



St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Come grow with us!

**February 8th,
2009
Fifth 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

HABITS

What does the word "habit" mean to you? Webster's online dictionary describes it as: "*A behavior pattern acquired by frequent repetition or physiologic exposure that shows itself in regularity or increased facility of performance.*" This could include behaviors such as getting up at a certain time every day, always eating meals at the same time, dressing in a certain way consistently, and so on.

We all have habits—some good and some bad. For instance, I smoked cigarettes for several years out of habit. I started when I was sixteen years old because I thought it was "cool". I found out two things very quickly: it wasn't very cool, and it didn't take long to get hooked. Try as I might, I could not quit those crazy things. I knew they were harmful to my health, and I knew they made my clothes, my car and my breath stink. I knew other people didn't like being around me when I smoked, but I did it anyway. I finally quit for good when I was twenty-eight years old.

I have some good habits, too. I like to get up early in the morning, I love to read books (especially about faith), I exercise regularly, and I pray at certain times every day. These practices have become a part of me and when I fail to do them, I don't feel right - I know something in my life is out of sync. It bothers me that bad habits are hard to quit while good habits are hard to maintain. It seems virtues are hard to hold on to while vices are hard to let go of.

When I was attending St. Joseph Cathedral School, the Dominican sisters taught us that the virtues of faith, hope and love were the *Theological Habits*. By practicing them in our life constantly and deliberately, these virtues would become a part of us. Faith, hope and love are called "theological" because of the way they reveal God. These virtues, when practiced properly, call us out of ourselves and into the realm of the supernatural

"Faith" is a word describing our belief in God and the way he has revealed himself in Scripture. But it goes way beyond a simple belief. Faith, when practiced as a virtue, calls us to believe when there is no reason to believe. Virtuous, God-revealing faith is what calls us to be witnesses (martyrs). When we are willing to stand up for our belief in God Almighty even when we are being persecuted and harassed for those beliefs, we know we are practicing a theological habit.

The virtue of hope is similar. Hope, in the context of our discussion, goes way beyond wishes and wants. It calls us to put our trust in what we believe when it would be a lot easier to give up. When we lose loved ones to death, when our financial and physical health fail, or when our friends abandon us, true hope remains. This hope reminds us that we were not made for this world—that God has promised something better. Practice of this habit will lead us from darkness to light every time.

And then there is love. The word "love" gets bantered around in our culture quite loosely. We "love" all sorts of things like pizza, cars, chocolate, and football. The habit of love has little to do with these. We know we are practicing love rightly when we can love even the unlovable. When people do things that are hideous, disgusting or offensive and we can still see Jesus Christ in them, and love them just because they were created in the image of God, we are loving as God loves. Love that is shown unconditionally, that is free, tota, and faithful, reveals God on earth.

We obtain these habits by practicing them in our daily lives. When we can say that we practice faith, hope, and love in the way according to Webster's definition of a habit and live them out in ways that truly reveal God, we are being truly Catholic.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus moves on to unknown places even when things are going very well right where He is. By His example He calls each of us out of our own comfort zones. Which of the habits of faith, hope, and love do you need to practice more fervently in your life? In what ways can you reveal God more clearly to your family, your friends, and your coworkers? I once heard Matthew Kelly, Catholic author and speaker, say:

"Our lives change when our habits change. You can't become more like Jesus Christ and remain the person you are."

Trust God. His will is that you would spend eternity with Him in heaven. Cooperate with that will by following His Son into a life where faith, hope and love become habits.

- Deacon John

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.



The Knights of Columbus will meet on Sunday, Feb. 8th at St. Michael School Art Room at 7:00 p.m. All parish men are invited to participate.



Catholic Daughters invites all Catholic women to attend their meeting, Tuesday, February 10th at 7 p.m. Rosary will be prayed at 6:45 p.m.

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 6:30 p.m. *Colleen Hurley*
Wednesday, Feb. 11th, 8:00 a.m. *Special Intention*
Thursday, Feb. 12th, 8:00 a.m. *Carolee Weber (I)*
Friday, Feb. 13th, 8:00 a.m. *For the souls in purgatory*
Saturday, Feb. 14th, 5:00 p.m. *For the souls in purgatory*
Sunday, Feb. 15th, 8:30 a.m. *For the souls in purgatory*
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.

