



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

# May 24, 2009 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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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**

### **God is calling YOU!**

When I was a young child, my brothers and I loved to play outside. I think my mom loved that fact, too. When we were out in the yard or the neighborhood, we were not constantly underfoot as she tended to our younger siblings. Naturally, there were places we were not supposed to go and things we were not supposed to do while we played. Playing on the sidewalk and in the backyard were fine, playing in the street was not. There were dozens of other kids on our block, so we were tempted to go to other kids' houses or yards and play with them. My mom was fine with that as long as we stayed within earshot of our house. She always wanted us to be able to hear her when it was time to come in.

I can distinctly remember an incident when my older brother and I decided not to respond to her call. We were a half block from home playing in the alley. The alley was gravel so there were hundreds of rocks to throw and we were having lots of fun. When my mom called for us to come in for lunch, we pretended we didn't hear her. We hid behind a large tree and thought she would give up and go back in the house before too long. Boy, were we wrong. She called us for a while longer and then quit. We sat behind the tree for a few more minutes thinking we had really gotten away with something. Suddenly, she appeared at the tree, grabbed us by the ears, and walked us back to the house. It was as if she could see right through that tree! Needless to say, after that we responded whenever she called.

That little childhood incident has been a reminder for me of the way God calls me. Regardless of where I hide, He seems to be able to find me. Even when I pretend I can't hear Him, He continues calling until I respond.

About twelve years ago, I thought I heard God telling me that I should be a deacon. I had begun a habit of praying every morning and this "message" came to me early one day as I read Scripture. I ignored the thought, but it didn't go away. Every time I went back to prayer, I heard that same voice suggesting that I investigate the diaconate. So I did the same thing I had done as a child when my mother called me – I hid. I quit praying as often and when I did pray, I would not listen. I would spend the entire time "talking" so God wouldn't have a chance to speak to me. But the thought still remained with me.

This went on for a while until one Sunday morning I couldn't stand it any longer. I told God that if He wanted me to be a deacon, someone else was going to have to bring it up. That way I would know that this was an authentic calling and not just something I had dreamt up on my own. Right after that prayer, I went

to Mass at St. Michael Parish and when I entered the nave of the church I ran into Fr. Joe Vogel. After we greeted one another, he asked me if I had ever considered being a deacon. I was astounded. God had answered my request so quickly that there was no mistaking it and no hiding from it. I began the long journey to the diaconate and was ordained on May 24, 2007.

So, what about you? Have you heard the voice of God calling you? He may not be calling you to a religious vocation, but He is speaking to you each and every day. Sometimes, He speaks directly to you, like He originally did to me. Other times, He will use people, experiences, and circumstances to get His message through.

Part of our duty as mature Christians is to develop an awareness of God's presence in our lives. It's easy to believe that He is present at Mass and in Scripture, but to believe He's involved in our daily lives is a hard concept to grasp. This week, do your best to see the activity of God in your home, at your job, and in the world. Pray that God would open your eyes to see Him and your ears to hear Him in the exciting and the ordinary events that make up your day. You'll be amazed at the people who will bear God's presence to you and the places you will notice Him.

The other thing to keep in mind is that YOU bring the Word of God and His presence to all the people you meet and all the places you go. If Fr. Joe had not been obedient to God and had decided not to say anything to me about the diaconate I may have never looked into it. There may be a person in your life that is looking for affirmation or encouragement as they make decisions about their future. God may be calling you to speak openly and honestly with them.

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus tells His disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to them. They were to use that power to be Jesus' witnesses to the world. Each of us has received that power, too. It's up to us to use it in the way God intended – to reveal His love and His abiding presence to our own little world. Do not be afraid – you just may be the answer to someone's prayers.

*-Deacon John*

## Clean and Green

Each and every Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m., we will be mowing, trimming and watering. We do our best to finish by 10:30 a.m. so you can still enjoy most of your Saturday.

Please join us and help keep our grounds beautiful!

## ORDINATIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL

This week, three men will be ordained as deacons on Thursday and two men will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday. Both Masses begin at 11:00 a.m. Please attend if possible.

### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

We have several CD's and an excellent book available on the Lighthouse Media kiosk located in the Gathering Space. Summer car trips, bike rides, and vacations are excellent times to learn more about your faith. Stop by the kiosk today and pick out one or more of the 21 titles offered.



Get your Qdoba Mexican Grill Community fundraiser cards at the Parish Office and after Masses (at the same table as the SFCS Certificates). The cards are \$10 each.

### May 31st is Pentecost Sunday!

Please wear **RED** to the Masses next weekend as we celebrate the birthday of the Church.



### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:**

**Tuesday, May 26th, 6:30 p.m.** Gary Carda (d)  
**Wednesday, May 27th, 8:00 a.m.** Marilyn Hoekstra (d)  
**Thursday, May 28th, 8:00 a.m.** Marilyn Larson  
**Friday, May 29th, 8:00 a.m.** Mark Olson  
**Saturday, May 30th, 5:00 p.m.** For the people of the parish  
**Sunday, May 31st, 8:30 a.m.** Joe French and family  
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.

