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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

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am

Staff

Fr. Stephen St. Jules, Pastor

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Weekdays 7:00-7:25am

Sat. 3-4pm, or by appt.

All Other Sacraments: Please contact the pastor at the parish office.

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Classes are offered for grades 1-8.

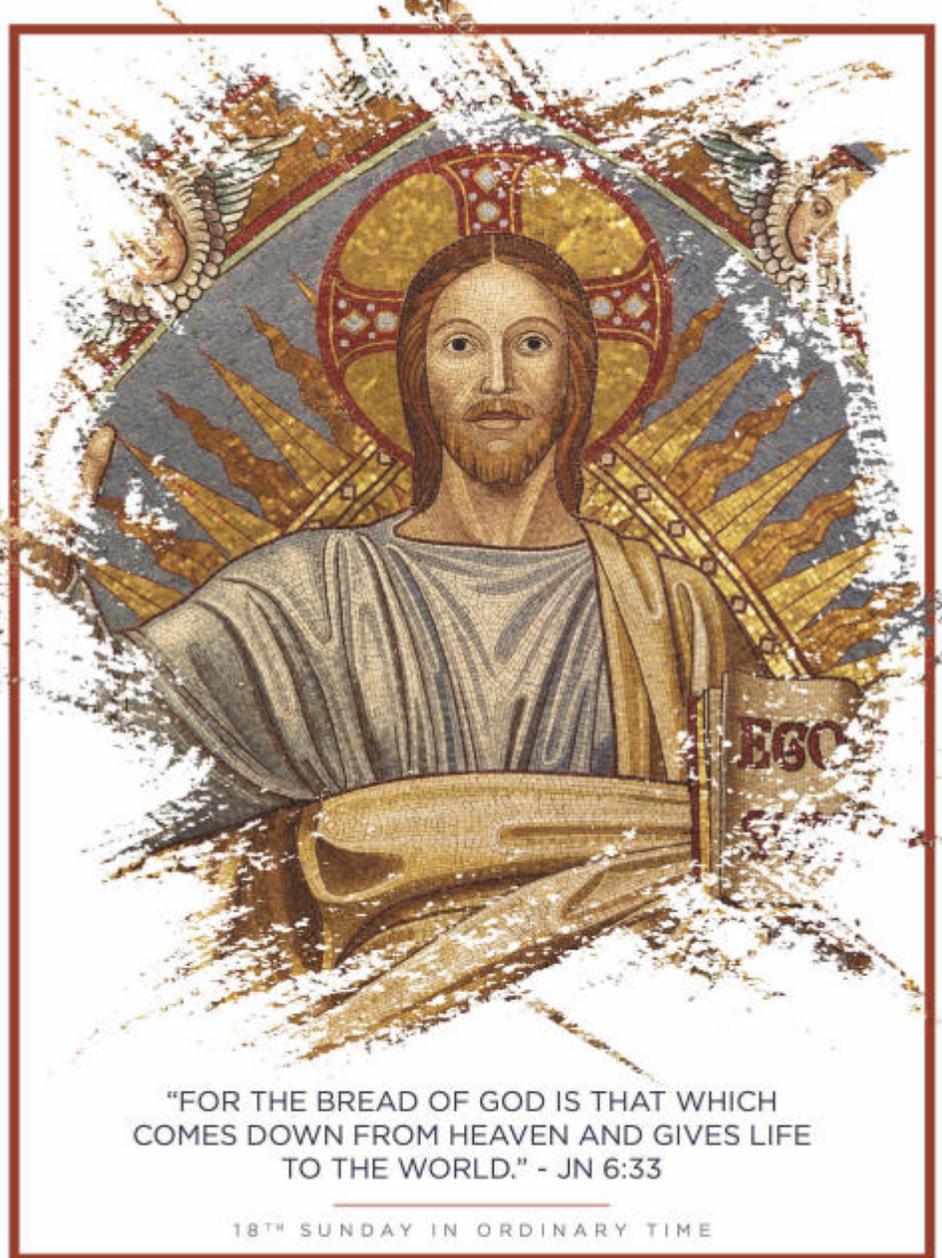
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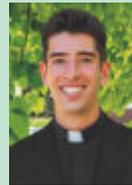
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ST. KATHARINE DREXEL MISSION STATEMENT

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.

