



**St. Katharine Drexel Parish**  
*Come grow with us!*

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

**March 22nd,  
2009  
Fourth Sunday of  
Lent  
(Laetare Sunday)**

**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:**

**Laetare Sunday**

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent—also known as Laetare Sunday. This title comes from the introductory rite of the Mass “Rejoice, Jerusalem!” where we are called to rejoice. Right in the middle of our most solemn and penitential season, our Church bids us to remember the purpose of our Lenten journey—a more joy-filled and loving relationship with God and with each other.

This begs the question— “How is Lent going for you?” Are you participating in the disciplines of this season by abstaining from meat on Fridays? Many Catholics do not like to follow that rule. It’s as if they are determined to eat meat that day just because they are not supposed to. If you struggle on Fridays, remember that Jesus offered His Flesh for our salvation on a Friday about 2,000 years ago. We abstain on Fridays in order to remind ourselves of that great sacrifice.

Did you give up something for Lent or promise yourself that you would do something extra? If you have struggled to be faithful, don’t give up now. There are still three weeks to make good on those promises. Pray to God for strength when temptation is strong.

How is your prayer life going this Lent? A dedicated time for prayer each and every day will help make this season more joyful. Take 10 or 15 minutes out of your busy day and commit them to God in prayer. Over the course of the next few weeks you will indeed notice a profound difference in yourself.

In today’s Gospel reading, we hear that famous verse “*God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.*” Without the Son, we would all perish. Without the Son and His obedient sacrifice on the cross we would have no chance at eternal life. Live this day in the joy of that knowledge. Spend the time between now and Easter spreading that joy to family, friends, and coworkers. Rejoice and be glad, *now* is the day of salvation, *now* is the acceptable time.

**TRUE CONFESSIONS**

When was the last time you took advantage of the Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation)? It is sad that many people rarely use this sacrament. Sacraments are opportunities to receive the grace of God—grace that will assist us in resisting temptation in the future.

An old friend of mine tells me that he doesn’t need to go because he can just tell God his sins directly. He also says that confession is just an invention of the Church. The facts are these: Jesus Christ gave his apostles authority over sin in John’s Gospel (20:20-23). The only way they could have that authority is if people told them (confessed) their sins. Also, God already knows what our sins are. The sacrament was instituted to allow us the opportunity to receive that forgiveness “out loud” from the priest who sits “in the person of Christ” as the minister of confession.

In the early Church, confessions were made in public. Persons had to stand in front of the assembly and confess their sins. Their penance was removal from the Church until such time as the priest thought they were sufficiently healed. I don’t know about you, but I’m glad the sacrament developed into its current form of private confessions. If it’s been a while since you visited the confessional, get there before Easter. The healing that comes from complete forgiveness is tremendous. By staying away, you avoid that healing.

Another friend of mine describes the sacraments as the place heaven and earth kiss. I don’t know about you, but I want to be right in the middle of that kiss.

**LENTE COMMUNAL PENANCE SCHEDULE**

Cut this schedule out today and make sure you get to confession before Easter. Each of these communal penance services has several priests scheduled.

Sunday, April 5, 2:00 p.m. Christ the King Parish

Sunday, April 5, 2:00 p.m. St. Mary Parish

Sunday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Lambert Parish

**Sunday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Katharine Drexel Parish**

Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Cathedral

Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Parish

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. St. Michael Parish

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. St. Therese Parish



## ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

If you have an issue or situation in your life that could use some extra prayer, please contact us at the Parish Office by phone or email. Our staff will pray for you and we will notify others in our parish of the need as well. We respect your confidentiality by using only first names—or no names if you prefer.

### PASSION AT THE CATHEDRAL

#### An Experience of Hope: Sat., April 4th—7:30 p.m.

This is a dramatic musical depiction of the last hours of Christ's life and includes images from the movie "The Passion of the Christ". Featured performers include the South Dakota Symphony Strings under the direction of Henry Charles Smith, with special guest soloist Ben Sieverding and actor Tom Roberts. Tickets can be obtained on the web at [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org) or by calling 1-888-246-3386.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

- Tuesday, March 24th, 6:30 p.m.** *Lyn May (d)*  
**7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**
- Wednesday, March 25th, 8:00 a.m.** *Special intention*
- Thursday, March 26th, 8:00 a.m.** *John & Rose Wieseler (d)*  
**8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross**
- Friday, March 27th, 8:00 a.m.** *Sophia Piccolo & Teriann Brown on their birthdays.*  
**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**
- Saturday, March 28th, 5:00 p.m.** *Edmund & Cecelia Naber*
- Sunday, March 29th, 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.*

### How to reach us:

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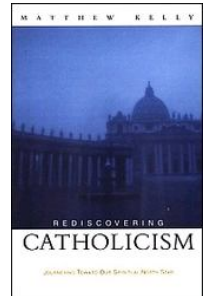
## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

### Weekly Support:

Needed each week: \$ 10,500.00  
 March 15th Collection: \$ 10,444.76  
 Surplus / (Shortfall): \$ ( 55.24)

### REDISCOVER YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Studying your Catholic faith along with this book would be a great way to spend time this Lent. Through a special discount program we have them for just \$3 even though thousands of copies were sold at \$22.95. They are available at the Light-house Media kiosk in the Gathering Space.



