



St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Come grow with us!

May 16, 2010 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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".*

Deacon's Digest

The Original Novena

As you may know, a novena is a prayer that usually last nine days. (The word "novena" comes from the Latin *novem* meaning nine.) This practice has its origins in the space of time between the Ascension and Pentecost. Christians often prayed for an outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit beginning on the Friday after Ascension and continuing through the Saturday before the Pentecost. Today's Gospel reading from Luke tells of how the Apostles prayed daily in the temple as they waited for Holy Spirit to come.

Since we celebrate the Ascension on Sunday instead of Thursday, we don't have a full nine days before Pentecost. Even so, I would suggest that we say a seven-day "novena" asking for an increased awareness in our own lives of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Day One: Pray for an increase in the gift of "Fear of the Lord". This gift reminds us of the awesome respect that is due our Creator and Lord. That respect leads us to love Him more fully and accept His love in our lives.

Day Two: Pray for "Fortitude" (courage) so you can witness to the faith regardless of any obstacles.

Day Three: Pray that you can properly discern God's will through the gift of "Understanding".

Day Four: Pray for "Wisdom" that you might have a proper view of issues in your own life and in the world.

Day Five: The ability to effectively share the love of Jesus Christ is a gift of the Spirit. Pray that you might have an increase in "Counsel".

Day Six: To have an intellect that is not darkened by the effects of sin takes prayer for the gift of "Knowledge".

Day Seven: "Holiness" is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us realize that we are to be "set apart". Although we live in the world and interact with the world, we are not be of the world.

To learn more about the "original novena" on the internet go to www.catholicism.about.com and search for "novena" or just "Google" "the original novena." Above all, don't waste these days prior to Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit is alive and active and always has more for us if we are praying and are open to receiving. Pray for openness, pray for receptivity and you will once again receive the Holy Spirit.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW, FR. JOE?

Pray the Rosary!

This past Thursday (May 13th), we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. In 1917, Mary appeared to three shepherd children on the 13th day of six consecutive months beginning in May. On May 13, 1917, Lucia Santos and her younger cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, were tending sheep near their home village of Fatima. In the apparitions, Mary exhorted the children to do penance and to sacrifice to save sinners. She also taught the children how to properly pray the Rosary. Millions of pilgrims still visit the site of the apparitions and do their best to live out the instructions Mary gave to all of us through the children. What about you? Do you pray the Rosary and do penance and sacrifices in order to save sinners? Are you familiar with the events surrounding Fatima and the prophecies given by Mary? Pope John Paul II had a great devotion to Mary, especially Our Lady of Fatima. You may remember that in 1981 John Paul was shot four times as he greeted the crowds in St. Peter's Square. He attributes his survival of that attack to the intercession of Mary since it happened on May 13th (Anniversary of the 1st Apparition at Fatima).

On Thursday, Pope Benedict XVI was in Fatima for the anniversary and exhorted all the faithful with these words: "Do not be afraid to talk of God and to manifest without fear the signs of faith, letting the light of Christ shine in the presence of the people of today." He went on to say that one of the best ways we have to do this is by reciting the Rosary and contemplating the mysteries of Jesus life, death and resurrection.

As Catholics, we have a powerful weapon in the Rosary—a weapon that can call on the intercession of Jesus' mother, who resides with Him in heaven. Don't let today go by without praying the Rosary. Do your best to make it a daily habit for you and your family.

On your way out today, pick up one of the "The Secret of the Rosary" booklets on the table and bring new life to your own practice of prayer.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our next meeting of the summer-time RCIA program will be Wednesday, May 19th at St. Michael Parish at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "The Four Marks of the Church". We meet in the Commons area. Please join us whenever a topic interests you.



Year of the Priest KC Steak Fry

The St. Michael/St. Katharine Drexel Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Steak Fry for all Sioux Falls area priests on Mon., May 17th at the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Rectory at 5:30 p.m. All parish Knights are invited to attend. Parish men interested in attending should contact Ernie Ortega at 929-2952 for details.

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, May 18th, 6:30 p.m. St. Katharine Drexel School
Wednesday, May 19th, 8:00 a.m. Ewing Family
Thursday, May 20th, 8:00 a.m. John Sweeney
Friday, May 21st, 8:00 a.m. Kim Schoenfelder
Saturday, May 22nd, 5:00 p.m. Jan Melius
Sunday, May 23rd, 8:30 a.m. Jean Westwick

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.

