



**St. Katharine Drexel Parish**

*Come grow with us!*

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

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

**November 29,  
2009  
First Sunday of  
Advent**

**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**

***"Do not let your hearts become drowsy."***

If you're anything like me, you have lots of great intentions for your personal, faith and work life that seem to remain as intentions only. For example, I have been trying to lose the same ten pounds for about 15 years. I get started on a program and things seem to go well for a while, but then I lose my resolve and fall back into my old eating habits. At home, I tell myself that I'm not going to read or do crossword puzzles at the dinner table, but I often slip back into that practice.

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns His disciples against "letting their hearts become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." Jesus may not be a cardiologist, but He renders an accurate diagnosis of my heart and maybe of your heart, too. My "drowsy heart" does not come from drunkenness and carousing but often comes from the anxieties of daily life. I often rush from one project to the next and from crisis to crisis and when the day is over I realize that I haven't spent enough time in prayer. A priest friend of mine tells me that my problem is simple: I don't plan to pray, so I don't pray.

All of us schedule all sorts of things in our lives, including hair cuts, meetings, dinners, trips and entertainment. Why don't we schedule a specific time each and every day to pray and thank God for His blessings in our lives?

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year. Why not make a resolution to pray each and every day at a particular time for a specified length of time? It doesn't have to be a long —just ten or fifteen minutes at the beginning or end of the day to "check in" with God. Spend time telling Him how sorry you are for any of your sins and shortcomings, tell Him "thanks" for the gifts of life, love, and faith; and then tell Him what your needs and wants are. Many of us live in a state of anxiety because of busy schedules. We dash around all the day through and then collapse in front of the TV and then fall exhausted into bed.

You've probably heard this definition of insanity: "doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results." It's time for a change. Use this season of Advent to renew your relationship with God and to slow your life down. Allow God to revive your heart from its drowsiness by opening your heart to Him in prayer every day.



**CONTINUING THE  
JOURNEY PLEDGE  
CARDS DUE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th**

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW, FR. JOE?**

Last weekend was "Commitment Weekend" for our "Continuing the Journey" campaign. We have had many people turn in pledge cards and I thank them for their generosity. Please turn in your pledge card by Monday, December 7th. Even if you cannot give a monetary gift at this time, please return your card. Prayer is a gift, too. If that's what you can do for now, please write that on your pledge card and turn it in. Remember, **all** parish members need to participate in this campaign. The project we are funding will benefit **all** parish members for many years to come. It's simply not right to think that others should bear the burden. Please be as generous as you can.

**Mark your Calendars  
Advent Day of Reflection**

Msgr. Charles Mangan will lead us on an Advent Day of Reflection on Saturday, Dec. 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. He will speak on the role of the Blessed Mother as she waited for birth of Jesus. We say in the Mass after we recite the Our Father, "we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Most of the time we don't wait well. We live in an instant society. We want everything "now." Our Blessed Mother Mary can be our guide in patient waiting as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. There is no need to pre-register. You can bring your own lunch or go out for lunch.

**SPECIAL ADVENT MOVIE DAY!**

Come join us on Sunday, December 6th at 3 p.m. in the Gathering Space to view "*The Nativity Story*" movie. This film beautifully depicts the events in Mary and Joseph's lives leading up to the birth of Jesus.

**Visit our web site at [www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org](http://www.stkatharinedrexelsfsd.org)**

### WEEKLY REMINDERS:

- Please turn off cell phones prior to Mass or leave them in your car. Please refrain from text messaging during Mass.
- Notify the Parish Office of hospitalized parishioners along with their room number.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our next class will be on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. when the topic will be "Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, & Judgment". Please join us whenever the topic interests you—no need to sign up, just come.



The Knights of Columbus will meet on Sunday, December 6th at St. Katharine Drexel School at 7:15 p.m. All parish men are invited to participate.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions for this week:

**Tuesday, Dec. 1st, 6:30 p.m.** Ross Scharffenberg (d)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, 8:00 a.m.** Karen Kelly  
**Thursday, Dec 3rd, 8:00 a.m.** Sr. John Dominic Rasmussen O.P.  
**Friday, Dec. 4th, 8:00 a.m.** Judy Leonards  
**Saturday, Dec. 5th, 5:00 p.m.** Kathy Callahan (d)  
**Sunday, Dec. 6th, 8:30 a.m.** For the people  
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: \$ 10,675.00  
Nov. 22nd Collection: \$ 11,982.52  
Surplus / (Shortfall): \$ 1,307.52

### Foundation, a Parents' Group

Please join us December 4<sup>th</sup> for prayer and Rosary. December 11th, Deacon John will be our speaker. Child care is provided and we meet in the Conference Room at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays.

