



St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Come grow with us!

**February 22nd,
2009
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

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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

You are dust.....

I don't know about you, but I'm not too keen on that statement. After all, I have plans. I'm a busy person. I need to get things done and make things happen. Just this week alone I'll be assisting in marriage preparation for 29 couples at the Sioux Falls Marriage Prep Sessions, I need to prepare a couple of homilies, attend a meeting with parents of children who will be receiving First Holy Communion, go to the hospitals and visit our parishioners who are there, attend a Parish Council meeting and two staff meetings, and on and on and on. You probably have a full calendar, too. We don't have time for a statement like "You are dust," but that's just what our Church reminds us of on Ash Wednesday.

In the normal course of life, we simply don't take time to confront our own mortality. When I was 18, I was sure that I would live forever. Now that I'm over 50 and have attended many funerals, I know that I'll die someday - I just don't want to think about it so I keep myself really busy. Ash Wednesday and Lent are a great time to slow down and remember where we're headed—to an eternity with God in heaven or without Him in hell.

For those souls headed for heaven, there may be a stop in Purgatory. None of us leave this earth perfectly fit for life with God and the Communion of Saints. Even the most "saintly" person might have some anger, resentment, unforgiveness, or pride that needs to be removed. Thank God for Purgatory. Without it, many of us wouldn't have a shot at heaven at all.

These days, many people don't believe that there is such a thing as hell. Their argument is that a good and loving God would never send a person there. In a way, they're right. God doesn't send us to hell—we choose it all by ourselves. God doesn't force us to love Him and live our lives in a way that shows that love to the world. He has given us a free will to make choices for good or evil, love or selfishness, heaven or hell.

This Lent, spend some time considering your own life and death. Is the path you're on leading you to the place you want to spend eternity? Could you spend more time in prayer, allowing God to be a bigger part of your life? Are you accepting God's love into your heart and passing it on to everyone you meet? Do you fully realize that "You are dust and to dust you shall return"?

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

It's been a whole year since Lent 2008 and it's easy to forget what the fasting and abstinence guidelines are from one year to the next. Here is a list to help you out:

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. This means we do not eat meat and we also abstain from eating extra snacks between meals. Smaller meals are appropriate on these days.
2. On Fridays during Lent we don't eat meat.
3. All Catholics 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics over 14 are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Now you know what to do but *why* do we do it? There are a couple of good reasons. First, we do something a little different on Fridays to remind of us what Jesus did for us on a Friday 2,000 years ago. Every time you get the urge for meat on a Friday, think of the sacrifice Jesus made for you. Second, it is an act of penance to follow these rules with a good heart and a cheerful spirit.

We abstain from eating between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday to make an extra sacrifice on those special days. If you get hungry between meals and are tempted to eat something, compare your "suffering" to that of Jesus on the cross.

We also have a tradition of giving something up for Lent—sweets, caffeine, TV or something else significant. We do this for the same reasons that we fast on Fridays—to remind us of what a good God we have. Lent is a special season of the year. It's a great time to give up bad habits and replace them with good ones. Denying ourselves something we want is also a good way to train our passions. If you're wondering what you might give up for Lent, think of something you absolutely do NOT want to give up (coffee, cigarettes, TV, the internet, etc.) and then do your best to live without it during Lent. With the extra time you have, begin a practice of reading Scripture or praying more. If you save money by giving up something for Lent, give at least a portion of that money to the poor by donating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or another worthy charity. Make this the best Lent ever—pray, fast, and give alms.



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 25th
MASS SCHEDULE
8:00 a.m. (School Mass)
5:30 & 6:45 p.m.

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.

Stations of the Cross

will be said each week during Lent.

7:00 p.m. Tuesdays after Mass in the chapel

8:30 a.m. Thursdays after Mass in the chapel

6:00 p.m. Friday in the Nave



Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, Feb. 24th, 6:30 p.m. *Marc Rodriguez (I)*

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25th, 8:00 a.m. *Richard Dargen (d)*

5:30 p.m. *Sr. Del Rey (I)*

6:45 p.m. *Souls in purgatory*

Thursday, Feb. 26th, 8:00 a.m. *For the souls in purgatory*

Friday, Feb. 27th, 8:00 a.m. *Dietrich Szameit (d)*

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Feb. 28th, 5:00 p.m. *Al La Dassor (d)*

Sunday, Mar. 1st, 8:30 a.m. *For the people of the parish*

10:30 a.m. *For the 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.

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

Needed each week: \$ 10,500.00

Feb. 15th Collection: \$ 9,676.86

Surplus / (Shortfall): \$ (823.14)

FIREPROOF

This blockbuster movie will soon be available for a special viewing at St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

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.

We will have a special showing Sunday, Mar. 1st, at 3:30 p.m. Study groups will also be formed where books and study materials will be available. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more details.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Please let us know if you’re interested in attending.



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 Daughter Ct. Mother Teresa has a local scholarship available to 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.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

You are invited to join us at 7:15 p.m.

this Sunday evening (2/22) for music, worship and Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction.

Food and fellowship follow! Everyone is welcome. Call Susie Rallis for more info: 351-0368.

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 Y G Group

Monday, February 23rd—6:00 p.m.

Youth Council Meeting at St. Katharine Drexel Parish

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
Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

Registration for the 2009-10 school year continues.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne: 275-6994.

SIoux FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

Food Service: PT/Seasonal (9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.)
for O’Gorman High School.

Apply by phone to: *Human Resources* - 575-3350
or e-mail: *shurley@sfc.ss.org*

Risen Savior Catholic Parish in Brandon has immediate openings for a Youth Minister and a Director of Music Ministry and Choir. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 582-6902 or send your resume to 301 N. Splitrock, Brandon, SD 57005.

