



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

October 11th,
2009
28th 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

Let's talk healthcare reform...

You would have to be intentionally ignoring all news media not to have heard all the talk and debate regarding healthcare in our country right now. This has been a priority of President Obama's administration and it has taken a variety of shapes and forms in the U.S. Congress. Just listening to all the chatter and trying to understand the proposals properly can give you a headache in no time. The bills presented are complicated (each one is over 1,000 pages long), cover a myriad of healthcare related issues and are presented in language that most of us are simply not used to speaking or reading. Then there are all the debates about cost and who would be in charge of the whole thing – the government or the private sector, etc. What is the "regular person" to do to gain an understanding?

In trying to answer that question for myself, I wondered what the Catholic Church had to say about healthcare reform. After all, our Church has a vested interest in the outcomes of such legislation since there are 624 Catholic hospitals, 499 Catholic nursing homes, 164 Catholic home health agencies, and 41 Catholic hospice organizations in the United States. Catholic healthcare organizations take care of approximately 1/4th of all health related hospital and doctor visits in the nation. So, I went to the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) (www.usccb.org) to see if they had any official statements about the current debate on healthcare. I was surprised at the volume of material and information available. The Bishops, and their staff, have done a great deal of research and have posted it on their website.

The USCCB position on healthcare reform favors:

1. A truly universal health policy that respects human life and dignity
2. Access for all with a special concern for the poor and coverage for legal immigrants
3. Pursuing the common good and pluralism including freedom of conscience and a variety of choices
4. Restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers

The USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development put out a statement on July 17th (available on their website) that explains their position in greater detail. The basics are these:

- Healthcare reform must respect the dignity of each

human life from conception to natural death. The Bishops ardently oppose any healthcare reform that would pay for abortions or encourage euthanasia.

- The Bishops view access to decent healthcare as a right, not a privilege. All persons, regardless of income, stage of life, or any other issue, should have the opportunity to purchase and access affordable health care.
- Legal immigrants should be able to access healthcare programs such as Medicaid and CHIP. Currently, there is a five-year wait before a person can apply for these programs.
- Hospitals and healthcare workers need to have freedom of conscience to opt out of participating in morally objectionable procedures.

One of the big arguments over the current proposals is whether or not they cover abortions. While it is true that none of the current proposals specifically mention abortion as being covered, unless the legislation specifically *excludes* payment for abortion, it *will* be covered. The courts have been clear on this issue in prior decisions - any service not specifically excluded will automatically be covered.

Our Bishops have done much research and have applied Catholic thought to the whole healthcare reform debate. As one of the largest healthcare providers in the nation, the Church recognizes the need for reform, but not at any cost. Human beings have a dignity from conception to natural death that needs to be respected in law and in practice.

As Catholics, as followers of Jesus Christ, and as human beings we have a responsibility for our brothers and sisters. We need to do what we can to ensure that all persons have access to the healthcare they truly need. In these difficult economic times many people have lost their jobs and along with their jobs went their health insurance. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus lays out our responsibilities quite plainly. He reminds us that when we feed, tend, clothe and visit others, it's the same as feeding, tending, clothing and visiting Him. Of course, when we look the other way and ignore people in need, it's the same as ignoring Him.

Please take the time to research this vital issue. Check out the Bishops' website and click on the many links provided. Stay informed! There are many other things to consider (what will it cost, who will pay, can I keep my private insurance, etc.). Healthcare reform is simply too important for any of us to ignore or be uninformed about.

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our RCIA Class will meet again this Thursday evening, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. This week's topic is "Four marks of the Church". Please join us any time the topic interests you.

Cover your children of all ages in prayer and release them to the power of God with other Christian parents! Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and discussing pertinent topics, including the book The Power of the Praying Parent by Stormi Omartian, on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at St. Michael Parish in the Nave. Please bring a Rosary.

We need turkeys and volunteers! Turkey bingo will be on Sunday, November 8th, 5-7 p.m. Buy your tickets now: \$3.00 per card or 2 for \$5.00. Hot dogs, chips and pop will also be on sale. If you can donate a turkey or want to volunteer, please sign up at the "turkey" table after Mass.



Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, October 13th, 6:30 p.m. Eric Kondratuk (d)
Wednesday, October 14th, 8:00 a.m. Merle Moxnes (d)
Thursday, October 15th, 8:00 a.m. Nancy Neff
Friday, October 16th, 8:00 a.m. Halma Family Intentions
Saturday, October 17th, 5:00 p.m. For the people
of the parish
Sunday, October 18th, 8:30 a.m. Raymond Franssens (d)
10:30 a.m. Marilyn Hoekstra

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

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| Needed each week: | \$ 10,675.00 |
| Oct. 11th Collection: | \$ 12,561.02 |
| Surplus / (Shortfall): | \$ 1,886.02 |

Habitat for Humanity - 2010 Apostles Build

In an Apostles Build project, 12 churches (or coalitions of churches) come together to build a Habitat for Humanity house. The Sioux Falls Catholic Parishes are teaming up to serve as one of the 12 churches making the financial and time commitment manageable for each Catholic parish.

Wanted: One person or group from our parish to serve as the lead contact that will promote the build within our parish and serve as a liaison between our parish and Habitat for Humanity. **Contact** Joel Hathaway, Development Director for Habitat for Humanity at joel.hathaway@siouxfallshabitat.org or call 332-5962 with your name, parish, email address, address and phone number.

Rake the Town is an annual rake-a-thon coordinated through the Workers on Wheels program at The Center for Active Generations. This community wide event helps the elderly who are physically unable to take themselves and cannot afford to hire someone to do their yard work. **Bring your own rake** and meet at the church Sunday, October 25th at 12:00 pm. We need to know the number of volunteers so they can determine the number of houses so please contact Chris if you are interested or have questions @ cjhuls@yahoo.com or 321-4117. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, October 13th.

TWO TUESDAYS TO A STRONGER MARRIAGE

Please join Deacon John on Tuesdays, November 3rd and 10th for these marriage enrichment sessions:

Nov. 3rd: **Fireproof** movie—7:00 p.m.

St. Michael Multipurpose Parish Room

Nov. 10th: God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage—7:00 p.m.

St. Michael School Library



Catholic Daughters invites all Catholic women to attend their meeting on Tues., Oct. 13th at St. Michael Parish Multipurpose Room at 7:00 p.m.

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Cookbook!

Start your Christmas shopping early!!! On Oct. 17th & 18th and Oct. 24th & 25th, we will be holding pre-sales for our 500 recipe parish cookbook after all masses. The cost will be \$12 each or \$10 per book if you purchase 5 or more. Be sure to reserve your copy and copies for friends and family. Christmas delivery is guaranteed! All proceeds will go to St. Katharine Drexel School.



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 Com-

Youth YG Group

Wednesday, November 4th—6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Join us at St. Katharine Drexel Parish as we make dog treats and cat toys for the Sioux Falls Humane Society! (Grades 6-12)

Wednesday, December 2nd—7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Join us at the Empire Mall to volunteer at the gift-wrap booth! There are several jobs, not just wrapping! (Grades 6-12)

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

UPCOMING DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:

2009 Youth Rallies

Senior High—November 1st in Huron

For more information, call 988-3763

YOUTH RETREATS:

Search-October 23-25, 2009 in Aberdeen

November 20-22, 2009 in Sioux Falls

January 8-10, 2010 in Aberdeen

February 19-21, 2010 in Sioux Falls

March 26-28, 2010 in Aberdeen

June 4-6, 2010 in Sioux Falls

Confirmation Students can attend the Oct., Nov. or Jan. retreat to fulfill requirements for retreat for Confirmation.