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: \$ 11,025.00
 May 9th Collection: \$ 11,316.78
 Surplus / (Shortfall): \$ 291.78

Continuing the Journey Campaign*:

Total Pledged: \$1,588,319 (507 families)
 Total Paid: \$ 168,770

April, 2010 Parish Operations Report

	Actual	Budget
Income:	53,135	50,689
Expenses:		
Payroll	15,376	14,618
Administration	7,165	6,705
Facilities	10,413	6,340
Rel. Ed.	1,315	292
Youth Min.	2,454	0.00
SFCS Subsidy	19,663	19,663
Total Expenses:	56,386	47,618
Surplus / (Shortfall)	(3,251)	3,071

There are 742 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.

Please note: Our Facilities expense was higher this month because of Real Estate taxes.

Respect Life Spiritual Retreat

June 4 - 6, Broom Tree Retreat Center

The Blessed Mother as Ark of the Covenant

Join Bishop Paul Swain and Msgr. Charles Mangan for all involved in respect life ministries. Talks will focus on the beauty of human life and our sacred duty to defend it. Call 605-263-1040 to register.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

St. Michael Cemetery will host the 30th Annual Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 31st beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. In case of rain, Mass will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral. On Memorial Day, the cemetery gates will be open from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

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 Trip:

Stebenville North in St. Paul, MN
Fri., July 30th - Sun., Aug. 1st

Registration is full, but we are placing names on a waiting list!

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

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

Can you help? SEARCH Retreat June 4-6th

100 students and adults will gather at Holy Spirit Parish. We are looking for kitchen help through out the weekend: Friday 4-5:30 p.m., Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m., 11:15-1:15 p.m., 4:15-6:30 a.m., Sunday 8-9 a.m., 12:15-1:30 p.m. We also need baked goods—10 dozen of each: cookies, bars, muffins; 10 loaves of bread; 10 bags of chips; fruit; veggies; & 8 twelve-packs of pop. Food needs to be at the Holy Spirit Parish Kitchen by 6 p.m. on Fri., June 4th! We need adults to come and stay overnight for night duty. Call and talk to Amy if you can help at 371-1478! THANK YOU! Registrations are online at Search4christianmaturity.com for any returning SEARCH students and adults.

Whether it's a mother with a pacemaker, a son with a heart defect, or a friend who died of a stroke, most of us have been touched by heart disease and stroke. Help fight these deadly afflictions by becoming a fundraising walker for the Start! Heart Walk on Sat., August 28th at Falls Park. Funds raised benefit the American Heart Association. If you are interested in being the Team Captain for the St. Katharine Drexel Parish team 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.

SIOUX FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

Custodian: Full time/year round (12:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) for Christ the King School.

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



St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Please join us for Mass Wednesday at 8 a.m.
Last day of school is Wed., May 19th—early dismissal at 10 a.m.

Please keep saving your Box Tops & soup labels over the summer. You can drop them off in the container in the Gathering Space.

2010-2011 School year registration for Preschool and Kindergarten is currently available. Questions: call the School Office at 275-6994 or e-mail Elaine at ehearst@sfcss.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Totus Tuus registration forms are in the rack in the entry way. 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.

We need a host home for the Totus Tuus team men from Saturday evening through Friday. We're also looking for people to host meals for the team of four people on each night except Wednesday.

Confirmation Retreat at BroomTree on Sept. 11th. Registration forms by the youth bulletin board.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+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 June 9th.

+Open House Reception for Sister Margretta Doyle, OSB: After forty years of loyal service, Sister Margretta will be returning to the Mother House in Yankton. She faithfully served the Parishes of Little Flower/St. Therese, Christ the King, St. Michael and the last 15 years at St. Mary Parish. An open house/reception will be held Sunday, May 30th at St. Mary Parish Hall from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

+Christ the King rummage sale: Fri., June 4th from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat., June 5th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Christ the King School Gym! Proceeds will support improvements in the church Community Center.

+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 Thurs., 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.

+Adult Summer Class: Deepen your understanding of Catholic Church teachings and strengthen your spiritual life. Joe Rutten, O'Gorman HS Theology teacher will teach 2 separate, 6-week adult summer courses; Catholic Spirituality (Monday nights) and Catholic Beliefs (Tuesday nights). Sessions start June 21st & 22nd at 7 p.m. Cost is \$70. For more information or to register, contact Joe Rutten at jrutten@sfcss.org or 201-3240.

+Children's Chant Camp: for children ages 7-13 is a week-long day camp teaching Gregorian chant basics, singing, music theory and composition in a fun, prayer-filled atmosphere. July 12-16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral School. For more information call Nathan Knutson at 334-9861.