### 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.

### FOUNDATION A Parents' Group

Join us Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. We gather to build a stronger foundation in our lives. Child care provided.



*Knight of Columbus Fish Fry* will be held during Lent at St. Michael Parish on 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.

Each spring the Catholic Daughters sponsor the LifeSavers Project which draws our attention to abuse awareness. This weekend we will be accepting your donations before and after each Mass. 40% of what we collect stays in Sioux Falls. As you enjoy your Lifesavers, please pray for the victims of abuse that they may find protection and feel God's love. Pray also for the abusers that they may realize the value of life and have a change of heart so as to stop their violence.



**Mmmmm QDOBA !!** We have Qdoba Mexican Grill Community Fund Raiser cards available at the Parish Office and after Masses (at the same table as the SFCS Certificates). The cards are \$10 each, and have 9 coupons for more than \$60 worth of great food deals at all SD & NE Qdoba Mexican Grill locations. Great gift idea!

### 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 YG Group

Monday, March 30th—6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Youth Council Meeting at St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Wednesday, April 1st—6:45 p.m.—8 p.m.

Game Night at St. Katharine Drexel Parish!

Sunday, April 5th—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

Sunday, April 19th—5:30-7:00 p.m.

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Youth Council—Youth and Adults, please attend.

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or call the Parish Office at 275-6870



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## St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Join us for the school Mass each  
Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

Early Dismissal - Thurs., April 9th at  
10:45 a.m.

No school - April 10th & 13th.

Spring Concert -April 15th after the school Mass.

Registration for the 2009-10 school year continues.

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

## Living Stations of the Cross

The Confirmation class of 2010 will be presenting the Living Stations on Good Friday. Any other student who is interested in being in the play or helping out, please contact Gae at 275-6870. Practice will be on Sunday at 1:00 pm to 2:45 pm.



**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:** Catholic Daughter Ct. Mother Teresa has a local scholarship for a student entering or attending a post-secondary school in the fall 2009. Deadline is Apr. 15th. Applications are available at the Parish Office or by calling Mary Gibson at 543-5802.

Cayman Court Assisted Living is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for their residents to and from doctor appointments. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 275-6870.

## 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. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Carrie Sanchez at 359-4562 or go online: [www.40daysforlife.com/siouxfalls](http://www.40daysforlife.com/siouxfalls) Planning Life is looking for volunteers during the 40 Days for Life event to greet participants and serve hot chocolate. Please call Carol at 361-3275 to sign up.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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

Wed., March 25: Class for grades 1-10\*

Sun., March 29: Class for grades 1-6

Wed., April 1: Teacher's Meeting: St Michael MPR

\*All 9th and 10th Graders (will attend the Chrim Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on March 25th—7:00 p.m. This Mass will last until approximately 8:30 p.m. 7th and 8th Graders will attend class at St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

**+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 22nd, 29th, April 5th & 19th.

**+DWS SUPPORT GROUP for divorced, widowed and separated.** Open to people of all faiths. A ten week program led by volunteers who have been through the program and want to give back after experiencing help with their grief and pain. Registration Monday, March 23rd at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral School (south entrance). Cost \$55 for books and materials. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 for more info. No pre-registration needed.

**+Cathedral Chrim Mass:** You are invited to join Bishop Paul Swain during the annual Blessing of Sacred Oils at Saint Joseph Cathedral on Wed. Mar. 25th at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation students will be in attendance and will bring back the oils for display and use in our parish.

**+Life in the Spirit Seminar:** will be offered at St. Lambert Parish March 27th-28th. Come to appreciate the presence of Jesus Christ in your life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Call Joan to register: 332-9009.

**+Finding God Retreat:** Single women are invited to attend the retreat at the Presentation Sister's Convent in Aberdeen on Friday, March 27th from 6—9 p.m. Pre-register by March 20 by calling Jan: 605-229-84145

**+Retrouville** (help for troubled marriages): March 27th-29th at Blue Cloud Abbey. This is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal their relationship. Call 988-3763 to register.

**+8th Annual Shamrock Run:** Sat., Mar. 28th at O'Gorman High School. The race begins at 11 a.m. 5k race or 2mile fun run / walk.

**+ St. Mary's Catholic School:** in Dell Rapids will be having their annual school carnival and auction on Sun., Mar. 29th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food, games, prizes along with a live and silent auction.

**+Healing from sexual abuse...a group program for Adults:** April 1st - May 20th - 8 Wednesdays from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. at Catholic Pastoral Center. Facilitated by Diane Cogley, MSW-PIP. No fee. Pre-group interview required. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register and schedule interview.