### AUTOMATIC DEDUCTIONS

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



A huge thank you goes out to our students for their part of the campaign!

Congratulations to the 3rd grade, winners of the piñata party contest. The party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Gathering Space. You can still turn in your change to the animal print box in the Gathering Space. Our **Be the Change** total is **\$1,542.20** with class totals listed below:

Preschool &	<b>Third Grade \$378.65</b>
Kindergarten \$343.10	Fourth Grade \$108.65
First Grade \$266.81	Fifth Grade \$103.06
Second Grade \$231.07	Sixth Grade \$110.86

O'Gorman alumni coming home for the holidays will have the opportunity to come see the NEW O'Gorman classrooms, foyer, chapel, and administrative offices. Join us for one of two tours: Wed., Dec. 23rd at 1 p.m., or Monday, Dec. 28th at 10 a.m. Tours will take approx. one hour. Join us!

### 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 the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Com-**

# Youth YG Group

**Wednesday, December 2nd—7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Join us at the Empire Mall to volunteer at the gift-wrap booth!  
There are several jobs, not just wrapping! (Grades 6-12)

**January 6th—Ice Skating**

**February 3rd—Tubing at Great Bear**

skd.youthsf@gmail.com

patti.stkatharinedrexel@midconetwork.com

or call the Parish Office at 275-6870

## **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.

## **Inmate Christmas Sack Program**

Each Christmas Eve, the inmates of the SD Penitentiary are remembered with a gift bag of peanuts, hard candy, homemade fudge and a card from school children. You can participate by making fudge or by donating money for the peanuts and hard candy. Fudge donations MUST follow a special recipe that is available in the Parish Office. The fudge and cash donations can be dropped off at the St. Michael Parish Office on December 17 & 18th. Call with questions: 275-6870



## **Christmas at the Cathedral—Hope's Promise December 17—20th**

Special accommodations have been made to hold this year's concerts in the Cathedral. Come and hear a first class concert and see the progress on the renovation. To purchase tickets, call 988-3765 or on the internet at [www.sfcatholic.org](http://www.sfcatholic.org).



## **St. Katharine Drexel School News:**

Join us for School Mass 8:00 a.m.  
on Wednesdays

We are very thankful for all of those who give of their time, talent and treasure.

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

## **Sioux Falls Catholic School Certificate Program**

As you are planning for the holidays, SFCS certificates can help fill up your car with gas and your cupboards with Thank-giving groceries. The Gas Stop will give an additional % back to the O'Gorman building campaign with every certificate purchased.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Wednesday, Dec. 2nd** No Class—Teachers' Meeting at St. Michael Multipurpose Room at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 6th** Classes for grades 1-6

First Reconciliation will be **Thursday, December 3rd** at 7 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**+St. Lambert Parish Youth Spaghetti Dinner** on Sunday, December 6th from 4-7 p.m. in the gym. Advanced tickets can be purchased at the St. Lambert Parish Office. Adults \$6; Children (3-10 yrs) \$3; Children (2 and under) Free; Family tickets \$20. Tickets at the door: Adults \$7; Children (3-10 yrs) \$3; Children (2 and under) Free; Family tickets \$25

**+Broom Tree Day of Recollection:** Join Msgr. Mangan on Mon. Dec. 7th for this one day retreat about "The Four Giants of Advent". Call 605-263-1040 to register.

**+Come to the Cradle!** Featuring O'Gorman High School's Concert Choir, Knights Ensemble Mixed Chorus, Cantique Chorale Girls Chorus, & O'G Christmas Brass. Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m., Central Baptist Church, 3100 W. Ralph Rogers Road. This is a NEW temporary location, with ample seating and plenty of parking, due to the renovations at St. Joseph Cathedral. Cost: FREE\* (A freewill offering will be taken during the program.)

