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Mass Schedule

Daily: Mon.—Fri. at 7:30am
Tues. at 6:15pm
Fri. at 12:15pm
Sat. at 8:00am
Weekend: Saturday at 4:30pm
(Temp)-Sunday at 7:00, 9:15 & 11:30am

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Reconciliation: Weekdays 7:00-7:25am
Wed. 8:15-9:15am & 3:15-4:15pm
Sat. 9-10am & 3-4pm, or by appt.
All Other Sacraments: Please contact the pastor at the parish office.

Religious Education

Classes are offered for grades 1-8.
Registration is online.

Prayer Chain

To receive or submit prayer requests,
email hesseling1@sbcglobal.net.

Bulletin Submittal

bulletin@skdmail.org 10 days in advance.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a humble Native American at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. She identified herself as the ever Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth.

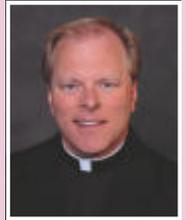
ST. KATHARINE DREXEL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Katharine Drexel's joyful spirit invites us to a deeper appreciation of Christ's love for us and our need to respond as one of His disciples, fostering a welcoming, caring and faithful Catholic community.

Father Bob's Corner

Rejoice, Remember and Reaffirm: Gaudete Sunday

On this third Sunday of Advent, there is reason to *rejoice*, to *remember*, and to *reaffirm*. For this season of Advent, which is a season of penance and prayer, also offers us a reason to be a people of joy, as is signified by the rose candle on the Advent wreath.



There will be a reason to rejoice, as we hear in the passage from Isaiah. After years of oppression, a faithful servant experiences that the Spirit of the Lord is upon him to speak words of hope to people in captivity. As disciples, it is our time to look forward with great anticipation. Like the child anticipating Christmas, the Israelites will rejoice because God's plan for salvation will affect not only them, but the entire world. And so we rejoice today!

There will be a reason to remember, as we hear in Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Paul writes to the people of Thessalonika, telling them to remember not to quench the Spirit, but rather to pray and rejoice always. He encourages them to keep their spirit, soul and body sound as they anticipate the coming of the Lord. Words that are as true today for us, as when St. Paul first wrote them. The good news for all of us is that the Lord is faithful and will fulfill his promises.

John was sent to reaffirm God's plan so everyone might believe through Jesus. John was to testify to the light. He reaffirms this fact by clearly saying he is not the Messiah, not a prophet, and not Elijah. No, he claims to be a voice in the wilderness with an extremely critical message: "Make straight the path of the Lord." John's humility is worth both noting and emulating. A humble and contrite heart the Lord will never spurn!

On Gaudete Sunday, we are invited by God to come joyfully to his table. Even in the midst of this worldwide pandemic, we have an opportunity to come together around his table, and that is our reason for joy. We do so both actually and spiritually as members of his Body and Blood throughout the world!

Peace, love and joy,

Father Bob

Imago Dei "The Image of God Within"



A Virtual Advent Mini Retreat
Monday, December 14th | 6:30-8:15pm
Presented by Jack Rigert of the
John Paul II Renewal Center

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DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR LIFE

A unique opportunity to experience a Mini Advent Retreat based on reflections shared by Saint John Paul II during spiritual retreats and in Saint Peter's Square.

This event will be livestreamed and recorded for your viewing throughout Advent.

SKD Holiday Giving Tree

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone for the overwhelming response to our gift card Giving Tree this year. We received \$7,060 in gift cards!! This generous response enabled us to assist 23 families this Christmas season and will continue to help families throughout 2021. We wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!!!



IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES



We have a special place during the Christmas season to remember our family and friends who are no longer with us. A Remembrance Tree is on display in the narthex. If someone close to you has died at any time in the past, you are invited to participate in this special tradition of our Remembrance Tree by creating an ornament in their honor.

These can be as simple or as elaborate as you would like and can include pictures, names, and other decor. During the month of December there will be a basket in the narthex for you to place your ornament.

November Online Giving

Sunday Envelope	\$23,288.67
Sowing the Seeds of Faith.....	\$3,848.08
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$448.00





Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Week of December 14
 † Carol Wood
Requested by: Frank & Annette Gallagher

Monday, December 14

7:30am A Special Intention
Requested by: Marge Roe



Tuesday, December 15

7:30am † Tom Schmitz
Requested by: Lynn Kavcar
 6:15pm † Leslie "Tooter" Roeder / † Carol Wood
Requested by: Jim & Mary Kidd

Wednesday, December 16

7:30am † Joan Norton
Requested by: The Morning Mass Faithful

Thursday, December 17

7:30am † Armando Vela
Requested by: Bill & Angie Skoglund

Friday, December 18

7:30am † Carol Wood
Requested by: Jayne Piscitelli
 12:15pm † The Very Rev. Robert W. Jones
Requested by: Jeanette Stumm Zeleznjak

Saturday, December 19

8:00am † Rev. Perfecto Vasquez
Requested by: The People of SKD
 4:30pm † Josef Haselmajer
Requested by: Haselmajer Family

Sunday, December 20

7:00am † Cornelius Avram
 9:15am † Marvel Davis
 11:30am † Sean McGrail & † Jack McGrail
Requested by: Lynn Kavcar

From Our Stewardship Commission...

Stewardship Reflection

In today's second reading, Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This does not sound easy in a time of pandemic. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all." This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances, even during these uncertain and stressful times, because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

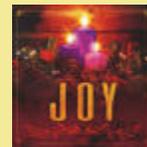
From Our Parish Community Life Commission...

Nursing our Bodies...Nursing our Faith
Notes from our Faith Community Nurse

Advent JOY

During the Advent season, the Advent wreath has a beautiful tradition of lighting a candle that has a certain meaning each week leading up to Christmas. The candle for this Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is the Shepherd's Candle that represents JOY. The pink or rose-colored candle reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus and the joy of being at the midpoint of Advent.

When thinking about joy – would you consider yourself to be a joy-filled person? Do you think that joy and happiness are the same? There is a distinction between the two. Happiness is based on circumstances and situations in life whereas joy is not dependent on what is happening in life. Joy comes from the heart and from a deep trust in God. Joy comes from God's unconditional love! Henri Nouwen describes joy as being essential to the spiritual life. He emphasizes that we have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. When you see the word JOY, you may want to look at it this way: the J stands for Jesus, the O stands for others and the Y stands for yourself.



Think about how you are paying attention to your relationship with Jesus and others and how you are taking care of yourself. Continued blessings on your Advent!

For any questions, assistance, or resources to improve your health, contact me at 630-466-0303 ext-113 or mary.stola@amitahealth.org.

Peace,

Mary Stola, RN, Faith Community Nurse



Eucharistic



Adoration

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

ADORATION MEDITATION

JOY is an emotion that can really, REALLY manifest in some folks. Take a dog for example. You say good-bye, leave the house, close the door, need your keys and step back inside. Your dog acts with unbridled **JOY** as if you'd been gone for hours! Or even Snoopy of the Charlie Brown family. The expression dance like no one is watching,

Snoopy does that with pure **JOY!** A priest saying his first Mass filled with thanksgiving and **AWESOME JOY!**

Mary and Joseph filled with thanksgiving and **JOY** finding Jesus in the temple after searching for three days. I'd also add relief to that scene as any parent would.

Perhaps in this third week of Advent we can all give a little **JOY** to what we do, how we act and do it thinking of Jeremiah, who was a bullfrog and a good friend of mine. He'd say "**JOY** to the world and all the boys and girls, **JOY** to the fishes in the deep blue sea-JOY to you and me!"

JOY at being able to have our church open for our worship and Adoration -Wednesday 8 a.m. ending at 6 p.m. **Come!**

From Our Evangelization Commission...



YOUTH MINISTRY

SOUL PATROL
Sunday, December 13th at 3pm

GO PINK!
 Be **JOYFUL** always!
PRAY continuously!
 Give **THANKS** in all circumstances.



Please register on SignUpGenius and have a roll of tin foil, crayons, and drawing paper.

We're doing crafts, videos, songs, Bible study and more. 105 minutes of virtual fun!!



SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE
Sunday, December 20th
6:30—8:00pm

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Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa



Nicholas was still a young child when he discovered a very special secret that changed his life forever. It was the gift of giving, by which he brought happiness to many people. Nevertheless, in sharing this gift, Nicholas had to face many dangers.

Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love and care for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus.

To join go to **www.FORMED.org**, select *sign up*, choose *I belong to a Parish or Organization* and then locate *St. Katharine Drexel in Sugar Grove*. Then create login & password.



LORD, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Amen.

German Arroyo, Collin Backus, Max Brien, David Buttery, Tony Chavez, Nick Carlstrom, Richard Hauser, Fr. Jason Hesseling, Jack Hinterlong, Samuel Keilty, Brad Komes, Audrey Krantz, Joshua Ledbetter, Eric Martin, Eric Ortlund, Ryan Quinn, John Reiland, Raymond Ritter, Jayson Rischl, Matthew Rischl, Alexander Schaefer, Jacob Smith, Bradley Wilson.

If you would like to add a name, call the parish office or email bulletin@skdmail.org.

From Our Justice & Service Commission...

Pro-Life Corner

RIGHT TO LIFE SINGULAR IMPORTANCE
 ABOLISHING ABORTION Rev. Frank Pavone



Enabling the killing of innocents has altered the very foundation of our government. Pope John Paul II commented on this in **“The Splendor of Truth” (1993): “The root of modern totalitarianism is to be found in the denial of the transcendent dignity of the human person who, as the visible image of the invisible God, is therefore by his very nature the subject of rights which no one may violate—no individual, group, class, nation, or state. Not even the majority of the social body may violate these rights, by going against the minority, by isolating, oppressing or exploiting it, or by attempting to annihilate it.”**

The Pope asked, **“How is it possible to speak of the dignity of every human person when the killing of the weakest and most innocent is permitted?”** When this is allowed to happen, the Pope insisted, **“the disintegration of the State itself has already begun.”**

St. Katharine Drexel Pro-Life Committee

You are a HERO for Life!

Team **St. Katharine Drexel** raised **\$2,192.94** in the **Waterleaf Virtual Baby Bottles for Life Team Challenge**. Because of your support, Waterleaf can continue in their mission to support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies through the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and their Aspire Education and Resource Center located in Aurora. Thank you for being a hero for life!



Hesed House December 29th.

Our scheduled meal at Hesed House is on Tuesday, Dec. 29th. As volunteers cannot enter the building to prep the meal, we are asking that all donations of meatloaf and potatoes be cooked before you bring them to the parish hall. Use this link to volunteer to make/bring food; <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/HYZS5064>

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Tonioni at 630-466-5969.

Thank you for your generous giving spirit.



Food Pantry Collection

Where: Greenacre Cleaners (next to Jewel), Sugar Grove Animal Hospital, First National Bank, Old Second Bank, Paisano's (Sugar Grove & Elburn), Sugar Grove Village Hall

Need ideas for what to bring? Canned asparagus, canned carrots, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, boxed cookies, cake or brownie mix, jars of pasta sauce, Rice a Roni, Ketchup, Mayo, bags of dry cat and dog food, cleaning supplies (Magic Erasers, Dawn, Borax, OxiClean, etc.), size 5 diapers, dish soap.

Start helping the pantry stock for holiday meals by getting boxed potatoes, boxed dessert mixes (brownies, cookies, muffins) and gravy packets (turkey).

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