**+Annual Salad Luncheon & Card Party:** Held on Apr. 4th, 11:30 a.m. — 3 p.m. at St. Nicholas, Tea. \$7 per ticket. Call Jerene Atkins at 368-2613 for reservations by Mar. 29th.

**+ St. Mary's Parish Dinner:** will be Sunday, April 19th. This will feature turkey with all of the traditional trimmings. The event will run 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (4-12).

**+Matt Maher is coming to Pierre:** Sat., Apr. 4th at TF Riggs Theatre 7 p.m. concert. Limited seating available. Purchase tickets at Diocese of Sioux Falls, ask for Bob Siemens, or at Hurley's Religious Goods in Sioux Falls, or contact Lisa Fahey at 605-224-8969.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Watch your April parish support mailing for an envelope for Easter flower memorial giving. These flowers will be used to decorate our

## LITTLE PARISH LEADER MEETING

Are you interested in getting to know your fellow parishioners better? Please consider becoming a Little Parish Leader. Join us on March 26th at 7:15 p.m. Call Gae for more information: 275-6870

## March 28-29 Liturgical Ministers

<u>5:00 p.m. Mass</u>	<u>8:30 a.m. Mass</u>	<u>10:30 a.m. Mass</u>
<b>Lector 1:</b> Cindy Dougherty <b>Lector 2:</b> Mike Denning	<b>Lector 1:</b> Jessie DeGiorgio <b>Lector 2:</b> Catherine DeGiorgio	<b>Lector 1:</b> Angie Lynch <b>Lector 2:</b> Rob McCoy
<b>Altar Servers:</b> Nick & Reece Mimmack	<b>Altar Servers:</b> G & J Behm	<b>Altar Servers:</b> N & A Byrd
<b>Book Bearer:</b> Caitlyn Illg	<b>Book Bearer:</b>	<b>Book Bearer:</b> Rachael Byrd
<b>EOM's:</b> J Houseman, J & L Mimmack, M Pruss, M & S Rierson, S Scherer	<b>EOM's:</b> C Behm, C Nielsen, K Oberbroekling	<b>EOM's:</b> A Cogley, T Dix, M Tobin, L Oligmueller, K Ward, D & D Wolf
<b>Greeters:</b> Riegers & Runges	<b>Greeters:</b> Bunkers & Mitzels	<b>Greeters:</b> Jaspers & Steffes
<b>Gift Bearers:</b> Bob & Terri VanDenover	<b>Gift Bearers:</b> Joe & Chris Godshall	<b>Gift Bearers:</b> Tom & Chris Snyder
<b>Ushers:</b> Mike & Marlene Sebastian, Joe Skibinski, Seth Trudeau	<b>Ushers:</b> C Blauwet, J Miller, R Peters, J Sorenson	<b>Ushers:</b> C Oligmueller, J Slunecka, J & G Ries
<b>Sacristan:</b> Suzie Rierson	<b>Sacristan:</b> Chris Nielsen	<b>Sacristan:</b> Pat Schwebach
<b>SFCS Cert.:</b> Carol Deering	<b>SFCS Cert.:</b> Hayley Ziegler	<b>SFCS Cert.:</b> Lisa Oligmueller
<b>Rosary:</b> Kathy Halma	<b>Rosary:</b> Kathleen Darling	<b>Coffee/Rolls:</b> Jeff & Debbie Ptacek
<b>Nursery:</b> Melissa Phillips, T & T Mitzel	<b>Coffee &amp; Rolls:</b> Brian & Cindy Behm <b>Bakers:</b> M Nielsen, K Oberbroekling, D Obr, P Ordalen <b>Nursery:</b> Melissa Nielsen, B & M Lauret	<b>Bakers:</b> S Olson, C Painter, R Parkhurst, J Peichel, S Peterson <b>Nursery:</b> Alice Beyer, J Larson, D Thompson

### Next week's readings: March 23-29

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21, John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, John 5:1-16

Wed: Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14, John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20, 7:40-53

Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34,

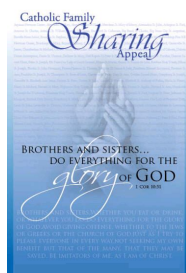
Hebrews 5:7-9,

John 12:20-33

### CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL

*Your generosity to this annual appeal is greatly appreciated. Please turn in your card as soon as possible. Our Diocesan Offices count on the annual CFSA campaign to fund their programs. You can mail it to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday collection. Even if you cannot contribute financially, we need your card back. We will be making phone calls in April to those who have not turned in their pledge cards. Please pray for the success of this appeal so that all Diocesan programs will remain available.*

**CFSA Parish Goal:** \$43,000.00  
**Pledged Thus Far:** \$32,622.00  
**Paid Thus Far:** \$20,805.25  
**Number of Families pledged:** 206 out of 650



### Second chance for "FIREPROOF"

Join us at 3:00 p.m. on March 29th for this special showing sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. There will be an opportunity for follow-up study for those interested.

