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From the Desk of Todd Flowerday



You know premise of the Groundhog Day movie, right? A cynical tv meteorologist relives February 2nd over and over and over until he gets something right in his life. In the last year of movie-watching, my wife and I viewed at least two variations on that idea. One of them managed to throw a Hallmark holiday theme into the mix—a single mom has to relive Christmas Eve over and over and over until she reconnects with her kids and parents.

Anita mentioned that it was a year ago we were loading up a van and prepping our move to Minnesota. It got me thinking. What if we had a groundhog year? What if we had to relive the entire 2020-21—our first twelve months at SKD? I was thinking about the mistakes I could undo. The challenges I could anticipate. Those few friends who have come down with the coronavirus—I could've told them to stay home that week.

God doesn't quite give us the "groundhog" opportunity as scripted by Hollywood and Hallmark. What repeats every December, a little bit like a "groundhog year," are church seasons and celebrations. Time moves on, but some things get repeated. Why does the Church ask us to relive the anticipation of something that happened twenty centuries ago? If it was just Jesus' birthday, wouldn't one day be enough? Why four weeks to get ready for it?

Another Advent, and another Christmas, gives Jesus the opportunity to relive his life through us, through his disciples. Jesus is in the "groundhog year," and we are invited to return to the same place. We can explore anew the possibilities of a life of faith and discipleship. The Lord is patient with us, even as we might be impatient with the concerns and problems of today. We have a new opportunity to examine our lives, with him as a companion and guide.

As we prepare our houses and church with decoration, with anticipation of our guests, with loved ones on their way home, perhaps a moment can be set aside. We can take a break from hanging lights, tinseling a tree, or laboring in a kitchen to sit, and have a conversation. The Lord promises a bright new day every sunrise. We can talk to him, maybe like an expectant mother talks to an unborn child, pondering her hopes and dreams for the new life that will soon enter the wide world. Jesus wants to hear what our hopes and dreams are. I believe he listens. I hope you find this to be true also.

Mary's Other Yes

Wednesday, December 1, noon-1 p.m.,
virtual event

At the Annunciation, Mary famously assents to the proclamation of the angel and is privileged to become the Mother of God. It's a pivotal moment. Yet Mary's entire life is characterized by her "Yes" to God. Her life is, as Swiss Catholic mystic Adrienne von Speyr writes, "bound together by her assent." Join Dr. Erika Kidd and members of the St. Thomas Catholic Studies community as we explore the freedom and courage of Mary's "Yes." Register at link.stthomas.edu/CSAdvent

The Year of Saint Joseph: Engage. Pray. Celebrate.

Now-December 8, various locations

The Year of Saint Joseph continues with these upcoming opportunities. The December 7 Cuppa Joe will feature Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg speaking on the saint in his title as Terror of Demons. Prayer intentions on the Year of Saint Joseph can be submitted at archspm.org/stjoseph These will be sent to the Carmelite Monastery in Lake Elmo who will include them in their intercession for the Church. Save the date for the Year of Saint Joseph Closing Mass, December 8, 2021, 7 p.m. at Cathedral of Saint Paul. For details on these events as well as additional opportunities visit archspm.org/stjoseph

Welcome Guests & New Parishioners

Whether you're a first time guest, occasional visitor, contemplating becoming a registered parishioner or already a member of this community, we're glad you're here! If you would like more information about joining the community here at St. Katharine Drexel, please talk with one of our staff members today, 763.323.4424, check out our website at www.stkdcc.org or complete one of the "Welcome" cards found at the entrance to the worship space and give it to one of our ushers. Thanks much for celebrating with us; your presence is both gift and grace.~ **Father Paul Jaroszeski, Pastor**



Please pray for:



Please pray for RoseMary Havel, Mother of Parishioner Paul Havel, David Harry Soltis, Father of Parishioner Jay Soltis and for all deceased parishioners, relatives and friends. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." **Pray also for those listed below who have asked for the support of our prayers. Thank You!**

- ◆ Susan Anderson
- ◆ Patrick Aumer
- ◆ Nate Baggett
- ◆ Lucas Baker
- ◆ Carl Beckenbach
- ◆ Marlys Borstad
- ◆ Nicole Borstad
- ◆ Nadine Brimeyer
- ◆ Bob Crane
- ◆ Tom French
- ◆ Tom Gerlach
- ◆ Kelly Hill
- ◆ Jerry Lien
- ◆ Galina Jaruch
- ◆ Ivan John
- ◆ Violet John
- ◆ Don Jostock
- ◆ Carey Kucera
- ◆ Patrick Lampert
- ◆ Jaxon Lila
- ◆ Dennis Madison
- ◆ Wallace, Anna, Otho and Angela McLeroy
- ◆ Jean Neilson
- ◆ Kathryn Patchen
- ◆ Del and Wilma Pechan
- ◆ Bob Peterson
- ◆ Greg Powers
- ◆ Liz Powers
- ◆ Luke Schmitz
- ◆ Patty Serbus
- ◆ Theresa Skelly
- ◆ Maryellen Trimble
- ◆ Bob Teachman
- ◆ Anne Valerio
- ◆ Bernie Waldorf
- ◆ All those serving in the Military

If there is someone you know in need of prayer, please call the office and let us know. Also, in an effort to keep this list updated, please let us know of any names that could be removed. Thank you.



