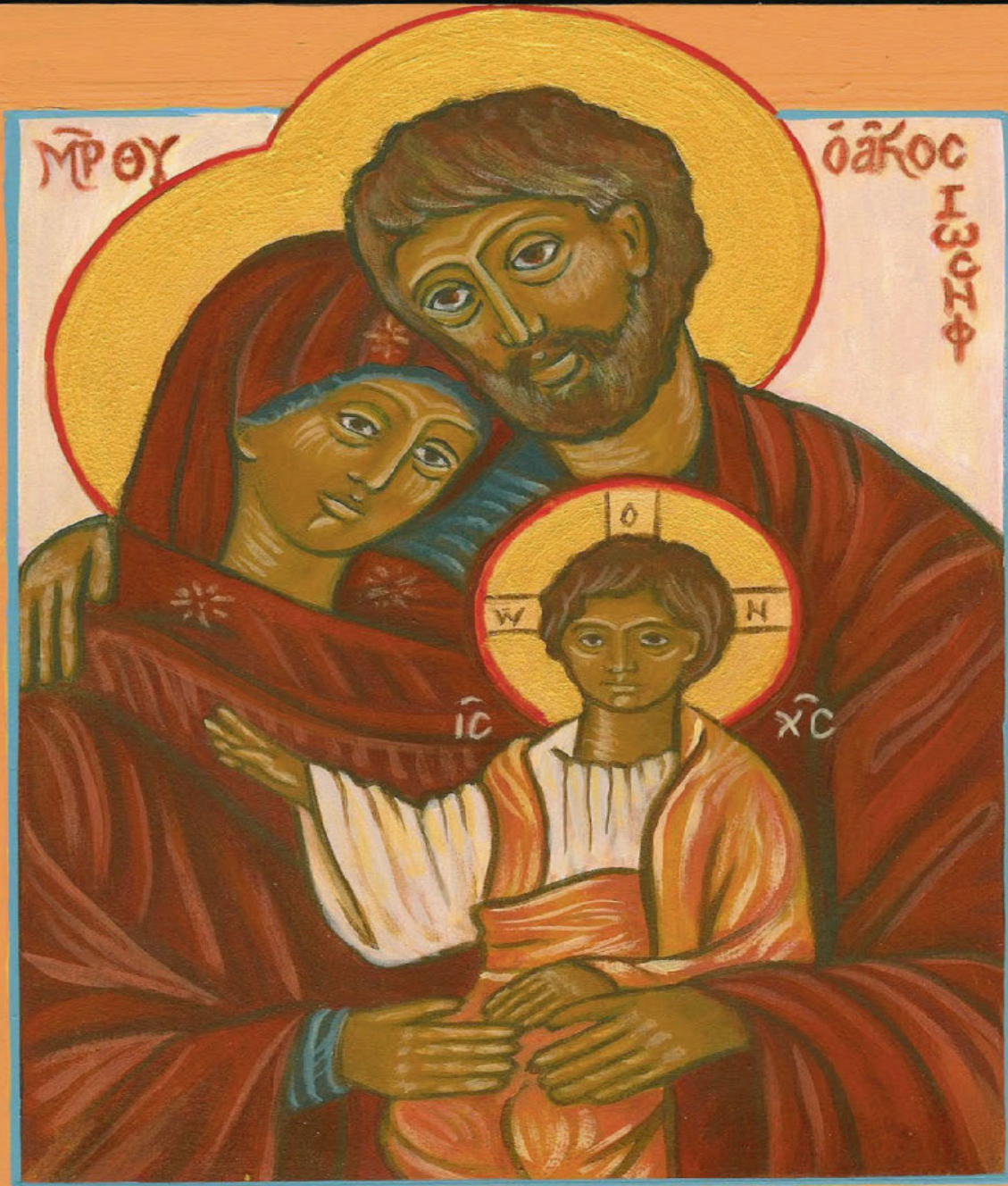




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# From the Desk of Father Paul



This weekend, as we gather for the Eucharist, we celebrate Christmas Eve on Friday afternoon and evening, and Christmas Day on Saturday morning, and then, as well, the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday. Our observance of Advent culminates in these celebrations of the Incarnation of Jesus, God made visible in our humanity. Centuries ago, the prophets foretold God's wonderful promise that He would send the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to save us from sin, to reconcile us with God and one another, and that God's justice and love might be born into the world. Jesus, the Messiah, is the Word of God made flesh. Jesus is the Word spoken in time that reveals to us the hidden mystery of the heart of God. We celebrate the gift of God's unconditional love for us.