From our Seminarian Grant



A reflection on St. Gregory the Great:

Much has been written today about the state of the family. St. John Paul II was often quoted as saying that one of the biggest problems our world faces today is the destruction of the family. If we push this problem a little further, we see a great lack in the amount of father figures in today's culture. The father, as the head of the household is responsible for the salvation of all those under his roof and many households today either have halfhearted dads or no dad at all.

Many of the characteristics that a good father should possess can be found in St. Gregory the Great, one of the early fathers of the Church. After becoming prefect of Rome, a title which he held for five years, Gregory became a Benedictine monk. Once he became a priest, he was the papal representative in Constantinople before being elected Pope. As Pope, Gregory was extremely direct and firm. He is known for his reform of the liturgy and strengthening respect for doctrine. In his Pastoral Rule, he is noted as saying that it is the role of bishops to preach and enforce discipline within the Church.

I think ordained fathers and traditional fathers both can learn a lot from Gregory's example. Being firm in matters of faith and truth does not mean that there is an absence of love. Gregory upheld the truth of Christianity in noble fashion, and he worked hard to instill in the Church a greater respect for its teaching. As fathers, it is our job to instill in our children from day one (whether we have spiritual children or biological children) that what we believe matters and that falling in love with Jesus is the noblest of life's pursuits. If Jesus sounds like some abstract idea to our children, then it is our duty as the heads of our household to educate our children in the beautiful reality that Jesus is not some abstract idea, but a person, who walked the earth and who identifies with us on the deepest level. Jesus wants to enter a relationship with each one of us personally, including our children. Undertaking such an action as a dad will not only bring you the greatest fulfillment, but it will also save your soul.



Come Celebrate Holy Mass and Receive Holy Anointing

Friday, August 20th at 12:15pm

Followed by lunch and fellowship.

Please RSVP to the parish office at 630-466-0303.
State number attending and any dietary restrictions.

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

CALLING ALL SINGERS! On Monday August 16 at 5:30 PM our bishop will officially install Fr. Stephen St. Jules as pastor at SKD. To make this celebration as FESTIVE as possible, we are organizing a FESTIVAL CHOIR!!!

This choir is open to all parishioners and friends of the parish grade 9 through adults.

There will be one rehearsal on **Wednesday August 11 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the church.**

You must attend this rehearsal to sing at the installation.
We will meet in the church at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 16.

Contact Larry Harris, music@skdmail.org, with questions.

From Our Stewardship Commission...

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our everyday stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI*

Monday, August 2

7:30am † Joseph Batorson, Sr.
Requested by: Joe & Ellen Batorson



Tuesday, August 3

7:30am † Bob Phillips
Requested by: Jeff & Karen Phillips
6:15pm † Mark LaLonde
Requested by: Laura Weiland

Wednesday, August 4

7:30am † Carol Wood
Requested by: Cheryl & Bill Fredricksen

Thursday, August 5

7:30am † Margaret Hilger
Requested by: Larry Trowbridge

Friday, August 6

7:30am † Ed O'Connell
Requested by: Larry & Mary Ruth Roberts
12:15pm Rev. Stephen St. Jules
Requested by: Barb Rauscher

Saturday, August 7

8:00am Nicole & Jake Snokpo Anniversary
Requested by: Cheryl & Bill Fredricksen
4:30pm † Debra Testin
Requested by: Tim & Mary Stola

Sunday, August 8

7:30am † Williams Dybas
Requested by: The Goss Family
9:00am † Debra Testin
Requested by: Pat & Mary Bauer
10:30am † Nancy Ambroggio / The People of SKD
Requested by: Julie Gilbert

From Our Parish Community Life Commission...

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

Mindful Breathing for Mental and Spiritual Well-being

Times of anxiety and uncertainty in our lives may affect the way that we breathe. Mindful breathing is a way to restore calm and be grounded in emotional and spiritual serenity.