### **How to reach us:**

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## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

### **Weekly Support:**

Needed each week: \$ 10,500.00  
May 10th Collection: \$ 9,069.56  
Surplus / (Shortfall): \$ (1,430.44)

### **Pew Campaign:**

Campaign Goal: \$75,000  
Pledged Thus Far: \$50,787 (126 families)

### **Building Fund:**

Total Pledged: \$1,546,622 (427 families)  
Paid Thus Far: \$1,139,515

*There are 677 families currently registered at St. Katharine Drexel Parish.. Each week we will update you on the Weekly Support. Each month we will give a report on the Building Fund and Pew Campaign status.*

**Thank you for your generosity to  
St. Katharine Drexel Parish.**

### **AUTOMATIC DEDUCTIONS**

Busy summer??? Sign up for automatic deduction at the Parish Office. You can have your parish support, building and pew pledges taken out monthly. Fill out the authorization form in the Parish Office and attach a voided check.

### **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.

### **MARY, MARY MONTH OF MAY**

Do you know the four official Catholic doctrines about Mary? Do you know the proper role of Mary in our salvation and redemption? Please join Deacon John for a presentation and discussion on these and other questions about Mary.

**Sunday, May 31st, 9:40—10:20 a.m.  
(between the Masses)  
in the Education Center lunch room.**



**St. Michael Cemetery Summer Hours:  
8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. daily beginning May 1st.**

### **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

## Summer Movie Nights Scheduled:

Thursday May, 28th

“The Lord of the Rings” 7:30—10:30 p.m.

Come and join Frodo and the others as they journey to Mordor.

Thursday, June 11th

“Evan Almighty” 7:30—9:30 p.m.

Could a TV newsman be Noah? Come and see!

Thursday, July 27th

“The Chronicles of Narnia” 7:30—10:30 p.m.

Join us for this adventure to the fabled land of Narnia.

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or call the Parish Office: 275-6870

## UPCOMING DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:

High School Youth Conference  
June 18<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup> Steubenville, Ohio

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp)  
Senior High: July 12<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Junior High: July 16<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*Both will be held at Broom Tree Youth & Family Camp*

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



## St. Katharine Drexel School News:

Please check the lost and found box that is located in the Gathering Space.

Our last day of school is May 27th. We will have Mass at 8:00 a.m. and an early dismissal at 10:00 a.m. Call Anne with questions: 275-6994.

## SFCS Volunteer School Nurse Program

The O'G Junior High pilot project for the Volunteer School Nurse Program has been a huge success. SFCS would like to extend this program to a few of the elementary schools at the beginning of the 2009 school year. All licensed Registered Nurses are invited and encouraged to become part of this program. Contact Jean McHale for more info: 334-5596.

## Pray the Rosary for Vocations with Bishop Swain

We have just received 50 CD's featuring Bishop Swain praying the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This is a great way to pray the Rosary with our Bishop at home, in the car, or even when working out. They are available in the Gathering Space. The CD's are \$5 each.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TOTUS TUUS- “TOTALLY YOURS”-June 22<sup>nd</sup>-June 26<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1-6 and June 21<sup>st</sup>-June 25<sup>th</sup> for grades 7-12. Totus Tuus is a summer catechetical youth program.

The program includes catechetical instruction, games, songs etc. Registration forms are available after Mass. Cost is \$30 per child, due upon registration. Any questions, please call Gae at 275-6870. We also need a host family for the two college men on the team, and also families to provide dinner for the team of four. Please contact Gae if you can help.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

**+Annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Michael Cemetery** will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Swain will be the celebrant. In the case of rain, St. Joseph Cathedral will host the Mass..

**+50th Anniversary for Msgr. James Andraschko:** Holy Spirit Parish cordially invites you to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and reception of our founding pastor, Msgr. James Andraschko on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**+Couple's Retreat with EWTN's Fr. Brian Mullady:** Come away with your spouse to listen to God and meditate on the presentations Fr. Mullady will give on St. Paul and Marriage. May 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> at Broom Tree. Call 605-263-1040 for registration information.

**+Engaged Encounter Weekend:** June 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Call 605-362-0292 for registration information.

**+SEARCH Retreat** at Holy Spirit Church June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Call 371-2320 for registration information.

**+13th Annual Bishop's Fishing Tournament** will be Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Big Stone Lake and June 8<sup>th</sup> at Lake Oahe. The proceeds from these tournaments go to support seminarian education. Call 988-3788 for information.

**+St. Mary Parish Bereavement Mass:** Whether your loss is recent or years ago, please join us in remembering your loved ones on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. After Mass, please join us for coffee and rolls. Sister Kathleen Crowley will be speaking on why and when it can be hard to pray.