Traditionally, we acknowledge the beauty of this great season with gift giving, the singing of Christmas Carols, and feasting with family and friends; all beautiful experiences. But, as the saying goes, the real reason for the season is JESUS!

One Christmas, in the dark of night, God sent the light that dispels all darkness, the wondrous gift of himself made manifest in human flesh. That gift continues to be given to the world in each and every way we speak the heart of God to others. In our acts of kindness, in our forgiveness of each other, in witnessing peace in our relationships, in reaching beyond ourselves to others in compassion, generosity, and care we continue to make the WORD flesh in this life and the gift continues to be given. As we seek to accept others even beyond our own limited ability to understand them, and as they accept us with our flaws and sinfulness, the gift continues to be given. As we strive to trust, respect, and honor all life and every aspect of God's creation, the gift continues to be given. As we find ways to not only be charitable to those in need but also just toward others who struggle the effects of inequity, the gift continues to be given.

May you and your loved ones experience the joy, the peace, and the grace of this Christmas time. May our gift-giving not end when the presents are but a memory, instead may we always strive to give the gift of "Emmanuel, God-with-us" every day that we are given to live.

On behalf of Deacon Randy Bauer, Amanda Lutes, Todd Flowerday, Troy Bauer, and myself –  
***a Blessed, Grace-filled Christmas and a truly Happy New Year 2022!***

*Father Paul Jaroszeski*

## IRA Charitable Distribution

There is a special tax benefit available to owners of a Traditional IRA who are 70 ½ or older. You may instruct your IRA Plan Administrator to distribute directly to a public charity, such as St. Katharine Drexel, up to and including \$100,000 without the distribution being included in taxable income. The distribution does count toward the IRA owner's Required Minimum Distribution. The donor does not receive a charitable deduction, but the transfer is not treated as an income distribution to the donor. The donor enjoys the equivalent of a charitable deduction by avoiding the tax that ordinarily would have been due on an IRA income distribution. This is a benefit if you itemize or not. If you have any questions on this, talk to your accountant or tax advisor.

## 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](http://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 Parishioners Frank Archer, Connie McIntosh, Kathy McLeod, Phil Saviano, Mary Jo Miske, Karen Rupprecht, 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
- Richard Taylor
- Mariellen 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.*



## Anniversary/January Food Packing

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.

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](http://www.fmsc.org/join-group), click on "Volunteer" and then scroll down to "Looking for a Specific Group." or enter SKD as the Group Name. You can also contact Deacon Randy to volunteer, [nandrb@comcast.net](mailto:nandrb@comcast.net) or 763-205-1528.

## Open Window Theatre presents

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL** which runs through December 30th. This new adaptation, by Emily C.A. Snyder, brings themes of Christianity and redemption to this classic Christmas tale. Tickets are available at [openwindowtheatre.org](http://openwindowtheatre.org) or over the phone at 612.615.1515. Come support your local, Catholic-inspired professional theatre this holiday season!

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## Year-End Contributions

Contributions made on or before December 31 are credited as 2021 contributions. Contributions made January 1 or later are 2022 contributions. IRS regulations are quite clear that if we receive the donation in 2021 or it is postmarked 2021, then it is a 2021 contribution. Anything received in 2022 or postmarked 2022 is a 2022 donation. If you are making a donation for the Solemnity of Mary during December and want your contribution to be for 2022, you can date your check January 1, 2022 and it will be counted with the January 1 collection and credited to 2022 donations. It does not work the other way around with dating a check 2021, but not giving it to us until 2022. If you are making a stock donation, the date of the donation is the date you turn the stock over to our broker regardless of when we receive the check for it.

