

St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Come grow with us!

August 9, 2009

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 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

Are you ready to leave Egypt?

If you've been reading the scriptures from the daily Masses over the past couple of weeks, you have been reading about the Exodus—the story of the Israelites leaving the slavery of Egypt and heading for the promised land. It can be tempting to look at this story and think it's old and irrelevant. After all, what does a band of nomads wandering around in the desert for forty years have to do with modern life anyway? Truly, nothing could be further from the truth. We all experience movement from slavery to freedom in our lives—or at least we should—as we strive to live as our Creator intended us to. As Americans, we have a tendency to think of ourselves as people living in freedom and independence and, in a way, that is true. Most of us do not have “slavery” imposed on us from the outside but that doesn't mean we don't experience it. The slavery we suffer from is self-imposed. Our own bad habits and sinful inclinations sometimes place us in a bondage that is just as severe as slavery. For example, some would say that a person who takes illegal drugs is acting freely in that they are not bound by societal norms and rules. But we would never say that an addict is free. He or she is a slave to their addiction be it drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. If a person cannot say no, they are not free.

Although most of us do not struggle with alcohol or drug addictions, we all have things in our lives that we cannot say no to. Maybe it's food, coffee or soda pop. Maybe it's something more serious like pornography, lust, anger, gossip or materialistic desires. Remember, if you cannot say no, you are not completely free.

Just as God led the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt to freedom in a new land, He wants to free us from our own bad habits. Today, make a list of those things that you would have difficulty giving up. Spend some time in prayer, asking God to assist you in your efforts to become truly free. Diligence and patience are key in this struggle. The Israelites had to wander around in the desert for forty years in order to rid themselves of the slavery they experienced and to trust completely in God. God may want to lead you on a similar journey. Allow the God of freedom, goodness, mercy, peace and forgiveness to be your guide. He knows and understands the difficulties we face on this earth—after all, He lived as a human for 33 years. Accept His assistance and make the move from “Egypt” to the promised land.

- Deacon John

WHAT DO YOU KNOW, FR. JOE?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin on Thursday, September 10th at 7 p.m. This year, we will be holding the classes on Thursday evenings instead of Sunday mornings. We think this time slot will work out better for the participants as well as the team members.

Here are answers to some common questions we get about RCIA:

Who is the RCIA for?

RCIA is for persons from another faith tradition who are interested in joining the Catholic Church and for adults who have not yet been baptized. It is also for Catholic adults who have not been confirmed or for any person interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.

If I begin the process does that mean I must become Catholic?

No. It is OK to quit at any time. Some people start out just to see if this is the right time for them to be confirmed or baptized as Catholics and then decide (for a variety of reasons) to postpone or cancel their plans.

How long does the process take?

The RCIA classes begin in September and run through April. Persons interested in becoming Catholic or in getting confirmed should make a commitment to attend all (or most) of the Thursday evening classes. Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith are welcome to come to any, or all, of the sessions.

The weekend of August 14-15th we will have members of the RCIA team available in the Gathering Space after each Mass to answer questions and to assist with sign-up. If you, or someone you know is interested, please stop by or call Deacon John at the Parish Office—275-6870.

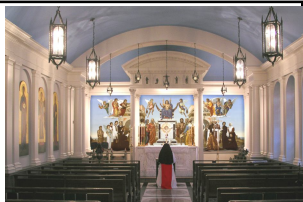
TUITION ASSISTANCE

We have a number of families who desire to send their children to Catholic School but have limited financial resources. Can you help with a full or partial scholarship to assist these families? Tuition for members of our parish this year is: \$2310 for grades K-6, O'Gorman Junior High is \$2625 and O'Gorman Senior High is \$3585.

This Sunday I will be heading to the Black Hills for a few days vacation with a some priest friends. The weekday Mass schedule will be the same except that on Thursday there will be no confessions and there will be a Communion Service and not Mass. On Friday I head to Dawson, MN to be part of my nephew's wedding on Saturday. I will return late Saturday evening after the wedding. Fr. Jim Bream will be here for the Saturday evening Mass and I will be here for Sunday Masses.

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org

Our parish will be collecting necessities for the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament during the month of August. You will find a basket with cards of the suggested items in the Gathering Space. Simply pick up a card, purchase the items, and bring them back (along with the card) to the Gathering Space at the Church. The Social Ministries Committee will deliver the items to the Sisters. The gift of their prayer is a great service to each of us and to our diocese. Please consider giving back to them in this special way. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office: 275-6870.



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

Needed each week:	\$ 10,500.00
August 2nd Collection:	\$ 9,638.85
Surplus / (Shortfall):	\$ (861.15)

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS AVAILABLE

We have several boxes of non-perishable food items that were donated by parishioners. If you or someone you know can use some help right now, please call the Parish Office—275-6870.



MASS INTENTIONS

Do you know of someone (living or deceased) who could use the grace of having a Mass said for their benefit? This is a wonderful way of honoring relatives and friends on their birthday, anniversary or some other significant day. Stop by the Parish Office to get their name on the Mass calendar. The usual donation is \$10 per Mass.