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Support:

Needed each week: \$ 10,500.00
Feb. 1st Collection: \$ 12,761.22
Surplus / (Shortfall): \$ 2,261.22

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.

A special showing will happen in the first part of March. Books and study materials will be available. Study groups will also be formed. 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.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

You are invited to join us at 7:15 p.m. this Sunday evening (2/8) for music, worship and Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction.

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

Anniversary Mass on June 7th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral for couples celebrating 25th, 50th, 60th, 65th or more years of marriage. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to attend. Deadline is March 20, 2009.

LOOKING TO GO DEEPER WITH GOD?

Investigate what it means to be a Carmelite Secular. There is a study held the third Saturday of each month in the St. Joseph Room at the Cathedral following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Call Sharon Doty for more information: 310-9060

The Journey of St. Paul

Make plans to attend this production depicting the life missionary journeys of Saint Paul. This is a professional play put on by the touring troupe Theatre of the World.

Friday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit Church
Free Will Offering

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

Sunday, February 8th—5:30-7:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, February 18th—Stampede Hockey!

You must turn in consent form and pay for your ticket (\$4.50) by Wed., Feb. 11th, no exceptions.

Monday, February 23rd—6:00 p.m.

Youth Council Meeting at St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Order your St. Katharine Drexel Youth t-shirt today!

Front: St. Katharine Drexel Parish Youth **Back:** If you are who you should be, you will set the world on fire! -St. Catherine of Siena **Color:** Tie-dye: yellow, orange, and white. Orders due by February 15th (Currently, the price is \$20.00 per shirt, but the more we order, the lower the price!) Sizes available: Youth S, M, L and Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL (add \$2.12)
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.

SFO meeting Mon., Feb 9th 7:00 p.m. Lunch Room

Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thurs., Feb. 12th.

No school Thurs. Feb. 12th—Mon. Feb. 16th.

Registration for the 2009-10 school year continues.

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

VIANNEY VISIT—February 12-14, 2009

Open to young men curious about seminary life. Call Fr. Dana or Fr. Jim for information. 605-988-3772

2009 O’Gorman Concert Choir Capers Dinner and Variety Show, Monday, February 9th at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the Student Silent “Knight” Auction. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Adults: \$25 / Students (up to age 10) \$15. Tickets are available from any O’Gorman Concert Choir student or by calling the O’G Choral Department at 575-3327.



Get “pumped up” for the new high school!

You can help us build the new O’Gorman High School by filling up at The Gas Stop! For every Gas Stop gift card sold through the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools certificate program, The Gas Stop will donate an additional 3% to the *Building On Excellence* Campaign. Thanks, Gas Stop!

O’Gorman Performing Arts Center

Would you like a way to honor or memorialize someone you love? Consider purchasing the naming rights to a seat in the new Dr. Tom and Penny Lorang Theatre in the soon-to-be-built O’Gorman Performing Arts Center. Seats are just \$1,000 (cash, check or credit card) and can be paid over a five year period if necessary. Contact the SFCS Development Office at 336-6354 for more details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sun., Feb 8: Class for grades 1-6

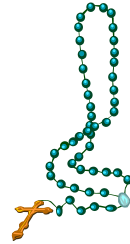
Wed., Feb 11: Class for grades 1-10

Sun., Feb 15: No Class

Wed., Feb 18: Class for grades 1-10

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

Sun., Feb. 8th, 9:30 a.m. for both public and Catholic school parents. Wed., Feb. 11th at 5:30 p.m. for all parents who could not make it on Sun., Feb. 8th.



Life Chain Link prayer with Bishop Swain will be on Wed., Feb. 11th at noon in front of Planned Parenthood on 41st Street. Other dates that St. Katharine Drexel Parish will be praying the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood are Tues., Feb 10th at noon, and Sun., Feb. 15th at 12:15 p.m.

WINTER CHEER CLINIC

Hosted by the O’Gorman cheerleaders on Friday, Feb. 13th from 9:30 a.m. until noon. For registration information contact Molly Christianson at 360-1759.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+ **Children’s Holy Hour:** Mon., Feb. 16th at 7p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls Led by Fr. Antoine Thomas who founded a children’s Eucharistic Adoration program known as “Children of Hope” which is being implemented in parishes around the world. In each place the message is the same: “To bring children close to the Heart of Jesus and to gaze upon Him in Adoration.” www.childrenofhope.org

+ **Broom Tree Silent Retreats:** For men—Feb. 19-22. Call 605-263-1040 for more information.

