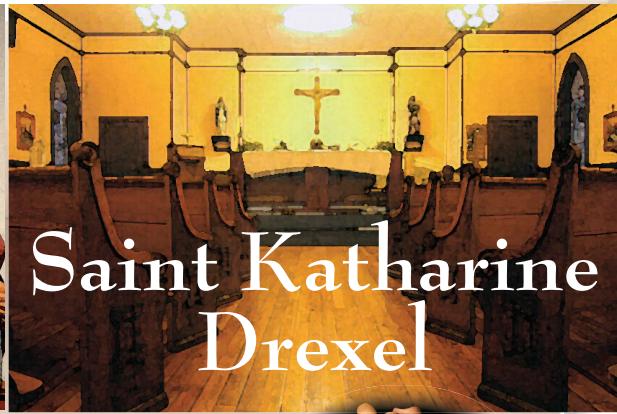




March 7th, 2021



Saint Katharine Drexel

The Weekly Word

Welcome!

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Mass Times

Sunday 11:30 am;
Wednesday 5:00 pm
Confessions Wednesday 4:00 pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 7th, 2021
People of the Parish

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Bulletin Deadlines

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THE FISH FRY'S

are on the Fridays of Lent from
5:00-7:00pm. Proceeds are given
to local charities.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

are on the Fridays of Lent @ 5:00 pm.

SPRING FORWARD!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
starts March 14th — next Sunday !

At Mass on Sunday The Knights of Columbus are going to present to Fr. Mark a chalice in memory of Bill Tinker.

After Mass the Knights will conduct an initiation ceremony for Fr. Mark And Grant Barker.

THE FOOD DRIVE

The Tri State Food Bank has requested our help. They distribute food twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. The food boxes are packed on the Wednesday preceding the 1st Friday. Help especially from the men as follows: On the Wednesday to pack boxes beginning at 1:00PM for a couple of hours.
On the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 11:00-5:00PM.

POPE FRANCIS' March Prayer Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

PRAYER REQUESTS

JIMMY BROWN
MARTHA BURNS
BETTY COURTE
LAURA RUTH ELLISON
AARON GRAY
ERIKA LEFEVER
MICHAEL MOHR
PAUL NACMANAMAN
DON NICKS
PAUL PALMER
RYAN PAULLET
SUSIE PITTMAN
STEVE POLLARD
PAULA REESE
AL REUTER
DAVID SLIGER
MELISSA SMITH
MARY STRIKER

For prayer list

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LECTOR, USHERS, & ALTAR

MARCH 7TH

LECTOR: JOHN MERREL
USHERS:
JOEY FISHER, CHARLIE GRAY
ALTAR CARE:
MELANIE PARRISH, PEG ROBERTSON

MARCH 14TH

LECTOR: CHARLIE GRAY
USHERS:
JOEY FISHER, PAUL HOLLIMAN
ALTAR CARE:
ERIKA LEFEVER, BETTY GRAY

WE ARE IN NEED OF LECTORS.

If you are interested please contact
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Let us Pray...

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Mount and St. Katharine Drexel,

As we continue our Lenten journey of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer in repentance of sins, and, especially, as we live out our faith through Christian witness in assisting others, that their souls might be converted through God's grace, I want to continue moving us farther in the direction and spirit of Archbishop Hartmayer's recent urgings for the faithful of the Archdiocese to "come back to the sacraments," to return to the Eucharistic Feast that is the Sunday Mass, the most essential aspect of Christian life. Here are a few items I would like for us to begin thinking about in earnest:

First, I am calling on all trained altar servers who are interested in remaining as altar servers and making the commitment to be present at liturgies according to a schedule, to come to a meeting on either Saturday, March 13 or Saturday, March 20. Please be at the Church at 1:00 p.m. on one or the other of these two dates. At some point in April, I will put out the call for anyone who wants to become a **new** altar server.

Second, please prayerfully consider whether you, or perhaps you and your spouse together, might be called to serve as catechists for our parish children and youth. Some people underestimate their ability to serve as catechists because they have no "formal training." If you love God, God's Church and children, and you are willing to go through a "Safe Environment" training/background check, then this could be a wonderful way for you to serve our parish. We will plan to get the Sunday morning classes started again in the late Summer or Fall. All teaching materials will be provided.