+Dr. Scott Hahn Conference: Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen, SD will be hosting Dr. Scott Hahn, a well-known Catholic speaker, on Aug. 13th and 14th. He will be giving four talks on various aspects of the Catholic Church. This event is open to the public. Registration forms available on the table in the Gathering Space or at www.eventsinsd.com

+Spiritual Warfare conference by Fr. John Corapi will be held on Sat., Sept. 11th at the Qwest Center in Omaha, NE. Joining him will be Archbishop George Lucas and master of ceremonies Jerry Usher. The best seats are going fast. This event is sponsored by St. Peter Parish. Get details and tickets at, www.fathercorapiomaha.com or 1-800-745-3000.

PLEASE ASSIST CDA VESTMENT FUND

Catholic Daughter Court Mother Teresa is collecting donations towards vestments for Deacon Dan Smith who will be ordained into the priesthood on Friday, May 28th. Deacon Smith has been "adopted" by the court and has a need for funds to purchase new vestments. If you wish to donate, please make checks out to Catholic Daughters and send it to the St. Katharine Drexel or St. Michael Parish Office, attn: Catholic Daughters. Deadline is Sunday, May 23rd.

May 22 & 23 Liturgical Ministers

5p.m. Mass	8:30 a.m. Mass	10:30 a.m. Mass
Lector 1: Lori Welbig Lector 2: Laura Zumhofe	Lector 1: Rich Hallstrom Lector 2: Joe French	Lector 1: Mike Jaspers Lector 2: Beth Adamson
Altar Servers: Luke Evans, TJ Scheafer	Altar Servers: A & E Hertz Book Bearer: Alex Linneman	Altar Servers: E Volk, M Bain Book Bearer: Klarissa Kobernusz
Book Bearer: Katharina Garcia	EOM's: P Bennett, J & G French	EOM's: C Anderson, K Sample, B & M Kobernusz, M Steinhoff, K Ward, V Yttreness
EOM's: J Earll, H & C Evans, R Lingberg, J Schnieder, M & M Sebastian	Greeters: Kirbys & Konechnes	Greeters: Hennings & Johnkes
Greeters: Bradys & Rokuseks	Gift Bearers: Bob & Kathy Kessler	Gift Bearers: K & J Mieras
Gift Bearers: D & D Weinacht	Ushers: M Bierema, D Dangel, T Goehring, B Kessler	Ushers: T Burnison, J Hendricks, M Volk, E Ward
Ushers: Nancy Bohr, Jim & Dan Haiar, Jeff Hauck	Sacristan: Darryl Dubs	Sacristan: Lisa Volk
Sacristan: Mike Sebastian	SFCS Cert.: Tricia Bierema	SFCS Cert.: Kay Bain
SFCS Cert.: Kim Haiar	Rosary: Tony Goehring	Coffee/Rolls: J & J Brennan
Rosary: Henry & Candace Evans	Coffee & Rolls: Stiefel/Sunderland	Bakers: J Ziemer, A Anderson, C Brazil, J Brennan, L & S Bouma
Wknd Mass Reception: C Dougherty	Bakers: L Srstka, B Stiefel, N Thompson, L Turney	Nursery: K & S Unzicker, S Green
	Nursery: Vance & Sara Siemonsma	CLOW: Harvills/Christina .
	Wknd Mass Reception: Deslauriers	

Next week's readings: May 17-23

Monday: Acts 19:1-8, John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27, John 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38, John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21, John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, John 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11,

Romans 8:8-17,

John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

From parishioner Hannah Sammons.....

This summer, I have the opportunity to accompany 11 other Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) members to Spain. We will spend a few weeks there and go on a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. James. He was one of the twelve apostles and spent time in Spain evangelizing the people. This is considered to be one of the great Catholic pilgrimages.

I am asking for your assistance in two ways - your prayers and financial gifts. Please pray that all who participate on this journey will be safe and spiritually enlightened. Also, I need to raise \$2,900 by May 30th. Financial gifts of any size will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to FOCUS and leave them with the Parish Office. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts!

CLEAN AND GREEN

The Grounds Committee would like to thank those that have donated money and equipment for our parish grounds. Now the greatest gift that you can now give is your time. Volunteers are needed to assist with Clean and Green on Thursday nights. There are also a number of other projects that need to be done such as spraying for weeds, maintenance of the landscaping, seeding the bare spots and mowing the south lawn. If everyone does a little, nobody has to do a lot. This is your church-please help us keep it looking good. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank You for all who helped with our Perennial Sale & Fundraiser!

We raised \$1,595 which will go to our Stained Glass Window Fund.

Thanks to all who worked at the sale and those who donated plants.