BROOM TREE RETREATS:

Upcoming Day of Recollection with Msgr. Mangon on Tuesday, October 20th

Couples' Retreat November 6th - 8th

Four Giants of Advent on Monday, December 7th

Register online on the Spiritual Retreats page at www.broom-tree.org, call 605-263-1040 or email broomtree@sfccatholic.org

Sioux Falls Catholic School System will be offering free flu shots to all children ages 6 months to 18 years old. Children can be brought to any school during any of the clinics to receive the vaccine. This is the schedule for the vaccine clinics.
Holy Spirit Oct. 20: 8—10 a.m. & Oct. 21: 12 - 2 p.m.
St. Lambert Oct. 23: 2 - 4 p.m.
St. Michael Oct. 26: 2 - 4 p.m.
St. Katharine Drexel Oct. 27: 2 - 4 p.m.
OG High School Oct. 28: 3 - 5 p.m.
St. Mary Nov. 2: 12 - 2 p.m.
Christ the King Nov. 4: 12 - 2 p.m.
OG Jr. High Nov. 6: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. More information about the H1N1 vaccine will be given as it becomes available.



St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Please join us for School Mass at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Volunteers needed for childcare during our SFO meetings. They are the second Monday of each month at 7-8p.m. If you can do all of them or just a few please call the school office at 275-6994 or e-mail Anne at aswim@sfccss.org.

Just a reminder: NO SCHOOL on Oct. 12th & 13th



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, Oct. 14th (grades 1-6 at 5:30 p.m. and grades 7-10 at 6:45 p.m.) *and*

Sunday, Oct 18th (grades 1-6 at 9:30 a.m.)

Be sure to complete Safe Environment training SOON. Remember—we have to be trained EVERY year.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+St Michael Cemetery Fall Hours M-F 8 am - 6 pm & weekends 9 am - 6 pm.

+Sad Isn't Bad Grief Support Group: Four Tuesdays—Oct. 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3rd—7:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church. This inter-denominational series will combine both fun and serious time to help children and adults discover that their sadness is a very normal part of grief when someone close to us dies and that it will actually help them to heal. Counselors and social workers will lead the groups. All children in grades K-12 welcome. No charge for this event. Free evening meal provided.

+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. to 1:00 p.m. The next one will be Oct. 14th.

+Free End-of-Life Seminar will be held at St. Therese Parish on Sat., Oct. 17th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. **This seminar is not just for the elderly.** It will include Fr. Hal speaking on the Church's perspective of death and dying, Travis Benson, Respect Life Diocesan Office, speaking on what the Church teaches about end-of-life decisions and medical treatments, Cathy Kellogg speaking on Hospice and Jon Salberg, George Boom Funeral Home, speaking about planning a funeral and more. Please call 338-2433 to pre-register.

+Public Square Rosary Rally: Sponsored by THE LEGION OF MARY will be on Sun., Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. at McKennan Park Bandshell. Thousands of cities will be participating in this annual Rosary Crusade scheduled close to the Oct. 13th anniversary of the Fatima miracle of the sun.

+Catholic Scripture Studies will begin the study of the book of **Romans** every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at Christ the King community center. The first class is Oct. 19th. Call Nina Kappes 339-1082 to register.

+3 in 1 Catholic Conference held at Watertown Event Center Sat., October 24th, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For information and registration call 605-881-3247 or visit www.3in1catholicconference.com

+Explore the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in Your Life – Living Beyond Yourself On November 13th-14th, a retreat based on Galatians 5:22-23 will be held at St Katharine Drexel Parish. A \$40.00 fee covers registration and 2 meals on Saturday. For more information or to register please contact Jane Barz at cot-woodfirm@santel.net or 605-940-4101.

+Engaged Encounter Weekends: Nov. 14th-15th in Sioux Falls. Call 362-0292 for more information.

+Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: This retreat for those healing from an abortion experience will be held November 13th-15th. Call 988-3775 for information.

+Program for Parents: Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9:30a.m. -1:00 p.m. Dr. Thomas Phelan, clinical psychologist & author will present his "1-2-3 Magic Program for Parents of Ages 2-12" via DVD with Group discussion & exercises. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. Space limited. No cost.

The Furniture Mission is in crucial need of new or gently used clean blankets, comforters, and sheet sets (especially full and queen). St. Katharine Drexel Social Ministries Committee has placed a collection bin in the Gathering Space. They are also in need of beds of any size, but beds must be taken directly to the Furniture Mission.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign!!

Each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. now through Nov. 1st, a peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside Planned Parenthood in Sioux Falls (6511 W. 41st St.). Please go to www.40DaysforLife.com/siouxfalls to sign up for a time slot on the schedule and for more detailed information.

