

St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Come grow with us!

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Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday



January 3, 2010
Solemnity
of the
Epiphany
of the Lord

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

A new path

When I worked in the business world, we would often sit in meetings trying to figure out what our next marketing program, product launch or expense-cutting strategy would be. Many times we would get stuck and just couldn't figure things out, so our boss would bring in someone from the outside, a specialist of some sort, to assist us. We would have brainstorming sessions and it was amazing how the ideas would flow. Some were impractical, some were too complicated and others were just plain silly, but we would eventually be able to find one idea (or a combination of several) that would work. The one thing that was consistent about these sessions was the fact that the "big idea" usually came from a source that we didn't expect. The one person who rarely contributed or the new person who didn't have any experience would be the one bringing the best idea to the table. One of the participants in these sessions used to remain quiet while the rest of us were jabbering away. When asked about his silence, he would say that he was "waiting for an epiphany".

The whole world was "waiting for an epiphany" at the time of Jesus' birth. The Hebrew people had been told about the coming of a Savior for hundreds of years by their priests and prophets. They lived in a state of expectation. They KNEW that someday God would answer their prayers and bring about the salvation they were waiting for. When their Messiah finally showed up, many of them had a difficult time accepting Him because He wasn't at all what they expected.

What about you? What kind of Messiah are you looking for in your own life? Jesus Christ has come and revealed Himself as the Savior of the whole world. Do you recognize Him as such? Many in our culture are still searching for someone (or something) to rescue them from the stress, the pain and the frustration of everyday life. They are sure it will come in the form of a winning lottery ticket, a new house, a new

car or a promotion at work. These people are still "waiting for an epiphany".

Today, we celebrate the event of the Magi finding Jesus and KNOWING that they had found something extra special. They were not Hebrews and did not practice the Jewish faith, but they knew the prophecies and were able to find Jesus because they believed them.

We have a great advantage over those Magi. We have Scripture, especially the New Testament, to assist us in our beliefs. We have 2,000 years of faith history to support us as well as the example of thousands of saints to point the way. We have our own families and the way the faith has been passed down through generations, eventually to us.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the writer says:

In time past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets. In these last days, He spoke to us through a Son, whom He made heir of all things and through whom He created the universe, who is the refulgence of His glory, the very imprint of His being, and who sustains all things by His mighty word.

(Heb. 1:1-3)

God has spoken to us through His Son! What blessed people we are. Each of us simply needs to allow Jesus Christ a place in our hearts and homes. When that happens, we have our own "personal epiphany" and we can stop looking for our salvation in other places. The wait is over. YOUR salvation has come.

When the Magi found Jesus, Scripture tells us that they "returned to their country by another way". When we have our epiphany, Jesus will take us on new paths that lead to peace, joy and fullness of life.

SIGN UP TO PRAY FOR A PRIEST IN OUR DIOCESE

As part of the "Year for Priests", you are invited to pray for an individual priest in our diocese. The sign-up sheet and packet are located in the Gathering Space. When you sign up, pick up the packet for that priest. The packet contains a booklet of prayers for priests, the name, address and photo of the priest you have chosen. Please include him in your daily prayers.

Visit our web site at www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our next class will be January 7th at 7:00 p.m. when the topic will be "The Sacraments and the Sacrament of Baptism". Please join us on Thursday evenings whenever the topic interests you. No need to register—just come.

Please pick up your parish pictorial directory. If you would like an additional directory, they are \$10 each.



The Knights of Columbus will meet on Sunday, January 3rd at St. Michael School at 7:15 p.m. All parish men are invited to participate.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

We have several CD's and an excellent book available on the Lighthouse Media kiosk located in the Gathering Space. Try gathering the whole family one evening per week to learn more about your faith together. Stop by the kiosk today and pick out one or more of the 21 titles offered.

Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 6:30 p.m. Teri Kattke (d)
Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 8:00 a.m. Gertrude Mohr (d)
Thursday, Jan. 7th, 8:00 a.m. Karen Kelly
Friday, Jan. 8th, 8:00 a.m. Dave Zimmer (d)
Saturday, Jan. 9th, 5:00 p.m. Aileen Peterson (d)
Sunday, Jan. 10th, 8:30 a.m. For the people of the parish
10:30 a.m. Therese Langfeldt (d)

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:	\$ 11,025.00
Dec. 27th Collection:	\$ 8,917.90
Surplus / (Shortfall):	\$ (2,108.10)

Year-end Contribution Statements:

If you would like to make a year-end contribution and have it credited to 2009, you must date the check December 31, 2009 and have it turned in by January 8th. We will be printing and mailing year-end financial statements by January 25th. When you receive your statement, please look it over carefully and call the Parish Office with questions.