+ **Living Beyond Yourself – Exploring the Fruits of the Holy Spirit Retreat:** A retreat based on Galatians 5:22-23 will be held at Broom Tree Retreat Center on Feb. 20-23rd. Presenters for the weekend will be Mrs. Jane Barz and Mrs. Rita Weber. Registration will be \$30.00 plus room and meals. For more information or to register please contact Jane Barz at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net or 605-940-4101.

+ **Engaged Encounter Weekend** will be offered February 21-22. Call 362-0292 for more information.

+ **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

+ **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 Schneider shares ways to incorporate prayer in your busy life. Cost is \$10. Register by Feb. 27th by calling 338-5691 or devoff@presentationsisters.org

+ **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.

+ **“Seven Brides for Seven Brothers”:** The Yesterday’s Kids from Holy Spirit Church are going to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on Sat., April 4th. The cost is \$105 for the trip. Deadline for signing up is Feb. 18th. For sign-up or more info contact Kathy Davis at 371-2320.

February 14-15 Liturgical Ministers

5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Jennifer Sammons
Lector 2: Eric Sammons

Altar Servers: Francis Boehmer,
 Andrew Sammons

Book Bearer: Caitlyn Illg

EOM's: K Haiar, J Houseman,
 M & J McConnell, M & S Rierson,
 K Rokusek

Greeters: Swedeans & Welches

Gift Bearers: Allan & Alice Beyer

Ushers: Jim & Dan Haiar,
 Greg Logan,
 Jim Miller

Sacristan: Jim Reichelt

SFCS Cert.: Kim Haiar

Rosary: Kathy Halma

Nursery: NO NURSERY

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Denise Hertz
Lector 2: Kathleen Darling

Altar Servers: Alex Linneman,
 Seth Huntimer

Book Bearer:

EOM's: M & K Brown, D Edwards

Greeters: Huntimers & Konechnes

Gift Bearers: Dennis & Linda Srstka

Ushers: P Dangel, T Goehring,
 M, R & M Edwards

Sacristan: Steve Reichelt

SFCS Cert.: Darla Delauriers

Rosary: Carol Horn

Coffee & Rolls: Roman/Siemonsma

Bakers: K Darling, V Donohoe,
 D Dubs, A Durbin

Nursery: Heather Schenkel,
 A Kleinsasser

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Jim Cady
Lector 2: Beth Adamson

Altar Servers: K & L Kobernusz

Book Bearer: Alisha Hershman

EOM's: K & D Curley, B Dumdie,
 W Herrmann, P Schwebach,
 M Steffes, L Thornton

Greeters: Hennings & Robys

Gift Bearers: K & D Hodkinson

Ushers: D & E Bechtel, N Bohr,
 J Herrmann

Sacristan: Christy Dembele

SFCS Cert.: Michelle Haase

Coffee/Rolls: Curt & Sonja Olson

Bakers: D Dubbelde, J Garcia,
 M Garry, J Gillespie, B Girouard

Nursery: NO NURSERY

Next week's readings: February 9-15

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19, Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: Genesis 1:20-2:4a, Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17, Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25, Mark 7:24-30

Friday: Genesis 3:1-8, Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24, Mark 8:1-10

Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46,
 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1,
 Mark 1:40-45

FOCA POSTCARD CAMPAIGN



This weekend is your opportunity to make your voice heard regarding the "Freedom of Choice Act". This piece of legislation would be the most pro-abortion law ever passed in the United States. It states that a woman's right to an abortion cannot be denied. It has the potential of overturning all existing state laws regulating abortion. It could have grave consequences for Catholic hospitals and healthcare workers. Fill out a postcard during Mass this weekend that will let our three U.S. Congresspersons know where you stand. Don't let this opportunity get away! Millions of unborn children are counting on you.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL (CFSA)

In the next few weeks, you will be hearing more about the annual CFSA pledge drive. This appeal assists Bishop Swain in his efforts to reach out to thousands of Eastern South Dakota Catholics. Our goal at St. Katharine Drexel Parish is that every parish member would participate by contributing financially or by praying for the success of this year's drive. *"Brothers and sisters, do everything for the glory of God!" 1Cor 10:31*