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Welcome to the first edition of the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Newsletter. We are very excited about this new ministry in our parish and are hopeful that it will be an opportunity for us to keep you informed about the many wonderful ministry opportunities that happen every day and throughout the year in our wonderful parish. We are hoping to publish this newsletter four times per year. If you have stories that you think would be good to share or you have a publishing ability, we would love to bring you on board to help. We are also in need of some people who can help us with Spanish translations. We are trying to identify the major language of each family and send them the correct language newsletter so that everyone can enjoy the information contained within.

So what can you look forward to? Each department will offer announcements of upcoming events, opportunities for you to respond to God's call to ministry, share stories of special events and persons, see an expanded financial report, read information about Christian Stewardship, and much, much more. We have a beautiful, thriving and growing community and we want to try and reach out as much as we possibly can to everyone.

We also want you to be involved in your parish! The question is never IF God has something for us to do, but rather WHAT God wants us to do. Each of us has been given special gifts and talents to share with God's holy people. When we do not respond and share these gifts we deprive our community and ourselves. Don't wait, get involved now and come to know the joys of serving our gracious God.

As we prepare for school starting up again, I want to offer my sincere prayers and blessings to all of our families, children, young adults, etc. who are preparing, in various ways, to get back into the hang of the academic school year. Remember, also, that we will be signing everyone up for religious formation; children, youth and adults... don't get left behind.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the people who have worked so very hard to get this first edition out, may there be many, many more.

Fr. James Burkart, Pastor.

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CCE REGISTRATION

Our faith formation program (CCE) will begin the second week of September. Parents/guardians (including those who home-school) will be expected to attend one meeting and register their children. A meeting and registration will take place in the A building. Please make note of dates :

Returning students - Monday, August 28 or Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.
New Students - Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the availability of space, books and supplies, registrations will be accepted on a first come - first serve basis.

Tuition will be \$25 per child up to a maximum of \$65.00 per family. No one will be denied religious education for financial reasons. A member of the Finance Council will be present to assist anyone with financial difficulties. Or you can call Lucille Pavlock at 979-826-2275 for confidential arrangements.

Once class begins, a parent or guardian must make an appointment with Lucille to register their children making tuition \$35.00 per child up to a maximum of \$90.00 per family.

God bless you in your important ministry as parent/guardian.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

This catechetical year we begin with a new focus of Whole Community Catechesis. In whole community catechesis, the total parish will be involved in learning and sharing about the faith. Most are already familiar with the question of

the week in the bulletin that leads to the liturgy of the Word on Sunday. This is only the starting point. Throughout the year, other opportunities for whole community catechesis will be offered for the entire parish commu-

nity. The events will be scheduled on two different dates during a particular week, giving all an opportunity to attend one of the dates. During this time, all ages are invited to participate in the faith formation of their particular age

Share your Stewardship activities with us. If you have pictures let us know.

BAPTISMS --- Congratulations!!

July 2, 2006

Marisol Jimenez
Alvaro Julian Trujillo, Jr.
Giselle Ariana Perez
Juan Pablo Calderon

July 9, 2006

Elizabeth Zamora
Alan Alejandro Canchola
Emma Patricia Ibarra



STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE

For a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is no puzzle; it's a simple idea. Stewardship is a way of life and our responsibility. The term stewardship implies responsibility. All baptized people are responsible to love and serve others and share in the mission of Jesus Christ. So what is the obstacle for people today?

Often when we hear the word — responsibility, we associate it with a negative understanding . . . even feeling burdened because we sense we have been given an obligation. We don't usually hear people brag about the number of responsibilities they have and asking for more, instead we usually hear them com-

plain they have too many responsibilities. In Christian vocabulary, the word responsibility is better understood as gift, call or opportunity. To better understand this word, add a hyphen, making it responsibility. As members of Christ's body, the Church, we have a response-ability . . . an ability to respond — or not.

Jesus invites us in to discipleship. Jesus does not coerce us in to it. Jesus invites us to follow him.

The choices you make right now, to become and be who you are will decide your response to such an opportunity.

STEWARDSHIP

This past Lenten season, several of our high school youth (Miriam Flores, Gabriela Avila, Lisa Gutierrez, Rebecca Basgal, Anna Flores, Salvador Guerra, Jose Ramirez, Gary Fonseca, Jesse Garcia, David Cruz, Alex Gonzalez, KaeCee Kmiec) adopted a social justice project through Cross International Catholic Outreach. The project was introduced to the parish as Amelia's Garden. Recently Cross International honored these students with a certificate of recognition for the

generosity and enthusiasm they displayed to the children of Mozambique, Africa. The amount of money contributed will give the children enough healthcare and education for the school year 2006-2007.

Congratulations to these youth and to all who participated and/or contributed to the project of Amelia's Garden. You displayed a true Christian spirit of stewardship.

"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

FINANCIAL REPORT April 1st – June 30th

<u>Income</u>	
Weekly Collections	\$145,294.37
Golf Tournament	\$ 10,027.82
	\$155,322.19
<u>Expenses</u>	
Administration/Plant	\$224,264.30
Formation	\$ 11,495.33
Liturgy	\$ 6,330.57
Social Services	\$ 13,461.52
Loan payments	\$ 22,060.31
	\$277,612.06
Diocesan Loan balance	\$1,815,873.23
<u>Special Collections</u>	
House of Help	\$1,271.00
St. Mary's Seminary Collection	\$8,215.09

WELCOME
To our new
Parishioners

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Victoriano & Velia Frago and Family

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