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A Third Epiphany? A Fourth?

Remember last weekend at the homily when Fr Paul used the word "showing" to describe the word epiphany? This time of year gives us three such "showings" at Mass. The celebration of the Epiphany itself was God showing his Son for the second time--to the Magi. Christmas Day was the first, Jesus was shown to the shepherds. In each of these events, the infant Jesus inspires awe and devotion. These are important to Christian life.

In some ways, the feast of the Baptism of Jesus is the same. The voice from heaven affirms our Lord, and perhaps the dove descending from heaven, the voice, or just the calm countenance of the Lord urges us to pause and reflect. This, too, is good.

It is also different. We begin a series of Sundays in which Jesus begins to preach, to gather followers, and to ask critical questions. Can we remain in adoration? For today's Christians, perhaps Jesus speaks to us in this third epiphany: I show myself to you. I call you. Will you follow me? Will you attempt to make your life an imitation of mine? As the lyric from the song "The Summons" asks, will you let my love be shown?

The start of a new calendar year gives us opportunities. Some people make resolutions. What can ours be? It's never too late to make a decision for Jesus, to recommit ourselves in both contemplation and action. Maybe it's time for another epiphany, letting 2022 be the year when we reveal Jesus anew to friends, new acquaintances, and even strangers. How? Listening carefully to the Lord, seeking him, and doing as we are nudged to do.

Stock Donations

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. With the recent surge in the Stock Market, you can avoid a large tax hit by donating your stock shares to SKD. Talk to your tax advisor or broker to discuss the advantages to donating stock. Contact Deacon Randy to get the information on our broker for making a stock donation.

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.stkdc.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 parishioner Lando Kutzke, and all our 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**

- ◆ Susan Anderson
- ◆ Patrick Aumer
- ◆ Nate Baggett
- ◆ Lucas Baker
- ◆ Carl Beckenbach
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- ◆ Jean Neilson
- ◆ Kathryn Patchen
- ◆ Del and Wilma Pechan
- ◆ Bob Peterson
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- ◆ Luke Schmitz
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- ◆ 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.

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.



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, 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 or 763-205-1528.

Organic and Recycling



The St Katharine Drexel Social Justice Committee has obtained a \$10,000 grant from Anoka County to begin organic waste collection and expand our recycling collection. The grant includes containers for the collection of all types of waste and a six-month supply of compostable dining supplies and organic collection bags. There will be posters identifying what goes in each container. Help us reduce the amount of waste going in the garbage by placing all organic material and recycling material in the appropriate container. A quick rule to follow is "anything that has ever been alive is organic and compostable." That includes **ALL FOOD WASTE**, Paper towels, hand towels, napkins and Kleenex. With our grant we will now be using plates, cups and cutlery that can all be composted, so it all goes in the organic containers.

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@stkdec.org to get more information or sign-up to attend the March.

Stewardship Corner Baptism of the Lord

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

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.

Use Scrip at Kwik Trip and Double Dip

When you purchase a scrip card at St Katharine Drexel, you get the full value of the card and the parish earns 4% of the purchase value as a rebate from our scrip program vendor. But Kwik Trip offers a bonus, once a quarter we receive a rebate of 10% of all purchases made with a Kwik Trip scrip card purchased through SKD. You can even reload your card at any time by using the convenient *Raise Right* app. Stop by the scrip table after Mass and find out more about this super deal that can work for you along with raising money for SKD.

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 stkdcc.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

December 31, 2021	
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 500.00
Youth/Children	\$ 2.00
2021 Envelopes	\$ 135.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$102,090.52
Total December 31, 2021	\$102,827.52
January 2, 2022	
2022 Envelopes	\$ 881.00
Loose Plate	\$ 68.00
Children	\$ 3.00
Christmas	\$ 200.00
Solemnity of	\$ 51.00
Catholic Spirit	\$ 59.95
Total January 2, 2022	\$ 387.75
Dec. 31/Jan 1 Auto Withdraw	
Envelopes	\$8,805.92
Building Fund	\$180.00
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The Garden of Eden and the Human Condition: Nostalgia or Anticipation?

The story of Adam and Eve, originating over two-and-a-half millennia ago, arose at a time when the anthropological worldview was vastly different from our own. While we now stand under the light of the Big Bang Theory and evolutionary biology, this Genesis account of the human condition is still the basis for Christian salvation history. Prompted by the results of scientific discovery, Fr Michael Patella will explore the questions science raises for our concept of sin as well as pose an alternative framework for twenty-first century Christians to employ in their thinking about redemption.

Friday, January 14, presentation from 9am -1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Synchronous Event. Free event. Registration is required: 320.363.3560 or theology@csbsju.edu.

Sunday 1/9

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Mass - ***Karen Rupprecht+***
In Person and Live Stream

Monday 1/10

6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Game Night
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee

Tuesday 1/11

9:30 a.m. **NO Mass** -
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. - Youth Discipleship Group

Wednesday 1/12

9:30 a.m. **Mass** - ***Father Timothy Nolan+***
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study
6:15 p.m. - First Eucharist
6:15p.m. - Faith Fusion
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Confirmation

Thursday 1/13

9:30 a.m. **Mass** - ***Cheryl Ann Nasiedlak+***
5:00 p.m. - Technology Committee
7:00 p.m. - Social Justice Committee

Friday 1/14

9:30 p.m. Mass - ***Frank Archer+***

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