Finally, thanks to all of you for making our initiative to help the local tent communities a wonderful success. Our "Hot Meals" ministry is off to a great start. It is always the right time to serve those in need. Go to SignUpGenius on the parish website if you would like to help with this ministry. No long-term commitment is required. Hot Meals ministry meets weekly in Fr. Shuler Hall from 2:00-4:30 p.m. on Monday afternoons.

Yours in Christ's Redemptive Love,

Fr. Mark

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The Gift of the Law

Loving God,
you gave the gift of the law to Moses
that the people might walk in the light
of your love.

In every age you call us back—
heart, mind, soul, and strength
turned to you,

our neighbor loved as ourselves.
Though we fall time and again,
give us the strength to do your will,
to act justly, be merciful, and walk humbly
with you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 7, 2021
Keep My Commandments



Today's readings: Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Corinthians 1:22–25; John 2:13–25. The Ten Commandments are often considered to be a list of rules. Even when followed with great care, a person may miss out on the broader vision they embody. What if every person chose to live in accord with God's law? What if each person strove toward this ideal?

The Ten Commandments set out the framework for a just and peaceful society. If the Commandments are approached as a vision, we can see how they help us live in right relationship with those around us. In the reading from Exodus, God proclaims a blessing that proceeds to "the thousandth generation . . . of those who love me and keep

my commandments." How many receive blessing from the righteousness of the just one!

The ripple effect of sin is evident. Family patterns that are damaging are hard to break, and the actions of those around us affect the way we live in the world.

Jesus often came into conflict with the religious leaders of his day because they differed in their interpretation of what it meant to keep God's law. There was not anything wrong with their desire to obey God's Commandments. Perhaps, though, the intensity of their focus caused them to lose a sense that the law was a vision for a just and peaceful society. Pray with the Commandments. How can they help you work toward a just world?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 8

St. John of God

St. John of God turned away from God in his youth, but returned with his whole heart and lived his life in gratitude for the great mercy he had received. He spent his life in extraordinary works of charity and love on behalf of those who were in greatest need, always with tremendous respect for those he served. God's mercy and forgiveness is always waiting for us. When have you felt God's forgiveness most fully? How can you respond with a grateful heart? *Today's readings: 2 Kings 5:1–15b; Psalm 42:2–3, 43:3–4; Luke 4:24–30.*

Tuesday, March 9

Not Seven but Seventy-Seven Times

Why is it so difficult to forgive? Even though we know that holding onto our anger hurts, we brood over every small wrong. In today's parable of the unforgiving servant, the difference between the value of the two debts is enormous. This contrast shows us the tremendousness of God's love and forgiveness and startles us with our own stinginess. What would it mean for you to forgive seventy-seven times? To forgive as you have been forgiven? *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 3:25, 34–43; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 6, 7bc, 8, 9; Matthew 18:21–35.*

Wednesday, March 10

Whoever Obeys and Teaches

Some people focus on following their own way, no matter the cost. We know, though, that our will often leads us astray, seeking after things that are not good for us, and that we engage in self-deception about what we really need. The Ten Commandments provide objective standards for behavior, even as complete freedom is within them. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9; Psalm 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20; Matthew 5:17–19.*

Thursday, March 11

Miraculous Growth

Today we hear that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus casts out a demon, revealing a glimpse of the coming kingdom and making space for its miraculous growth. By giving up our sins and selfishness, we too make space for miraculous growth of God's love within us. Pray the Rosary today in the hope that the spirit it cultivates will cast out all that is not of God and help bring about this miraculous growth. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 7:23–28; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 11:14–23.*

Friday, March 12

The Summary of the Law

Today the Gospel tells us that love of God and love of neighbor are the primary principles that ought to govern our lives. What would it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? How would our lives be different if we loved our neighbor as ourselves? Does this necessarily mean putting ourselves last? It says love your neighbor as yourself. How can we respect our needs so that we are able to love others more fully? *Today's readings: Hosea 14:2–10; Psalm 81:6c–8a, 8bc–9, 10–11ab, 14 and 17; Mark 12:28–34.*

Saturday, March 13

O God, Be Merciful

When we look at our lives, we see how much we are in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. It is always there for us, requiring only that we seek it. People have used the words of the tax collector in today's reading from Luke, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner," in their prayers expressing contrition. Try incorporating this prayer into your daily prayer as a means of letting God's mercy act on you. *Today's readings: Hosea 6:1–6; Psalm 51:3–4, 18–19, 20–21ab; Luke 18:9–14.*

