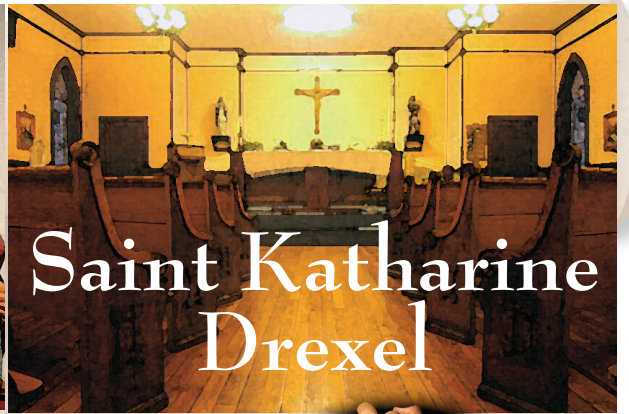




March 14th, 2021



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 14th, 2021
People of the Parish

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Bulletin Deadlines

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THE FISH FRYS

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.

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.

MARCH
VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:
FAITH
"Love is the measure of faith."
- POPE FRANCIS

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.*



Let us Pray...

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 14TH

LECTOR: CHARLIE GRAY
USHERS:

JOEY FISHER, PAUL HOLLIMAN
ALTAR CARE:

ERIKA LEFEVER, BETTY GRAY

MARCH 21ST

LECTOR: JOY MERREL
USHERS:

JOEY FISHER, PAUL HOLLIMAN
ALTAR CARE:

MELANIE PARRISH, PEG ROBERTSON

WE ARE IN NEED OF LECTORS.

If you are interested please contact
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Holy Week Schedule

March 28th

9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday *OLMCC*

11:30 a.m. Palm Sunday *SKD*

March 29th - March 31st

8:30 a.m. Mass in Our Lady of Rosary Chapel *OLMCC*

March 31st

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Confessions *SKD*

5:00 p.m. Mass *SKD*

April 1st

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday *OLMCC*

April 2nd

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross *SKD*

5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross *OLMCC*

7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord *OLMCC*

April 3rd

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil *OLMCC*

April 4th

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday *OLMCC*

11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday *SKD*

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Live in the Light

Loving Father,
in love you created the world,
and in love you sent its redeemer.
Early and often you called
to our ancestors.
Early and often you call to us too.
Be merciful to us.
We were made in your image
and likeness.
You saw that we were very good.
We had all that we needed, yet you
wanted to give us more.
This gift, which we cannot merit,
is the gift of your Son's life.
Help us to live in your light.
Guide us away from the darkness,
that we, new creations, might do the
good works to which we are called.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, March 14, 2021 Called to the Light



Today's readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23; Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21. “For 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.” This Scripture’s beauty, simplicity, and truth inspire people to answer the call of Jesus to spread the Good News.

Though we know that God made the world and everything in it and saw that it was good, we also see that the world is filled with darkness and difficulty. How can this be? Each of us can think of world events that break our hearts. We do not want to think about how our actions contribute to what breaks the hearts of others. In Chronicles, we hear that

God sent messengers early and often to call the people away from their destructive decisions. In the Gospel, we hear that the people preferred darkness to light.

A bright light can dazzle our eyes. It can reveal things that were not visible in the dark. We might prefer to sit in the dark. But because of God’s great love, Ephesians states, we have been given a gift we do not deserve. Brought to life in Christ Jesus, we might live. We must turn away from our discomfort, our feelings of exposure and vulnerability, and go forth to do the work that we have been called to through our baptism. Is there something in your life that makes you prefer the darkness? How can you take away its power by exposing it to the light?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 15

Life-Giving Word

Jesus' second sign in Galilee, the healing of the official's child, occurs from a distance. Jesus' word provides healing and life to the boy, who is near death. We even hear that the fever left him at the time Jesus spoke. Jesus' word gives new life. We hear in Isaiah the prophecy of the new heavens and the new earth. "No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there." How is this healing word of Jesus a sign of what is to come? What do you think the coming kingdom will be like? *Today's readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12a and 13b; John 4:43–54.*

Tuesday, March 16

Take Up Your Mat

Once again, Jesus' word brings healing and life. After encountering the healing word of Jesus, a man who has been ill for many years is able to pick up his mat and walk, with all the possibilities this new life suggests. Jesus' word gives life. It has power. Choose a phrase that Jesus states in Scripture and copy it three times. How is Jesus' word inviting you to new life today? *Today's readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–16.*

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick

St. Patrick was a bishop in Ireland in the fifth century. He was responsible for the peaceful conversion of Ireland to Christianity. Kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland, he returned as a missionary to use his knowledge of Irish language and culture to evangelize. Celebrate St. Patrick, patron of Ireland, by living as a loving witness to Jesus, so that others might be brought to Christ through your love. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13cd–14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.*

Thursday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop and a Doctor of the Church who lived in the fourth century. He wrote for those who were in the process of becoming Christians and also against heresies that were causing divisions within the Church. St. Cyril was a great catechist. Is there an opportunity for you to teach others about the faith? *Today's readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.*

Friday, March 19

St. Joseph

St. Joseph's vocation was one of the most important in history. God speaks to St. Joseph in dreams, but Joseph has no trouble distinguishing God's voice from other voices. He acts in accordance with the words he receives. And in so doing, he protects Mary and Jesus from the forces that wish to harm them. We can surmise that his awareness of God's voice might originate in a lifetime of attentiveness to God's presence and action in his life. In our time, just as in St. Joseph's, other voices vie for our attention and response. Ask St. Joseph to intercede for you, to ask God to help you to listen as he does. Then spend some time listening for God's voice in silent prayer, with Scripture, or in the voice of a trusted friend. *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.*

Saturday, March 20

Who Are You, Jesus?

As Jesus taught about the kingdom of God and did many signs, people who listened were divided about his identity. If Jesus is the messiah, raised from the dead, there is a reason for our hope. The ground of all reality is a love stronger than death. Yet often hope and trust are put in other things, and decisions are based on fear rather than love. How can you reorient your life so that your choices are guided by love, not fear? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9bc–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.*

