun Fun Run for elementary school age children! Call 336-6354 for registration info.

+ **Matt Maher is coming to Pierre:** Sat., Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> at TF Riggs Theatre 7 p.m. concert. Limited seating available. Purchase tickets at Diocese of Sioux Falls, ask for Bob Siemens, or at Hurley's Religious Goods in Sioux Falls, or contact Lisa Fahey at 605-224-8969 or email Lisa [lisaafahey@pie.midco.net](mailto:lisaafahey@pie.midco.net). The cost is \$15 up to Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, thereafter and at the door tickets will be \$20.

## **St. Francis House Opportunity**

The Social Ministries Committee is looking for someone to coordinate our volunteer activity at St. Francis House. We serve a meal there the 3rd Friday of each month. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.

**March 7-8 Ministers:**

**5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Lector 1:** Anissa Wichman  
**Lector 2:** Terri VanDenover

**Altar Servers:** Bismark Roberts,  
 Charlie Steffl

**Book Bearer:** Ashley Rieger

**EOM's:** S Miller, S Scherer,  
 R Schaefer, J Skibinski, L Welbig,  
 J & L Wichman

**Greeters:** Beyers & Brennans

**Gift Bearers:** Steve & Alice Kary

**Ushers:** Troy Holt,  
 Brent Kelly,  
 Ed Kelly,  
 Monty Miller

**Sacristan:** Steve Scherer

**SFCS Cert.:** Tom Deering

**Rosary:** Rick & Georgia Harm

**Nursery:** Lynn Brady, E Flanders

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lector 1:** Megan Bartel  
**Lector 2:** Kathy Anderson

**Altar Servers:** E Behm, C Bell

**Book Bearer:**

**EOM's:** K Dinges, B & T Roman

**Greeters:** Franssens & Millers

**Gift Bearers:** D & J Hohwieler

**Ushers:** T Dinges, D Franssens,  
 D Hohwieler, K TerMeer

**Sacristan:** Darryl Dubs

**SFCS Cert.:** Kristi Miller

**Rosary:** Jim Cady

**Coffee & Rolls:** Zeiglers

**Bakers:** T Heid, D Hertz,  
 J Hohwieler, R Johson

**Nursery:** Vance & Sara Siemonsma

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lector 1:** Isabella Garcia  
**Lector 2:** Amanda Hemmer

**Altar Servers:** Abby Timmerman,  
 Dylan Harty

**Book Bearer:** Mitchell Baatz

**EOM's:** B & M Kobernusz,  
 S Olson, T Peichel, J & G Ries,  
 L Thornton

**Greeters:** Boumas & Pettibones

**Gift Bearers:** K & J Mieras

**Ushers:** K & B Feterl, M Jaspers,  
 D Kading

**Sacristan:** Lisa Volk

**SFCS Cert.:** Sonja Olson

**Coffee/Rolls:** Schwebachs

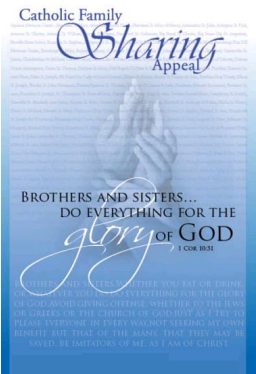
**Bakers:** J Jasper, S Johnson,  
 D Kogel, V Lonneman,  
 N Loofbourrow

**Nursery:** Christy Dembele,  
 A & A Lang

**Next week's readings: March 2-8**

Monday: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18, Matthew 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 6:7-15  
 Wed: Jonah 3:1-10, Luke 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28, Matthew 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18,  
 Romans 8:31b-34,  
 Mark 9:2-10



**CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL**

*Your generosity to this annual appeal is greatly appreciated. Please turn in your card as soon as possible. Our Diocesan Offices count on the annual CFSA campaign to fund their programs. You can mail it to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday collection. There is a table in the Gathering Space this weekend with volunteers to assist and answer questions. Even if you cannot contribute financially, we need your card back. Please pray for the success of this appeal so that all Diocesan programs will remain available.*



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

**Peyton Natalie Fisher**, daughter of Craig & Laurie  
**Claire Jean Devlin**, daughter of Jeff & Sarah  
**Jackson Joseph Dunn**, son of Ken & Kelly