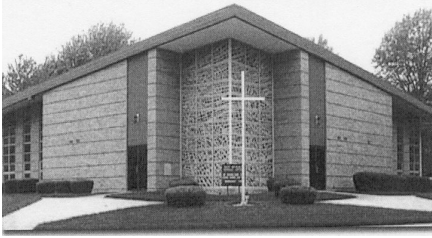


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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

Turn your ear and answer me,
my God!

*Rejoice
in the good news
of the Lord!*

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We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and Roman Catholic Tradition, share of ourselves in service to others, and strive to promote the dignity of all human life and justice for all, as we continue toward the eternal glory of God's kingdom.

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FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Have you ever given any thought as to how God decides the salvation of human souls? I think most of us have at one time or another in our lives. We probably hope for the most gentle and compassionate side of God when we stand before the judgement throne of God, and yet, our thoughts most likely fear the worst of God as a wrathful judge.

Today's gospel does not necessarily tell us how God judges the souls of the dead, but our Lord warns us to be careful. Someone in the crowd asks that fateful question we all are thinking, "Lord, are there few in number who are saved?" To which Jesus answers, "Try to come through the narrow door. Many I tell you will try to enter and be unable." These are threatening words, aren't they? But there is hope. Jesus assures us that in the Kingdom of God the last of this world will be first, and the first of this world will be last. God will always show mercy to all souls who come before his judgement throne.

The real issue in today's gospel is not how narrow or wide the door of salvation, but rather how narrow or wide do we make this door because of our thoughts and actions. God has clearly spelled out his laws and commandments, and we know what God expects of us. We have the free will and moral conscience to choose to obey God's law or to ignore these laws. It is by our choices and our actions that we make the door of salvation narrow or wide. Let us choose carefully how we live out our lives.

Tuesday of this week our youth return to school. It is amazing how quickly summer comes to an end and school starts again. May the school year get off to a good start, and may both our students and teachers have a successful and good year.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: How narrow or wide do I perceive the Door of Salvation?

The Saints In Mercy — by Fr. Antonio Sicari, O.C.D.

"Mercy for the Marginalized"

St. Katharine Mary Drexel was born to one of the wealthiest families in Pennsylvania. Yet she dedicated her life to the marginalized. Through trips to Indian Reservations and the South, she became aware of the living conditions of many Indians and African Americans. The order she founded included the words Blessed Sacrament as the reference to the Eucharist was a necessary reminder that "Christ gave himself as food for all people regardless of race or color."

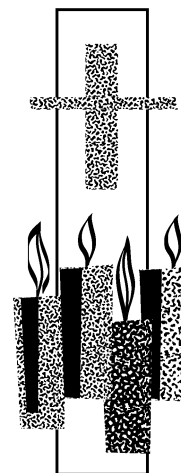
In sixty years of service, Katharine dispensed roughly \$20 million toward the foundation of missions, schools and convents. The nuns in her order were persecuted for their work with "people of color", but they saw in all people "children of God". In this regard, they said beautifully, "How truly was the Cave of Bethlehem the great educator of the world!"



St. Katharine Mary Drexel

Calendar for the Week of August 22 - 28

Monday	Aug. 22	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Aug. 23	8:15 am 7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Jan Davitt Liturgy Committee in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Aug. 24	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Betty Schmidt
Thursday	Aug. 25	7:00 am 12:00 noon	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Mark Feser
Friday	Aug. 26	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Jerome "Shorty" & Mary Rauterkus
Saturday	Aug. 27	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Michael Gross and Speed Kohles
Sunday	Aug. 28	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass in memory of Bill & Irene Huebner and Jason Stinn Mass for the people of St. Michael's



Sunday Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Monday and Friday.) Sunday Mass is also available on demand by accessing the Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube.

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, To: — Adeline May of our parish, and George Kintner, husband of Carolyn Kintner of our parish.

May God Bless — Michelle McAlpine and Sam Brummer who were married at St. Michael's this weekend.

Save The Date — The next Welcome Breakfast for new members at St. Michael's will be Sunday, September 18. Plan to come for breakfast and give a warm welcome to our newest members.

St. Michael's Mass On YouTube — You can now watch last Sunday's Mass on the Harlan Knights of Columbus You Tube Channel. You may access the channel on demand for a rebroadcast.

Knights Of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive — will be the weekends of September 24-25 and October 1-2. All proceeds from this drive will help people with intellectual disabilities. Donations will be made to Concerned, Inc. in Harlan and to the Iowa Special Olympics.