**+Broom Tree Silent Retreats:** For men—July 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. For women—May 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

**+Adult Summer Class:** Deepen your understanding of Catholic Church teachings and strengthen your spiritual life. Joe Rutten, O'Gorman Theology teacher will teach 2 separate, 6-week adult summer courses; Catholic Beliefs (Monday nights) and Catholic Spirituality (Tuesday nights). Sessions start June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Cost is \$70. For more information or to register, contact Joe Rutten at jrutten@sfcss.org or 201-3240.

**+Marriage Enrichment Website:** Check this out for great marriage insights: [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

**+St. Lambert Parish** is now accepting resumes for a full-time position of Faith Formation Director. For more information and/or to send resumes: Fr. James Mason, St. Lambert Parish, 1000 S Bahnson Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57103; Email: [jmason@sfcatholic.org](mailto:jmason@sfcatholic.org); Phone: (605)336-8808.

**+Sioux Falls Catholic School System** position openings are posted on the internet at [www.sfcs.org](http://www.sfcs.org) or call 575-3350.

**+Do You Feel Called to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life?** Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. James Mason, at 336-8088 or email [jmason@sfcatholic.org](mailto:jmason@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.

**+St. Joseph Cathedral** will be closing for restoration work for two years after their weekend Masses on June 7<sup>th</sup>. They will be using the Cathedral School gymnasium for weekend Masses until the work is complete.

**NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE**

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED  
on Memorial Day, May 25th.**

**Beginning in June, the Parish Office will close  
at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays.**

## May 30-31 Liturgical Ministers

### 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Lector 1:** Cindy Miller  
**Lector 2:** Monty Miller

**Altar Servers:** Bismark Roberts,  
TJ Scheafer

**Book Bearer:** Tanner Groshens

**EOM's:** A Dennings, C Dougherty,  
T Eichacker, C Evans, S Rieger,  
R Schaefer, M Olson

**Greeters:** Groshens, Miller, Robison

**Gift Bearers:** Mike & Jenny Denning

**Ushers:** Allan Beyer,  
Nancy Bohr,  
Mike & Marlene Sebastian

**Sacristan:** Jim Reichelt

**SFCS Cert.:** Drenda Groshens

**Rosary:** Mike & Janet McConnell

**Nursery:** Jessica Bauers, A Hershman

**Wknd Mass Reception:** Pat Kuchta

### 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Lector 1:** Rich Hallstrom  
**Lector 2:** Chris Nielsen

**Altar Servers:** Grace & Jocie Behm

**Book Bearer:**

**EOM's:** K Anderson, D & L Srstka

**Greeters:** BC Behms & Olsons

**Gift Bearers:** Ted & Dana Brandner

**Ushers:** J Bartel, J Crain, M & E Hertz

**Sacristan:** Steve Reichelt

**SFCS Cert.:** Jill Pellicotte

**Rosary:** Tony Goehring

**Coffee & Rolls:** Gene & Laurie Krump

**Bakers:** M Keating, M Kewley,  
Kleinsasser, L Kolda

**Nursery:** Vance & Sara Siemonsma

**Wknd Mass Reception:** D Deslauriers

### 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Lector 1:** Mike Jaspers  
**Lector 2:** Terri Dix

**Altar Servers:** B & L Bechtel

**Book Bearer:** Alisha Hershman

**EOM's:** J & T Polkinhghorn,  
P Schwebach, L Timmerman,  
L VanMeeteren, L Volk, K Ward

**Greeters:** Flecks & Heitmanns

**Gift Bearers:** J & W Herrmann

**Ushers:** D & E Bechtel,  
J Herrmann, M Volk

**Sacristan:** Tim Vavra

**SFCS Cert.:** Judy Struck

**Coffee/Rolls:** S & C Haverkamp

**Bakers:** L Ertz, R Green, A Haga,  
A Haggerty, A Heitmann

**Nursery:** Alice Beyer, K Jensen

### Next week's readings: May 25-31

Monday: Acts 19:1-8, John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27, John 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38, John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21, John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, John 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11,

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13,

John 20:19-23

### Parish Directory Update

So far, 283 families have signed up for portrait sittings for our new Parish Directory. The last time we published a directory our parish had about 375 families. Today, St. Katharine Drexel Parish is made up of 668 families! We would like to get as many of you pictured in the new directory as possible. It's nice to be able to put a face with a name and a parish directory can be a great tool for getting to know one-another.

To make an appointment for a sitting:

1. Go to our website: [www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org](http://www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org)
2. Click on the News and Events tab.
3. Scroll down to the Parish Directory section and click on the link provided. Follow the prompts to get scheduled.

Call the Parish Office for assistance: 275-6870



### Sioux Falls Catholic School Certificate Program

Did you know that we have gift cards available for 32 Sioux Falls area businesses including 13 restaurants? A portion of the proceeds goes to help fund programs right here at St. Katharine Drexel School. Please support this effort by purchasing certificates here for your favorite places to shop and dine. They will be available all summer long at the Parish Office.