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Tuesday night Men's Group will be starting a new session on Jan. 12th. The topic will be "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" All men are invited to attend.

Sunday January 10th -- the kick-off to Vocations Awareness Week -- there will be a live performance of the one-man theatrical drama "Vianney" by Catholic actor Leonardo Defilippis at 7:00 p.m. at O'Gorman High School. Coinciding with the **Year for Priests**, the 90-minute production -- suitable for ages 9 and up -- introduces Catholics to St. John Vianney and gives a new and encouraging answer to the question, "**What is a priest?**" The event is a free, non-ticketed event; however, seating is limited.

Marquette Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



Sunday, January 10, 2010
O'Gorman Jr. High Gym.
Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. -
the contest begins at 1:30



This contest is open to all girls and boys ages 10-14. Domino's Pizza and beverages will be provided to contestants. Winners will advance to the District Championship in Flandreau.

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.

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 YG Group

January 6th—Ice Skating
at Sioux Falls Ice & Rec Center 7:30 - 9 p.m.

February 3rd—Tubing at Great Bear
Mission Trip Opportunity:

May 29—June 7, 2010 to Lake Charles, LA.

Registration deadline is January 31, 2010.

Email skd.youthsf@gmail.com

UPCOMING DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:

YOUTH RETREATS:

Search: 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 January retreat to fulfill requirements for retreat for Confirmation.



You are invited to a free movie screening of "To Save A Life" on January 5th at 7 p.m. at Century Theaters. RSVP by visiting <http://screenings.tosavealifeleaders.com/events/list>

or call 605-275-6291. The Alpha Center, Truth4Youth and the National Abstinence Clearinghouse have worked together to bring this amazing movie to Sioux Falls. *To Save A Life* is a powerful indie movie about the real-life challenges of teens and their choices. At some point, every teen has to decide "What's my life going to be about?" *To Save A Life* dares to bring that question into their world, encouraging them to answer it with boldness, honesty and Christ-likeness.

Attention 8th graders and their parents! O'Gorman High School will be offering a Student/Parent Information Night/Activity Fair on Thursday, January 14th, at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. Valuable information regarding registration, schedules, four-year plans, high school graduation requirements and college admission requirements will be discussed. There will also be an activity fair in the gymnasium with the opportunity to meet students involved in various activities and to see what is available at O'Gorman High School. **Freshmen registration will be held on Wed., January 20th and Thurs. January 21st, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 6:00-7:30 p.m.**



St. Katharine Drexel School News:

School Resumes on Jan. 4th.

If you are interested in having your child screened for Kindergarten readiness, please contact the school office by Thurs. January 14th. The 2010-2011 school year registration for Preschool and Kindergarten will be on Wed., January 27th from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Questions: Please call the School Office at 275-6994 or e-mail Anne at aswim@sfcss.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, January 3rd: NO RE Classes

Wed., January 6th: NO RE Classes—

Teachers' Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Michael Parish Multipurpose Room.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

+DWS Support Group is for those who are divorced, widowed or separated. A new 10-week program will begin on Monday, Jan. 4th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral School. Call 800-700-7867 for more info. No pre-registration is required to attend.

+Grieving the Loss of a Sibling?: Catholic Family Services will be offering a six-week program on Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 12th. For more information call: 988-3775.

+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 Jan. 13th.

+Engaged Encounter Weekends: January 9th & 10th and February 20th & 21st in Sioux Falls. Call 362-0292 for more information.

+Cursillo Weekends Scheduled: For men—January 7-10th and for women January 14-21st. Call Deacon John at the Parish Office if interested.

+37th Annual March for Life: This youth and family pilgrimage will take place from January 16th-23rd, 2010. Space is limited so make plans now for this Diocesan sponsored journey to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life. Call 605-988-3763 for registration information.

+Broom Tree Silent Retreats: Feb. 4th-7th for women, Feb. 18th-21st for men.

+Is your marriage tearing you apart? Attend the Retrouvaille weekend at Blue Cloud Abbey March 12-14. Call 988-3776 for more information.

+HUSBANDS and WIVES... Restore Communication - Renew Commitment - Rekindle Romance. Make a New Year's resolution to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** on Feb. 12th-14th at the BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. To register, contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org.

+Tonic Sol-Fa Concert benefiting Catholic Family Services will be Sat., Feb 20th, 7:00 p.m. at Washington Pavilion. Tickets are on sale now at the Pavilion box office.