October 18-19 Liturgical Ministers

| <u>5:00 p.m. Mass</u> | <u>8:30 a.m. Mass</u> | <u>10:30 a.m. Mass</u> |
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| Lector 1: Jim Olson Lector 2: Anissa Wichman | Lector 1: Rich Hallstrom Lector 2: Bob Welbig | Lector 1: Pat Nelsen Lector 2: Lori Gerads |
| Altar Servers: Joe & Emily Runge | Altar Servers: A McDermott, A Grosz | Altar Servers: M Gerads, S Green |
| Book Bearer: Caitlyn Illg | Book Bearer: Justin Kautz | Book Bearer: Bri Gerads |
| EOM's: C Miller, S Rieger, D Rogers, M Runge, E, J, R Sammons | EOM's: J & D Elsinger, M Olson | EOM's: A Cogley, M Jaspers, L Oligmueller, S Olson, T Peichel, L Timmerman, A Trent |
| Greeters: Kattke, Parsons, Reuwsaats | Greeters: Goehring, Miller, Slater | Greeters: Greens & Volks |
| Gift Bearers: Allan & Alice Beyer | Gift Bearers: Kevin & Kristi Miller | Gift Bearers: M & K Schroeder |
| Ushers: A Beyer, J Dougherty, B Halma, M Miller | Ushers: D Dangel, Srstka, Mitzels | Ushers: C Oligmueller, J Robbins, M Steffes, M Steinhoff |
| Sacristan: Cindy Miller | Sacristan: Mark Olson | Sacristan: Pat Schwebach |
| SFCS Cert.: Candace Evans | SFCS Cert.: Rochelle Lauret | SFCS Cert.: Lisa Oligmueller |
| Rosary: Henry & Candace Evans | Rosary: Kevin & Pat Ordalen | Coffee/Rolls: S & C Haverkamp |
| Nursery: Lynn Brady, E Flanders | Coffee & Rolls: G & J Lipetzky Bakers: V Donohoe, D Dubs, A Durbin, M Engel | Bakers: N Bruske, C Byrd, C Dembele, A Drake, K Dumdie |
| Wknd Mass Reception: M Novacek | Nursery: Vance & Sara Siemonsma | Nursery: Christy Dembele, D Thompson |
| Wknd Mass Reception: M Novacek | Wknd Mass Reception: K Johnson | |

Next week's readings: October 12-18
 Monday: Romans 1:1-7, Luke 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25, Luke 11:37-41
 Wed: Romans 2:1-11, Luke 11:42-46
 Thursday: Romans 3:21-30, Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Romans 4:1-8, Luke 12:1-7
 Saturday: Romans 4:13, 16-18, Luke 12:8-12
 Sunday: Isaiah 53:10-11,
 Hebrews 4:14-16,
 Mark 10:35-45



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

Zachary Brian Erickson, son of Brian & Sheri
Kelsey Jo Stiefel, daughter of Christopher & Breann

Prayer: The Path to Holiness with Fr. Joe Vogel
 Monday, October 19th @ 7pm-8:30pm
 at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls.

Please join us this year as Pro Sanctity gathers in parishes around Sioux Falls to say "YES" to the call to be a saint. Be Holy, Be Happy, Be Pro Sanctity! For more information call Teresa Thornton @605-366-2748 or email Jackie Logue jlogue@sfcatholic.org

Attention all Liturgical Ministers (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, Gift Bearers, Sacristans, Book Bearers, Ushers, Cantors, SFCS Certificate Sellers, Coffee & Roll Servers, Bakers, Nursery Volunteers & Collection Counters): Time-off requests are needed for the next schedule covering Oct. 31, 2009-January 24, 2010. Please submit your requests IN WRITING or BY E-MAIL by **Monday, October 19th** to Jennifer Hartmann, Director of Liturgy and Music/ Volunteer Coordinator: 275-6870, ext. 203 or jennifer.stkatharinedrexel@midconetwork.com.

Please join Bishop Paul Swain at Noon on Wed. Oct. 14th to pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood.