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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.

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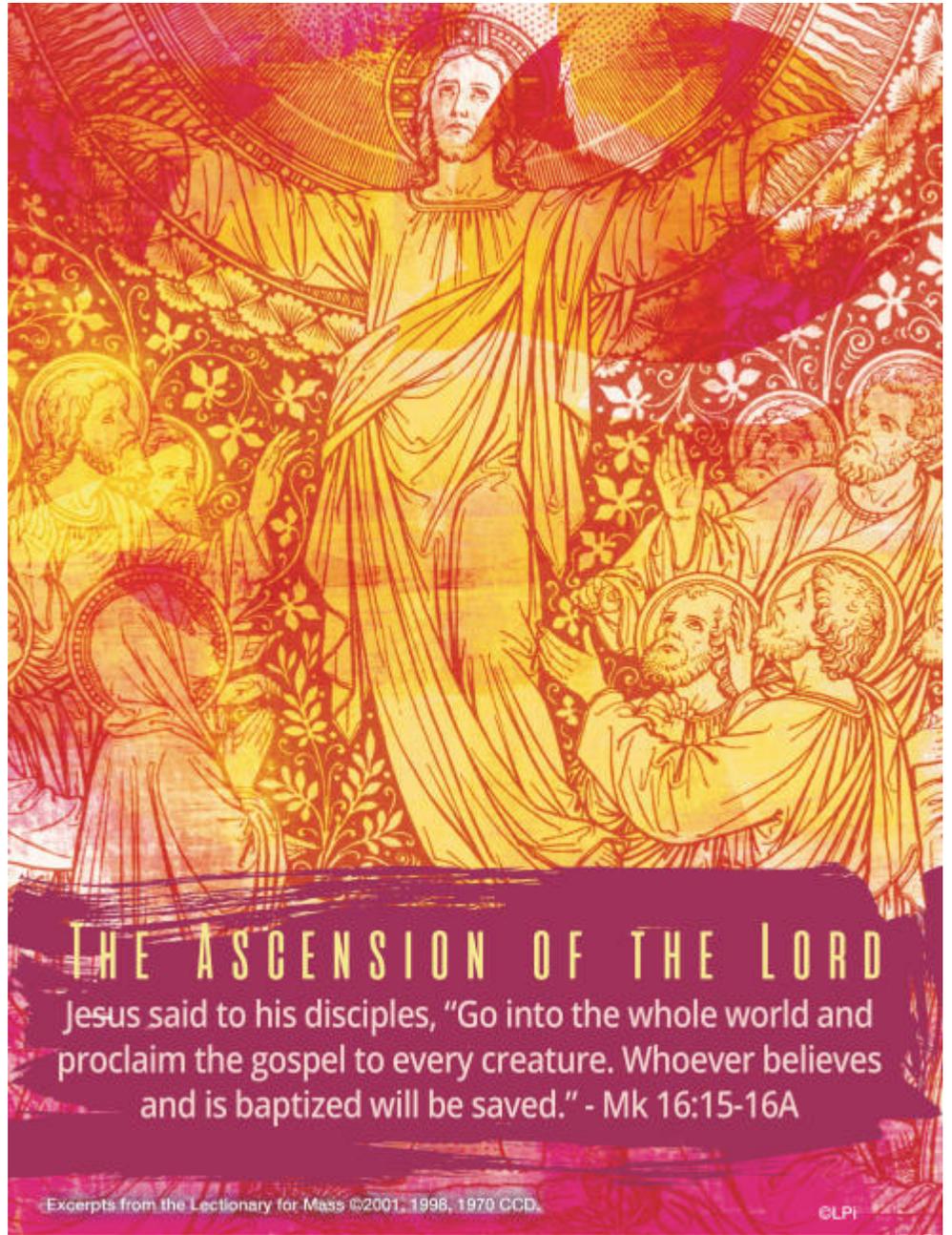
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Prayer Chain

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

Bulletin Submittal

bulletin@skdmail.org 10 days in advance.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16A

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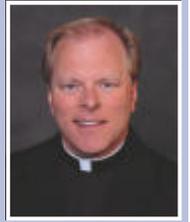
ST. KATHARINE DREXEL MISSION STATEMENT

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

The Feast of the Ascension

Witnessing the performance of a world-class musician, artist, actor or athlete, we're often tempted to see the individual as a different class of mortal than ourselves. This person is a genius, in a class of his or her own, someone touched by some miraculous brilliance that has bypassed us lesser mortals altogether. Though it's true that it takes great gifts to be a record-beater of any sort, the greatest performers will say that most of their success is built on very ordinary and boring repetition of low-level tasks. The public sees the few moments of glory, but not the long hours of practice, the pain and weariness and frustration of staying with the task well beyond any feeling of satisfaction or achievement.



The end of Mark's Gospel is like the grand finale in a concert, crowned at the end with a firework spectacular. Jesus sends his disciples out on a mission to conquer the world. This is no small task for just a few ordinary working people. In case they are feeling apprehensive, he promises that their mission will be accompanied by astonishing miracles, which will surely convince all who witness them. They will heal sick people, while suffering no harm themselves, even in deadly danger. They will speak in tongues and overcome all evil. Yet, we know that from the beginning of the Church's life, Jesus' disciples faltered and failed, suffered and died. Was he just talking big to get them going? Was he possibly wrong in his predictions? Or are these promises about recognizing the hidden strength and transformative power that lies within the exercise of everyday virtues? The apostles did spread the Gospel, after all, and people are living that Gospel thousands of years later.

Before his Ascension, Jesus sends his disciples out to continue his work of spreading the Gospel. The living out of the Gospel in daily life is often unobtrusive and apparently unrewarding; yet it can be a transformative experience for us and for the world. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are often modest in their practical expression. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control tend not to hit the headlines. But Jesus' Ascension into heaven is part of a process whereby his followers gradually become enabled to embody the Gospel in their lives.

From the moment of his rising, Jesus reassures his followers that he will always be with them. The difficulty, for them and for us, now lies in recognizing him. The signs of his presence are modest: bread, wine, water and oil. The greatest miracle and treasure for us is to experience God's indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives. Our task is to daily embody this gift within our everyday living.

Peace, love and joy,

Father Bob

Without prayer we will lose the divine life we possess

By Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

"Left to our own devices – we do not have to work at it – we just naturally become ill-tempered, greedy, envious, lazy and self-indulgent. Only the grace of God can make us otherwise, and this grace is only available if we pray.

As though that were not enough, there is one more malevolent reason why we must pray, and that is the devil. Prayer is dreadfully necessary because the evil spirit is so active among the sons and daughters of men. No one who sees what is happening in the world today, including what is going on in the Catholic Church, should have any doubt that the devil is more than ever at work in our times and phenomenally successful in leading not just individuals but multitudes – it would seem whole nations – away from God. With divine assistance available through prayer we can resist the evil one, but alone and without prayer we shall be overcome."



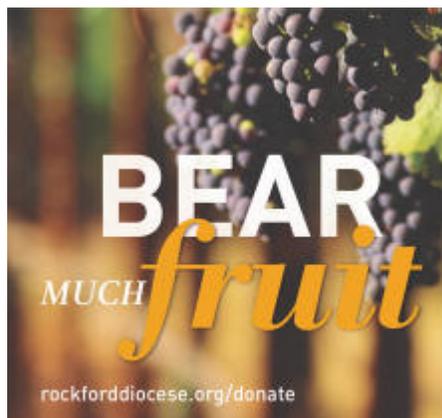
Fr. Ken Wasilewski
Diocesan Ethicist coming to SKD * May 19th at 7pm

Secular Culture or Church Teaching?

Learn not only WHERE the church stands on certain issues, but WHY.

What topics come up at work? What do the kids face at school? How do you respond when your kids / grandkids come to you on challenging issues?

Please call the parish office at 630-466-0303 if there are topics you want to hear about.



TO DATE OUR PARISH HAS ACHIEVED:

Diocesan Stewardship Goal:	\$76,085.00
We Pledged:	\$35,745.00
Below Goal:	\$40,340.00
# of Families in Parish:	1,272
Donors:	110
% Participation:	8.5



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Week of May 17

† Monica Dowling

Requested by Marcy Konen

Monday, May 17

7:30am † Bennie Helland

Requested by: Steve Murray



Tuesday, May 18

7:30am † Matt Kelty

Requested by: Kavcar Family

6:15pm † Rev. Anthony Labedis

Requested by: The People of SKD

Wednesday, May 19

7:30am † LeRoy & † Catherine Konen

Requested by: Konen Family

Thursday, May 20

7:30am † Denis Piscitelli

Requested by: Piscitelli Family

Friday, May 21

7:30am Carlye Lunardini

Requested by: Konen Family

12:15pm John & Maggie Schomer

63rd Wedding Anniversary

Requested by: John & Maggie Schomer

Saturday, May 22

8:00am † Ed O'Connell

Requested by: Theresa Konen

4:30pm Richard Thill / The People of SKD

Requested by: Ted & Susan McCannon

Sunday, May 23

7:00am † Virginia Lentz

Requested by: Helen Snyder

9:15am † Don Poss

Requested by: Sharon Poss

11:30am † Peter Marzano

Requested by: Arnie Daley



Grieving with Great HOPE

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May 18, 25 & June 1, 2021

St. Katharine Drexel Parish is pleased to host this grief support workshop our next meeting is Tues., May 18th from 7-9pm.

The presenters of the video-based sessions share that healing is an intentional process, and that when we gather as a community of faith, we can become disciples of hope to each other.

A freewill offering will be collected to help cover the cost of materials. RSVP through a link on our website at www.stkatharinedrexel.org or call the office 630-466-0303.

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Men's Ministry

SAVE THE DAY

8th Annual SKD Golf Outing

Blackberry Oaks Golf Course

AUGUST 2nd

From Our Parish Community Life Commission...

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

Why American Stroke Month Matters

Every 40 seconds someone has a stroke and one out of every six Americans will suffer a stroke in their lifetime. Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death with millions of brain cells that die every minute when a stroke is left untreated. It is the number one cause of disability in the United States according to the National Stroke Association but the good news is 80% of the strokes can be prevented by taking action now. A stroke can occur at any age, including children. You need to act **FAST**:

- **F Face:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- **A Arms:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **S Speech:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?
- **T Time:** If you observe any of these signs, call 911 immediately.

Learn to recognize a stroke. Time lost is brain lost! It is critical to call 911 as soon as you suspect someone had a stroke so an ambulance can be sent for you. Check the time when the first symptoms appear. Depending on the kind of stroke, a clot busting drug may be utilized and if administered within 3 hours from the start of symptoms, long term disability may be greatly reduced for the most common type of stroke.

Know your risk factors for having a stroke:

- * Blood pressure greater than 140/90
- * If you have atrial fibrillation (an irregular heartbeat)
- * If you are a couch potato
- * If you are overweight
- * If your cholesterol and triglycerides are elevated
- * If you are a diabetic
- * If you smoke

Be Proactive! Look at your risk factors and work on changing the risk factors that you have control over. For more stroke information, you can go to www.stroke.org.

Knowledge is power, so Learn and Live!

"I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Opportunities

"Could you not spare one hour with Me?"

There will be open Holy Hour slots on Wednesdays in **June, July and August. 9 to 10 a.m. and Noon to 1 p.m.**

Is there anyone who would be willing to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament **EVEN** for **ONE WEDNESDAY** at either of those times?

Please call Jan Backus and leave a message (630) 466-4108 or leave word at the office (630) 466-0303.

From Our Evangelization Commission...



YOUTH MINISTRY

**Soul Patrol
Sunday, May 16
3:00 - 5:00pm**

Wear your running shoes and a mask. Bring your own snack and your cell phone.



What better way to celebrate Ascension Sunday? Invite someone to Youth Ministry for Up Up and Away: "Meet your new friend."

Registration for this event is required and can be found in SignUpGenius.



Be Not Afraid Family Hour

Learn the Catholic faith, pray together, and grow as a family with this 8-part video series. Each episode includes educational content from top Catholic speakers, inspirational stories from real Catholic families, a meditative Rosary, and practical challenges to help you apply the faith at home.



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.



**From the Creation Care Team...
Care for Our Common Home**

Greater Than the Sum of Our Parts

If you are like most parishioners, you probably already recycle, limit your use of plastics and paper goods, and conserve natural resources so you might be asking yourself, "What else can I do to help the environment and combat climate change?"

Pope Francis in the *Laudato Si'* speaks to the answer to this question:

"Self-improvement on the part of individuals will not by itself remedy the extremely complex situation facing our world today. Isolated individuals can lose their ability and freedom to escape the utilitarian mindset, and end up prey to an unethical consumerism bereft of social or ecological awareness. Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds." (219)

If you feel moved by the Holy Spirit to become involved in a community network to help the environment, the SKD Creation Care Team is our parish network to help you do so. To join or ask questions, call Linda Gaska at (630) 466-1149.

From Our Justice & Service Commission...



Pro-Life Corner

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Keep praying for me! **I am two months old** and about 2 inches long. Look! I can suck my thumb now. You can see my eyes, nose, and mouth. I will use them to experience God's world after I am born.



"Christians use many terms to describe the fatherhood of St. Joseph. Of all the titles, foster father is the most common. The reason it is the most common title is that the naming of a child in ancient Jewish custom was the legal responsibility of the father."

"St. Joseph's legal responsibility of naming the Christ Child was given by God when the angel revealed to St. Joseph that he was not to be afraid to take Mary – and the Child in her womb – into his home and under his care. St. Joseph's role of naming the Savior is an extremely important one. It is meant to signify to the world that St. Joseph is the legal father of Jesus." (Consecration to St. Joseph by Donald H. Caploway, MIC)

**Project Rachel 815-387-3379
Sherry Miksa Pro-Life Ministry**

Join us in assisting the Ojibwe Indian Children!



The Sugar Grove Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have committed to provide needed supplies to the St. Mary's Mission Church and School, one of the oldest Indian missions in Minnesota, formed by St. Katharine Drexel in 1888.

St. Mary's Mission Church and School serves the Native American Ojibwe on the Red Lake Reservation in the poorest area of the state in which **1 in 5** people live **below** the poverty level. The School now has Pre-K—Grade 8 so needs are Great!!!

Remember, the weekends of June 5-6 and June 12-13 we are collecting school supplies in the Narthex. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we can only accept newly purchased school items. Thank you for your understanding.

Items needed:

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| Blue & Black Pens | No. 2 Colored Pencils | Crayola Markers |
| Glue Sticks | Loose Leaf Paper-Wide Rule | Clear Box Tape |
| Pink Erasers | Primary Grade Writing Pater | Stapler/Staples |
| Clorox Wipes | Popsicle Craft Sticks | Kleenex—Lots!! |
| Scissors | Construction Paper 18" x 24" | 3 Tab File Folders |
| Pocket Folders | Dry Erase Markers & Erasers | Highlighter & Sharpies |
| Post It Notes | Gift Cards —MC/Visa/Amazon | Spiral and Composition Notebooks |

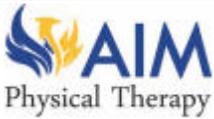
Your generosity made last year's project a great success!! Please contribute and share in St. Katharine's mission to serve the Native American Ojibwe.

"The Spirit of the Congregation is the Spirit of the Eucharist – The Total Gift of Self." St. Katharine Drexel

Join the Aurora Central Catholic High School community for their annual golf outing on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Bliss Creek Golf Course. Registration begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. After golf, stay for fellowship, prizes, raffles and a delicious steak dinner. Not a golfer? Come enjoy a delicious steak dinner!



Each year the Alumni Association provides scholarships in the amount of \$16,000. To date, more than \$150,000 in scholarships have been awarded to ACC students from the Alumni Association. Please visit <https://www.auroracentral.com> for more information and to register!!!



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