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, August 11th, 6:30 p.m. Colene Ridder
Wednesday, August 12th, 8:00 a.m. Bill Keating, William & Dylan Pickering (d)
Thursday, August 13th, 8:00 a.m. (Communion Service)
Friday, August 14th, 8:00 a.m. Angeline Thom
Saturday, August 15th, 5:00 p.m. Deceased members of Bunkers and Naber families
Sunday, August 16th, 8:30 a.m. For the people of the parish
10:30 a.m. Nick Dubbelde (d)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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



Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Come check out a preview of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This is a 13-week course with classes held on

Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. starting Sept. 8th or Sundays 4-6 p.m. starting Sept. 13th. Seating is limited and registration is required, so don't delay. For more information on this life-changing program, attend a short preview of the program at St. Katharine Drexel Parish school on Sun. Aug. 9th, 4:00 p.m. or Sun. Aug. 23rd, 4:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Ted Scheafer at 361-5205 or call the Parish Office at 275-6870.



Mark your Calendars! - PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, August 23rd at SERTOMA PARK

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Don't miss out on the food, fun and fellowship!
 Check out next week's bulletin for what food we would like your family to bring.

LifeLight Music Festival is Sept. 4-6th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parking Attendants: These volunteers ensure that event attendees are able to find proper parking. There are several shifts to meet anyone's schedule that start as early as 7a.m. and finish around 11 p.m.. Shifts are generally 4 hours each and will start on Friday morning, Sept. 4th and will finish Sunday evening, Sept. 6th. Volunteers need NO TRAINING and need to be at least 16 years old to work by themselves. Younger volunteers could work alongside someone 18 years or older. Please contact Alan DeSchepper at ACDeSchepper@aol.com or by phone at 605-201-1744 and he will assist you in completing the registration form and scheduling you for a shift.

Food Donations: The Life Light Festival organizers are looking for people to assist with providing food for the musicians at this year's event. Call Becky at 261-7280 for all the details.

Please continue to pray for the staff, volunteers and festival.

How to reach us:

Fr. Joe Vogel, Pastor 275-6870
 Deacon John Devlin, Pastoral Assistant, ext. 201
 Jennifer Hartmann, Dir. of Liturgy & Music and Volunteer Coordinator, ext. 203
 Gae French, Dir. of Religious Ed, ext. 204
 Laree Giovannettone, Administrative Assistant, ext. 200
 Patti Ward-Maguire, Youth Minister
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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 Y G Group

UPCOMING DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:

2009 Youth Rallies
Junior High—October 11th
Senior High—November 1st
Both will be held in Huron
For more information, call 988-3763.

Grounds Committee

Please help out with this effort. The group gathers on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to mow and trim the lawn and are usually finished by 11:00 a.m. WE NEED YOU!

Foundation, A Parents' Group

We gather once per week in the Conference Room in the Parish Office to discuss our role as Catholic parents, friends, and spouses. Please join us. For more information contact Stacey Peterson—321-6185, Jill Pellicotte—362-5882, or Laura Kallhoff—361-6924.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

We are looking for a person to work half-time as our Parish Youth Minister here at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. If you, or someone you know, are interested contact us at the Parish Office. Spread the word!

SIoux FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

Custodian: FT/Year Round (7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) for St. Katharine Drexel School and Parish. Responsibilities include clean and/or mop floors daily, disinfect bathrooms and preventative maintenance (waxing, sealing, patching, painting, etc.)

After School Teacher Assistants: PT/Seasonal positions

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:

School Open House Sessions:

4yr. old pre-school, K, 1, 2:

Sunday, August 9th, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

3 yr. old pre-school:

Sunday, August 9th, 1:30-3 p.m.

Dennis Uniform Company will be at St. Michael School on Sunday, August 9th from 3-5 p.m.. JCPenney will be having a customer appreciation night that same night for SFCS. SFCS Certificates will be available for purchase, and there will be JCPenney coupons available.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Retreats

Search—November 20-22, 2009 in Sioux Falls
February 19-21, 2010 in Sioux Falls
June 4-6, 2010 in Sioux Falls
October 23-25, 2009 in Aberdeen
January 8-10, 2010 in Aberdeen
March 26-28, 2010 in Aberdeen

Confirmation Students can attend the Oct., Nov. or Jan. retreat to fulfill requirements for retreat for Confirmation. Get your forms in early!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+Knights of Columbus Coaches Roast: This annual event is scheduled for Mon., August 10th at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is followed by the roast. Cost is \$7 per person—tickets are sold at the door.

+FREE Tonic Sol-fa Concert at Holy Spirit Church on Friday, August 21st. Call 371-2320 for more information.

+GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A PARENT Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Aug. 18th. Sept. 22nd, 2009—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 –Freewill offering. The program provides both educational and experiential activities with a focus on coping responses and re-adjustment to the loss.

+Broom Tree Silent Retreats: Women Aug. 13-16th, Men—Sept. 24—27th.