There are a variety of ways to practice mindful breathing. Pause and quietly and slowly – inhale peace and exhale anxiety; inhale courage and exhale fear; inhale gratitude and exhale anger; inhale love and exhale doubt; inhale hope and exhale negative thoughts. Continue until you are calm and refreshed. Breath prayers is a time-honored spiritual practice used by Christians in the sixth century or earlier. A breath prayer is a short, one-sentence prayer that can be said in one breath. Repeat the prayer each time that you breathe in and out. Breath prayers are often six to twelve syllables long. Try one of these. As you breathe in, say or think, "My grace is..." As you breathe out, say or think, "all you need." As you breathe in, say or think, "Be still and know..." As you breathe out, say or think, "that I am God." Note how you feel after this prayer and practice this throughout your busy day and see what God brings to you, it may be wisdom, comfort, patience, joy or a feeling of being loved.

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies"
St. Teresa of Calcutta.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Feel free to stop in and visit with the person who knows everything about you and loves you no matter what!

Adoration on Wednesday * 8am–6pm
Could you not spend one hour with me?

From Our Education Commission...



Religious Education Classes 2021 - 2022 Grades: 1 - 8

Register today at www.stkatharinedrexel.org.

There is an opening for a 5th grade catechist. Any parishioner 18 or older is welcome! This is a great opportunity to not only educate the next generation in our faith, but to also grow your own faith life.

For questions, contact: Pat Weis, Director
patweis@skdmail.org / 630-466-0303 ext. 109

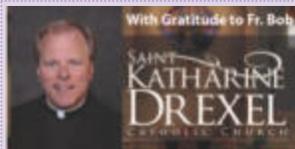
Men's Ministry

NEXT Men's Ministry Meeting: AUGUST 9th at 7pm



Reminder:
For those registered to golf on
Monday, August 2nd:
Sign in starts 8:30am
Golfing at 10:00am.

This year's outing is at BLACKBERRY OAKS and
NOT Hughes Creek.



\$16,630 Raised!

Thank you for all of your generous donations to Hope for Haitians in honor of Fr. Bob Jones, including the \$2,500 pledged by our Parish's Knights of Columbus Council. We came close to doubling our goal of raising the \$9,800 cost to construct one home for a needy Haitian family!

Haiti's challenges continue. Its first doses of COVID-19 vaccine have only recently arrived. Earlier in July the nation's President Jovenel Moise was assassinated. Poverty and violence remain widespread in what is by far the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Prayer for its people is definitely needed.

What else can the parishioners of SKD do? Please consider joining our Parish Hope for Haitians committee! With Fr. Bob's encouragement the committee was begun a couple years after our Parish was founded and Fr. Bob remains a board member for the parent organization in Rockford. Starting on the weekend of August 28 & 29 we will once again be holding monthly fundraising sales of coffees, teas, soups, candles, etc. after all of the Masses.

A planning/organizing meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10th at the Parish beginning at 7:00pm. Please contact Mary & Jim Rudnicki at Hope4Haitians.SKD@gmail.com or 630-258-1797 to register for the 8/10 meeting or to request more information.

Pro-Life Corner

“We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86).

~Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Natural Family Planning Week (July 25-31)
Continue to celebrate and reverence God’s vision of human sexuality



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE VIRTUAL

Would you like to feel the sparks of love again in your marriage? Come receive the tools to keep your marriage full of love and passion.

In-person WW Marriage Encounter Weekends are being held Aug. 20-22 in Madison, WI; Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL or Oct. 15-17 in Madison, WI. There are virtual experiences Sept. 13 thru Oct. 4 and Nov. 13-14.

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

St. Vincent de Paul—SKD



Our motto is “Changing Lives... Restoring Hope.” We do this by providing person-to-person service to those in need within the community.

If you are in need of assistance, please call 630-466-8833 or visit www.svdp-skd.org. We are here to help!



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

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



A great big "THANK YOU" to all who participated in the games. And "Congratulations" to all our medalists.



Building Better Families

Joyful, healthy, productive, and successful—these are the responses we hear from parents when we ask the question, what do you want most for your kids?

We all know there is no magic formula for raising children. There are no shortcuts, no overnight solutions, and no parenthood manuals. However, with some intentionality and the tools we offer you, your family can have a great foundation for working together to build character strengths that increase the positive, intentional environment in your home. After years of research, we know that one of the best ways for your family to thrive is by growing in character strengths.

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.

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, or 70th or more wedding anniversary?

Bishop Malloy and the Life & Family Evangelization Office would like to celebrate this milestone with you.

Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on **Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30pm** celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy.

A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone (815) 399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.



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