**+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 Dec. 9th.

**+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.

**+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.

**+Engaged Encounter Weekends:** January 9th & 10th in Sioux Falls. Call 362-0292 for more information.

**+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](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

## **CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION**

We have several CD's and an excellent book available on the Light-house 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.

St. Lambert School is turning 50 years old this year. They will have a school Mass at 8:30 a.m. on April 16, 2010. Alumni of St. Lambert School are invited to join them. If anyone would have any pictures from 1959 to 2000 of students, classrooms, teachers or pictures of the school itself that we would be able to use, please email them to Julia Paluch at [jpaluch@sfcss.org](mailto:jpaluch@sfcss.org) or send them to St. Lambert School, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

## **ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS:**

**Custodian:** Full time/year round position (8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.) for St. Michael School.

All positions posted on SFCS website: [www.sfcss.org](http://www.sfcss.org)

Apply by phone to: **Human Resources, Sioux Falls Catholic Schools - 575-3350 or e-mail: [shurley@sfcss.org](mailto:shurley@sfcss.org)**

## December 5-6 Liturgical Ministers

### 5p.m. Mass

**Lector 1:** Patrick Sitter  
**Lector 2:** Rick Lingberg

**Altar Servers:** L Pruss, K Madrid

**Book Bearer:** Nick Mimmack

**EOM's:** L Mimmack, A & A Rieger, L Robison, E, J & R Sammons

**Greeters:** Madrids & Novaceks

**Gift Bearers:** Scott & Sheri Rieger

**Ushers:** Gloria Paulin, Vincent Pinell, Elliot & Andrew Sammons

**Sacristan:** Mary Pruss

**SFCS Cert.:** Michelle Shields

**Rosary:** Kathy Halma

**Nursery:** Angie Woolridge, A Hershman

**Wknd Mass Reception:** D Cranmer

### 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Lector 1:** Teresa Frederick  
**Lector 2:** Rich Hallstrom

**Altar Servers:** S Huntimer, J Roman

**Book Bearer:** Alex Linneman

**EOM's:** D & MJ Gallagher, L Krump

**Greeters:** Iwens & Johnsons

**Gift Bearers:** Bob & Kathy Kessler

**Ushers:** T Dinges, B Kessler, G & B Krump

**Sacristan:** Kori Dinges

**SFCS Cert.:** Twila Roman

**Rosary:** Laurie Krump

**Coffee & Rolls:** Dave & Jan Dangel  
**Bakers:** D Hertz, J Hohwieler, A Huntimer, V Iwen

**Nursery:** V & S Siemonsma

**Wknd Mass Reception:** K Peters

### 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Lector 1:** Mike Jaspers  
**Lector 2:** Lindsay Reiter

**Altar Servers:** L Bechtel, E Volk

**Book Bearer:** Jessica Johnson

**EOM's:** J Barnett, M Garry, T Haggerty, J & W Herrmann, R Koletzky, J Robbins, K Ward

**Greeters:** Harvills & Haverkamps

**Gift Bearers:** J & D Horst

**Ushers:** K Feterl, B Halma, M Steinhoff, E Ward

**Sacristan:** Jan Feterl

**SFCS Cert.:** Michelle Haase

**Coffee/Rolls:** Ertz/Evers

**Bakers:** M Haase, R Jaspers, J Jasper, Hodkinsons, Jacobsens

**Nursery:** Christy Dembele, J Mieras

### Next week's readings: November 30-December 6

Monday: Romans 10:9-18, Matthew 4:18-22  
 Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24  
 Wed: Isaiah 25:6-10a, Matthew 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6, Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24, Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Baruch 5:1-9, Philemon 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6

### Advent Giving Tree

*This year, we will be giving to the Diocesan Advent Baby Shower, Hope Prison Ministries, Children's Inn, My Sister Friends' House and the Good Shepherd Center.*

Stop by our Advent Giving Tree in the Gathering Space and take an ornament. Purchase or make the item listed on the ornament, bring it back and place it under the tree. Please attach the ornament to the item. Please do not gift wrap the items.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

Please sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, December 4th. Spend some quiet time with Jesus right here in our chapel. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space.



Almighty God, give us strength and guidance. Send your Holy Spirit to give us the motivation, inspiration, and determination to make a difference and make our corner of the world a little better, just as St. Katharine Drexel did. As always, forever and ever, we give you thanks and praise, for You are the Savior of the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.