## March for Life

January 22 marks another anniversary of the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion throughout our country. Every year a March for Life is held in St. Paul to pray for an end to abortion. The March begins with an ecumenical prayer service at the St. Paul Cathedral. A march then proceeds to the capital. A rally is then held with various speakers. Speakers sometimes are individuals who had an abortion and later realize what they have done and began speaking out against abortion. Other speakers share their experience with fighting abortion.

We are working with St Andrews in Elk River to travel to the March for Life on one of the St Cloud diocesan buses. If we have enough participants from St. Katharine Drexel, the bus will stop to pick us up at SKD. Otherwise, we will meet the bus at St Andrews. If you are interested in attending, contact Deacon Randy, [rbauer@stkdcc.org](mailto:rbauer@stkdcc.org) to get more information or sign-up to attend the March.

## Stewardship Corner

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

### 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.

### Help SKD Earn; Recycle 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.

### Stay in the Know: Get The Catholic Spirit — for free!

Be in-the-know with news from your Catholic community and the Church around the world. Get The Catholic Spirit, the award-winning newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in your home. Free subscriptions for parishioners are available via each parish. Contact your parish office to be added to the mailing list. Or purchase an annual subscription for yourself or a friend at [TheCatholicSpirit.com](http://TheCatholicSpirit.com).

### HOW TO REGISTER AT St. KATHARINE DREXEL

If you would like to register as an individual, couple, or family at our parish, please fill out the form at [stkdc.org](http://stkdc.org), "Resources" then; 'Become a Member.' You can also find hard copy registration forms at the Parish Office: 7101 143rd Ave NW, Suite G Ramsey, MN 55303. We welcome you!

## Financial Gifts

<b>December 12, 2021</b>	
Sunday Envelope (Including Loose)	\$ 1,524.00
Youth/Children	\$ 39.00
Gifts and Memorials	\$ 360.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 60.00
Father Albert	\$ 3,000.00
Frank Archer Funeral	\$ 500.00
Christmas	\$ 120.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 1,764.00
Flowers/Church Environment	\$ 290.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 214.00
Building Fund	\$18,820.00
<b>Total December 12, 2021</b>	<b>\$26,691.00</b>
<b>December 12 2021 Online</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 425.00
Retired Religious	\$ 30.00
Mass Donation	\$ 10.00
St. Mary's Mission	\$ 100.00
Donation for Credit Card Fees	\$ 9.38
<b>Total December 12, Online</b>	<b>\$ 574.38</b>
<b>November 30/December 1 Auto Withdraw</b>	
Envelopes	\$12,515.42
Building Fund	\$ 6,844.44
<b>Total Auto Withdraw</b>	<b>\$19,359.86</b>

## Building for Eternity - NOW



### Living God's Love Marriage Preparation

The Office of Marriage, Family and Life offers a marriage preparation program for engaged couples. In order to help you prepare to live out your God-given vocation as husband and wife, you and your future spouse are invited to attend *Living God's Love: The Sacrament of Marriage*, a marriage preparation program serving the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and surrounding dioceses.

Offered in a weekend format, *Living God's Love* is structured to help engaged couples reflect on the beauty and richness of the Church's teachings on marriage and the family. Couples receive presentations by priests, educators, physicians and married couples that share the beauty of the Church's teaching about the vocation of marriage as a call to holiness and a gift of self. This program is offered by ZOOM at present. For further information and to register, call 651.291.4488.

**Sunday 12/26**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

10:00 a.m. Mass - *Presider's Intention*  
In Person and Live Stream

**Monday 12/27**

7:30 p.m. - KC Planning Meeting

**Tuesday 12/28**

9:30 a.m. **NO Mass** -  
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. - Finance Council

**Wednesday 12/29**

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

**Thursday 12/30**

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

**Friday 12/31**

**New Year's Eve**

4:30 p.m. Mass For the People



**Saturday Liturgy: 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Daily Liturgy:**  
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