December Food Packing

Our next volunteer day at Feed My Starving Children is Saturday, December 18, 9:00-11:00. Help us fill all 10 positions. You can sign up to volunteer on either the SKD website or the Feed My Starving Children website. The SKD website sign up is under the "Get Involved" tab, select "Volunteer & Service Opportunities" and then "Feed My Starving Children". All of our future scheduled packing dates are listed there, so you can sign up for any of our upcoming sessions by clicking on the *Volunteer Link* for the date you want to volunteer. To sign up on the FMSC volunteer website, www.fmsc.org/join-group, click on "Volunteer" and then scroll down to "Looking for a Specific Group" and enter the Join Code 1790X2 for December 18 or enter SKD as the Group Name. You can also contact Deacon Randy to volunteer, nandrb@comcast.net or 763.205.1528.

It is not too early to sign up for our January 29 Anniversary Food Packing, We have signed up for all 84 volunteer spots for the 9:00-11:00 shift. The Join Code for January 29 is NLDW6Y.

Stewardship Prayer

St Katharine Drexel is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want St Katharine's to be. Amen.

Liturgy Committee Discernment

Mark your calendar: Thursday evening December 2nd, we'll have a discernment evening for the re-forming Liturgy Committee. What is this? If you are interested in worship and liturgy at SKD, either as a minister or volunteer, or as a person in the seats, we will look at the role of the committee in our parish, and have some reflection time together to gather a membership of about 8 to help move things forward. Contact Todd 816.838.6579 or by email tflowerday@stkcc.org for more information.

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November Food Drive

Our November Food Drive is for the ACBC Food Shelf in Anoka. We will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of November. There is a collection basket for financial donations in the front of the Worship Space. Checks should be made payable to ACBC. Donations of items can be left on the table in the entryway.

Stewardship Corner First Sunday of Advent

On this first Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reading depicts Jesus warning his followers about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

Bible Study

The books for our Fall Bible Study, *Angels in the Bible*, are in and can be picked up at the front desk. Our start date for this Bible Study is December 1. There will be three sessions in December and three in January. There is still an opportunity to sign up for either the Wednesday morning or the Wednesday evening session. Contact Deacon Randy if you are interested or have any questions, nandrb@comcast.net or 763.205.1528.

Marriage Encounter

You've celebrated a few anniversaries... maybe MANY. You've been through some ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized? Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.



St. Mary's Mission Article St. Mary Newsletter Aug 2021, Volume 4 Issue 2. Committing to the future

There is a picture of an empty lot of St. Mary's grounds. For us at St. Mary's Missions it is sacred ground. It is the location of our new church.

Four years ago when a fire destroyed our 139 year old church, I made a promise that "Out of ashes a new church will rise!" Permissions have been granted, funds are being secured, hope has been rekindled as we prepare for the groundbreaking of our new church on August 29th. Our interim Bishop will be here to celebrate with us. On that day he will also install our new Co-Pastor, Father John Christianson.

Financial Gifts

November 14, 2021

Sunday Envelope (Including Loose)	\$2,612.00
Youth/Children	\$ 26.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00

Total November 14, 2021

\$2,758.00

November 14, 2021 Online

Envelopes	\$ 305.00
Donation for Credit Card Fees	\$ 5.38
Building Fund	\$ 10.00

Total November 14, Online

\$ 320.38

Building for Eternity - NOW

Recent Events in Dollars and Cents

SKD Finance Council invites every parishioner to go to SKDCC.org web site and under the heading ABOUT click Finance Council and see our monthly Scorecards showing SKD's financial monthly status.

SKD Finance Council would like to update our parishioners that September YTD Envelope Revenue still came short of budget and last September YTD by over \$6,600.00, and our October month is projected to only meet Budget. So we still need help in Prayerfully considering your help in meeting SKD Financial needs to meet our monthly operating expenses.

Thank you for your commitment to SKD and your greater community. Your gifts help us live our mission "See CHRIST in All and be CHRIST to All"

Help SKD Earn by Recycling Your Ink Cartridges

SKD is now set up to collect empty ink cartridges for recycling and get paid for doing it. Cartridges can earn up to \$2.50. We will collect cartridges from HP, Canon, Dell and Lexmark. Simply drop your used ink cartridges off at SKD. You can leave them at the front desk. We will soon have a cartridge collection box to drop them in.

Sunday 11/28

10:00 a.m. Mass - *Father Timothy Nolan+*
In Person and Live Stream

Monday 11/29

Tuesday 11/30

9:30 a.m. Mass - *Sister Ruth Marie Kachelek, OSF+*
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. - Youth Discipleship Group

Wednesday 12/1

9:30 a.m. Mass - *Father Ryan O'Rourke+*
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study
6:15 p.m. - First Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. - Confirmation
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday 12/2

THANKSGIVING

9:30 a.m. Mass - *For the People*
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Committee Discernment Night

Friday 12/3

ADORATION

9:30 a.m. **NO** Mass

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