Rosary At Saturday Night Mass — The Knights of Columbus coordinate who will lead the rosary before the Saturday night Mass. They are looking for more volunteers to help with this weekly prayer. If you can help lead the rosary beginning at 4:30 on Saturday afternoons, contact Bob Kesterson or Rick Dotzler to get on the schedule. You do not need to be a KC to do this. A copy of the prayers and how to lead the rosary are provided.

Mass In Spanish! You Are Invited. — Están invitados... This Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 pm. Come join us! ¡Los esperamos!

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Remember The Sick In Your Prayers And By Your Notes Or Visits —

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Gary Kenkel	Edgar Tunender	Martha Anastasi
Marilyn Fox	Jenny Schwery	Curt Coenen
Gordon Nelson	David Updike	Alice Carey
Harry Nollen	Eilene Thorell	Arden Riley
Bonnie Peterson	Kathy Carl	Kenny Kenkel
Ray Chipman		

Please call the office with names of those who are sick, or in need of our prayers. And please call when their names can be removed.

Readings For The Week —

Mon. 22nd	2Thes 1-5, 11-12	Mt 23:13-22
Tue. 23rd	2Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17	Mt 23:23-26
Wed. 24th	Rev 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Thur. 25th	1Cor 1:1-9	Mt 24:42-51
Fri. 26th	1Cor 1:17-25	Mt 25:1-13
Sun. 28th	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29	Heb 12:18-19, 22-24
		Lk 14:1, 7-14

Tithing — August 14	\$ 6,735
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	(573)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (3,718)

Your Donations To Catholic Charities At Work — Karen (name changed) had everything: a job, a home for her son, Roy, and herself. She also had something she didn't want; an addiction to drugs. And the drugs wanted everything. That's when Karen went to Catholic Charities for help. "They pushed me to become better. I had to move forward, remain drug free, and take parenting classes. It was the structure I needed." Now she and Roy are in transitional housing, and both are in school. Karen said, "Roy and I don't have a family, but we feel like Catholic Charities is our family."



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

- Faith Formation classes resume September 14.

Fall Registration For Faith Formation — is starting. If you did not preregister last spring, please call the office to update your information and pay the fee of \$30 per child or \$110 maximum per family.

New Faith Formation Families — must fill out a registration form that is available at the back of church. We can also mail one to you if you call the office, or you can stop by the office to fill out the form and pay.

Catechists Are Still Needed — Please consider the future of the Church. **WE NEED FAITHFUL WITNESSES TO OUR FAITH!** We are called to "Go and Make Disciples"! Just two hours a week will change the life of our youth. All parishioners are asked to consider this important ministry.

Christ Our Life Conference — is September 24-25 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Archbishop Chaput is unwavering about the truths of the Catholic faith. Host to Pope Francis at the U.S. World Meeting of Families in 2015, this leader of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia joins ten-world class speakers and musicians at the conference. Tickets are available in the parish office at \$25 for the entire weekend. You can also purchase tickets at ChristOurLifelowa.com or call 1-866-319-0616.

Mass Schedule When There Is A Funeral — Now that school will be starting again, we need to be reminded of the Mass schedule where there is a funeral. Generally, if there is a funeral Mass there will be no regular daily Mass. The exceptions are: School Masses and Elm Crest Masses will still be held if there is a funeral Mass on that day.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — "Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy," said Pope Francis. Instead, he said we focus on justice, which is necessary and indispensable. Without mercy, though, life becomes fruitless and sterile. "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."



Vocations Corner

Discovering Vocation — does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice "out there" calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice "in here" calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God. — Thomas Merton

Area Events —

- **Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be this Sunday, August 21, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Mary's in Panama.
- **Mobile Food Pantry** will be in Harlan on Monday, September 19, at the Veterans Memorial Building from 4:30-6:30 pm. The mobile food pantry is free of charge and no documentation is needed. Please bring boxes or bags to carry food.

Retreat Day For Women — Saturday, September 17, a retreat entitled "the Gifts We Hold" will be held at St. Mary's Hall in Panama from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 am. The presenter is Maureen Hoffmann. Cost for the day is \$15 which includes lunch. To register call Shirley Chamberlain at 489-2442 or St. Mary's Parish at 489-2030. Women of all ages are welcome to attend.

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Cantors		Spencer Dozler	
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