+Other Broom Tree Retreats: Msgr. Charles Mangan will lead two days of recollection at Broom Tree. The first will be **Tuesday, August 11th**, and will focus on the greatness of God the Father. The other will be on Monday, September 14th and will explore the meaning of human suffering. Both of these are one day events. To register call 605-263-1040.

+Inner Healing Weekend Offered at Broom Tree September 25-27: This is designed to help individuals who are struggling with feelings of rage, fear, anxiety, loneliness, worthlessness, and shame. The weekend will be facilitated by Jane Barz and Mike Snyder. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Fri. and concludes at noon, Sun. Cost is \$210.00 - single room or \$160.00 per person for double room. Registration deadline Fri., Sept. 18th. To register, or for more information, contact Jane Barz at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net or 605-940-4101.

+HEALING FROM SEXUAL ABUSEA GROUP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Sept. 9th- Oct. 28th, 8 Wednesdays from 6:30 -8:00 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls. Facilitated by Diane Cogley, MSW-PIP. No fee. Pre group interview required. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

+Retrouvaille—Help for marriages: The next Retrouvaille weekend will be September 25-27th in Sioux Falls. Call the Family Life Office at 988-3763 for information. Strict confidentiality is respected.

+ St. Michael Cemetery Summer Hours: 8 a.m.—8 p.m. daily.

+Marriage Enrichment Website: Check this out for great marriage insights: www.foryourmarriage.org

+Do You Feel Called to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life? Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Paul Rutten, at 988-3749 or email frpaul@sfcatholic.org

+You can support vocations to the priesthood and religious life by joining the Serra Club. Call Sam Nastase at 334-6492 any day after 6:00 p.m.

+\$5,000 Mount Marty Scholarship: The Catholic Daughters have contributed to a scholarship fund at Mount Marty College that will be awarded this fall.

Contact Christine Tudor at Mount Marty for more information: 605-668-1292

+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 August 12th.

+Just over one month away! If you are considering attending the final **World-wide Marriage Encounter** weekend for 2009, now is the time to register! Our next scheduled weekend is Sept. 11-13th at Blue Cloud Abbey. For more information, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. Early registration is recommended as space is limited.

August 15-16 Liturgical Ministers

5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Carol Deering
Lector 2: Ed Kelly

Altar Servers: Luke Evans,
Caroline Moriarty

Book Bearer: Hayden Zeigler

EOM's: H & C Evans, J Houseman,
M & J McConnell, S Miller, K Rokusek

Greeters: Brennans & Steffls

Gift Bearers: Bob & Drenda Groshens

Ushers: B Halma,
G Lamberty,
R Fitzpatrick,
A Rokusek

Sacristan: Georgina Boehmer

SFCS Cert.: Renae Lamberty

Rosary: Mike & Janet McConnell

Nursery: Melissa Phillips, C Phillips

Wknd Mass Reception: M Novacek

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Mike Pellicotte
Lector 2: Pat Ordalen

Altar Servers: B Wittrock, S Huntimer

Book Bearer:

EOM's: C & J DeGiorgio, M Jefferis

Greeters: Bunkers & Donohoes

Gift Bearers: Rich & Carla Hallstrom

Ushers: P Dangel, T Goehring,
J Miller, T Northrup

Sacristan: Britt Zink

SFCS Cert.: Jill Pellicotte

Rosary: Curt & Rochelle Lauret

Coffee & Rolls: Dave & Jan Dangel

Bakers: D Dubs, P Geraets,
D Hertz, J Hohwieler

Nursery: Scott & Angela Harvill

Wknd Mass Reception: G Ries

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Dawn Wolf
Lector 2: Leah Bechtel

Altar Servers: E Bechtel, E Ertz

Book Bearer: Bri Gerads

EOM's: R Andersen, T Haggerty,
J & W Herrmann, S Olson,
J & T Polkinghorn

Greeters: Misars & Oines

Gift Bearers: Scott & Jamie Ziemer

Ushers: T Cogley, C Olson,
J & G Ries

Sacristan: Jenny Vavra

SFCS Cert.: Angie Lynch

Coffee/Rolls: Pettibone/Robbins

Bakers: C Byrd, L Ertz, V Frye,
J Garcia, J Gillespie

Nursery: C & S Green

Next week's readings: August 10-16

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10, John 12:24-26

Tuesday: Deu 31:1-8, Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed: Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17, Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Joshua 24:1-13, Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab,

1 Corinthians 15:20-27, Luke 1:39-56

Sunday: Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20,

John 6:51-58

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

It is time to register your child for Religious Education for the 2009-10 term. Forms are available in the Gathering Space. Please fill out the form and return it to the Parish Office. Registrations DO NOT carry over from one year to the next. PARENTS MUST REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN EVERY YEAR. If you have any questions, please contact Gae at 275-6870.



ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES

Men: Today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced. We spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation. Do you really believe that what you believe is real? Come and experience the TRUTH Project.

Women: Come and explore John and Staci Eldredge's book, Captivating-Unveil the mystery of a woman's Soul in order to recapture the heart. Another women's group will study the book Women of the Bible. Learn more about the faithful women of the Bible. All these study groups will begin on Tues, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Any questions please contact the office.