+Natural Family Planning & Fertility Care: For information and a list of instructors and physicians, call the Family and Children Faith Formation Office at 988-3776.

+St. Michael Cemetery Winter Hours: St. Michael Cemetery is now open from 8a.m.—4 p.m. Mon thru Fri. and 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Sat. and Sun.

+Marriage Enrichment Website: www.foryourmarriage.org

BREAKFAST AT THE BANQUET

Our parish will be serving breakfast at The Banquet on Friday, January 22nd and we need YOUR help. Volunteers are needed to cook and serve the meal and then to clean up the kitchen and dining room. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

Serra Club Magnets

"Pray for Vocations" & "Year for Priests"

will be on sale after all Masses next weekend (Jan. 9th and 10th). These car magnets are a great way to raise awareness of the need for priestly vocations. The are \$5/each or 2/\$9.



January 9-10 Liturgical Ministers

5p.m. Mass

Lector 1: Mike Sebastian
Lector 2: Marlene Sebastian

Altar Servers: L Pruss, L Brady

Book Bearer: Loghin Welch

EOM's: K Haiar, K & V Kirby,
 R Lingberg, L Robison, M Shields,
 J Skibinski

Greeters: Robison, Voss & Welches

Gift Bearers: Curt & Shelly Ziebell

Ushers: Jim & Dan Haiar,
 Mike & Janet McConnell

Sacristan: Mary Pruss

SFCS Cert.: Candace Evans

Rosary: Henry & Candace Evans

Nursery: P & K Welch

Wknd Mass Reception: C Dougherty

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Katie Johnson
Lector 2: Blair Roman

Altar Servers: Emma & Alex Hertz
Book Bearer: Adam Kleinsasser

EOM's: C Behm, D Hertz, D Obr

Greeters: K, R & A Peters & Rowes

Gift Bearers: Tom & Chris Snyder

Ushers: Z Bauman, Z Schneider,
 B & B Welbig

Sacristan: Denise Hertz

SFCS Cert.: Curt Lauret

Rosary: Kevin & Pat Ordalen

Coffee & Rolls: G & L Krump

Bakers: M Northrup, A Peters,
 K Peters, C Rowe

Nursery: Matt & Tricia Bierema

Wknd Mass Reception: Dendinger

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1: Mike Bruske
Lector 2: Paul Sample

Altar Servers: S & N Hoekstra
Book Bearer:

EOM's: B Dumdie, A Hoekstra,
 R Kerkvliet, M Nielson, C Stalley,
 Je Polkinghorn, L Reiter,
 K Sample,

Greeters: Misars & Oines

Gift Bearers: Todd & Jill Peichel

Ushers: J Hendricks, J Hoekstra,
 B Nielson, T Stahl

Sacristan: John Polkinghorn

SFCS Cert.: Ann Fleck

Coffee/Rolls: S & C Haverkamp
Bakers: B Miller, J Peichel,
 S Peterson, J Polkinghorn,
 D Ptacek

Nursery: Christy Dembele,
 L Hoekstra, A Soukup

Next week's readings: January 4-10

Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10, Mark 6:34-44

Wed: 1 John 4:11-18, Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22a

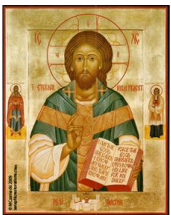
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13, Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21, John 3:22-30

Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7,

Acts 10:34-38,

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Remember to pray for our priests in this "Year for Priests"

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS
 by St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your
 priests with the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,
 where none may touch them.
 Keep unstained their anointed hands, which
 daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied
 their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious
 Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
 sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
 Let Your holy love surround them and shield
 them from the world's contagion.
 Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may
 the souls to whom they minister be their joy and



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

Noah Joshua Grabow, son of Josh & April
Sawyer Lance Hovdestad, son of Troy & Desirae
Alec Douglas Johnson, son of Troy & Nicole
Kade Kenneth Oehlke, son of Karl & Kelley
Sophia Grace David, daughter of Jim & Vickie
Mallie Ann George, daughter of Chris & April
Paige Patricia Schmidt, daughter of Scott & Jo
Addison Faith Steinhoff, daughter of Mitch & Ashley
Boston William DenBoer, son of Scott & Ann
Hannah Marie Drake, daughter of Ryan & Amber
Claire Elise Sorenson, daughter of Jeremy & Tracy
Konnor Steven Lindersmith, son of Kory & Jessica
Cameron Scott Ziemer, son of Scott & Jamie