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. This effort has different options to choose from:

1. Prayer for Life—We can pray a Rosary or other prayers, attend daily Mass, or devote an hour of Adoration to life.
2. Fasting for Life—We fast and sacrifice something extra for the pro-life effort. Give up lunch one day per week or your favorite TV show, etc.
3. Vigil for Life—Give witness! Get yourself signed to spend time standing outside Planned Parenthood and praying quietly.

Times: 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

February 25th—April 5th

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space for these three options. There will be a Kick-off Rally on Tues. Feb. 24th at 6:00 p.m. at First Assembly of God, 6300 W. 41st Street. For more information, please contact Carrie Sanchez at 359-4562 or go online: www.40daysforlife.com/siouxfalls



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun., Feb 22: Class for grades 1-6

Wed., Feb 25: Classes for grades 1-10

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

Wed., March 4: Teacher’s Meeting

St. Michael Parish MPR

Teachers,

Be sure to complete the Safe Environment Training required by the Diocese for all Religious Education Teachers. Go to sf catholic.org and follow the Safe Environment links. When you are finished, print the certificate and bring it to Gae.

Thanks for all you do!

Give praise to the Lord.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+ **St. Nicholas Church Benefit Lenten Fish Fry** : On Fri. Feb. 27th, they will be serving 6:30—8:00 p.m. Price is \$6.50, children 5 and under FREE. Stations of the Cross is at 6:00 p.m. Benefit for “Helping Hand Fund” which serves Tea Area Families.

+ **Inner Healing Weekend Retreat** : Using Theophostic principles, this retreat will be offered at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Hoven, SD offered at Hoven Feb. 27 - Mar. 1st and again 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. For more information about this ministry see: www.themattthewministry.com

+ **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, 8, 15, 22, & 29 and April 5, and 19.

+ **God, I Really Don’t Have Time for This Retreat**: Sat. Mar. 7th 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish Multipurpose Room. Patty Schaefer shares ways to incorporate prayer in your busy life. Cost is \$10. Register by Feb. 27th by calling 338-5691 or devoff@presentationsisters.org

+ **St. Michael Parish Dinner**: Mar. 8th 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. 8th 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 13th-15th. 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. Space is limited.

+ **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 7th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required in the Parish Office by March 20th.

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT THE STOLZ FAMILY

Please attend this event on **Saturday, Feb. 28th from 4:30—6:30 p.m.** at St. Michael Parish. There will be a silent auction, raffle, and more. Brody Allan Stolz was born on August 18, 2008 with a hole in his diaphragm. Complications during surgery led to several strokes and brain trauma. Brody is at home now and the family is in need of your help in order to cover their medical expenses.

February 28—March 1 Liturgical Ministers

5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Stacy Stefani
Lector 2: Ed Kelly

Altar Servers: Sean Catangui,
 TJ Scheafer

Book Bearer: Tanner Groshens

EOM's: M, J & A Denning, D Evers,
 C Kelly, C Miller, S Scherer

Greeters: Trudeaus & Weinachts

Gift Bearers: Michael & Jessica Bauers

Ushers: Mike Catangui,
 Ken Dunn,
 Bruce Halma,
 Jeff Hauck

Sacristan: Cindy Miller

SFCS Cert.: Jackie Kasten

Rosary: Mike & Janet McConnell

Nursery: Melissa Phillips, C Phillips

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Kelly Oberbroekling
Lector 2: Don Koster

Altar Servers: J Hemmer, B Wittrock

Book Bearer:

EOM's: C Godshall, D & L Srstka

Greeters: Romans & Srstkas

Gift Bearers: Norm & Diane Obr

Ushers: M & E Hertz, M & L Olson

Sacristan: Kori Dinges

SFCS Cert.: Denise Hertz

Rosary: Curt & Rochelle Lauret

Coffee & Rolls: Sunderland/Bills

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

Nursery: Melissa Nielsen,
 V Oldenburg

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: John Herrmann
Lector 2: Mike Bruske

Altar Servers: A Johnson, S Green

Book Bearer: Klarissa Kobernusz

EOM's: D Dubbelde, M Garry,
 G Green, A Heitmann, K & A Kautz,
 Z Thies

Greeters: Henningsen/Johnke &
 Wolfs

Gift Bearers: Tim & Carol Byrd

Ushers: M & K Schroeder,
 G Green II, **help needed**

Sacristan: Tim Vavra

SFCS Cert.: Karen Mikuska

Coffee/Rolls: Pettibone/Robbins

Bakers: A Haga, A Haggerty,
 A Heitmann, W Herrmann,
 D Hodkinson

Nursery: Alice Beyer, K Jensen

Next week's readings: February 23-March 1

Monday: Sirach 1:1-10, Mark 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11, Mark 9:30-37
 Wed: Joel 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a, Matthew 9:14-15
 Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14, Luke 5:27-32
 Sunday: Genesis 9:8-15,
 1 Peter 3:18-22,
 Mark 1:12-15



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!

*Be sure to pick up your copy of the **St. Katharine Drexel Novena** after Mass this weekend. We should start saying it on Sunday, February 22.*

Lover's Prayer:
Lord Jesus Christ,
fill us, we pray,
with your light and life
that we may show forth
your wonderful glory.
Grant that your love may so fill our lives
that we may count nothing too small to do for you,
nothing too much to give
and nothing too hard to bear.
- St. Ignatius of Loyola



Your help is needed with our Ash Wednesday Masses! We need Altar Servers, Eucharistic & Ash Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers, Gift Bearers and Cross/Book Bearers. If you are available, please sign up on the purple sheets on the table in the Gathering Space. Thanks!