

**ST. URSULA SCHOOL**  
**2020-2021**



**FAST**  
**FORWARD**  
**FRIDAY**

**3-5-21**

*“Let us open our hearts wide. It is joy which invites us.  
Press forward and fear nothing.”*

**Saint Katherine Drexel**

 **FAITH FORMATION**

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **Saint Katherine Drexel**. Katherine Drexel was born. Katherine was born 1858 to a family of wealth. Despite their wealth, Katharine’s parents did not allow their children to live a sheltered life. Three days a week, their home was opened to feed the hungry and serve the poor with clothing and rental assistance. During her travels, she became particularly moved by the plight of American Indians and African Americans. She very easily could have married, but after discernment and spiritual direction, she decided to dedicate her life to serving American Indian and African American people. Her decision made big news in the elite social circles of Philadelphia; newspapers wondered how she could walk away from married life and an inheritance worth more than \$100 million in today's dollars—to serve poor people. Katharine would go on to establish a religious order of nuns—the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament—whose mission was to serve people marginalized by American society. In 1915, Katharine opened Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Roman Catholic university in the nation that accepted black students. Katherine's religious order had more than 500 members. With her assistance, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament had opened 145 missions, 49 elementary schools and 12 high schools. Today, the order continues its missionary and educational work. During her life she had given approximately 20 million dollars to help people in need. Katherine would eventually pass away at the age of 96. In 2000, Pope John Paul II would canonize her as Saint Katharine Drexel. Her feast day is March 3 and she serves as the patron saint for racial justice.
- **This Week’s Prayer Partner Mass:** This week the Prayer Partner group of 4B and 1B will attend Mass in the St. Ursula Church at 10:15am on Tuesday, March 9. As always, you and your family are invited to join us virtually by accessing the **ST. URSULA PARISH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**.

- **Celebrating the Life of Cardinal James Gibbons:** This month, the Archdiocese of Baltimore marks the centenary of the death of Cardinal James Gibbons, ninth archbishop of Baltimore. Cardinal James Gibbons was 86 when he died March 24, 1921. A native son of Baltimore, he was the second American to be elevated to the College of Cardinals, a hero to the labor movement, a champion of ecumenism and an advisor to presidents. Archbishop Lori will celebrate the Mass and invites us to join this special Eucharistic Celebration via livestream at [archbalt.org](http://archbalt.org) or on the Archdiocese of Baltimore's [Facebook page](#).
- **(REMINDER) Faith in Action Food Drive:** During the Lenten Season, we are partnering with Operation Mato Grasso. Every day during the 40 days of Lent, you are invited to place one food item into a basket as your family offers the following prayer:  
*O God, through your love and grace, turn our hearts toward the needs of others so that we may prepare a feast of hope and opportunity for those who live in hunger. Amen.*
  - On Monday, place a box of **PASTA** in your basket.
  - On Tuesday, place a box of **RICE** in your basket.
  - On Wednesday, place a bag/box of **SUGAR** in your basket.
  - On Thursday, place **CANNED VEGETABLES** in your basket.
  - On Friday, place a bag of **FLOUR** in your basket.
  - On Saturday, please place a bottle of **COOKING OIL** in your basket.
  - On Sunday, thank God for the gift of the nourishment you received that week.

**Please send your weekly donations each Monday morning.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **Arrival and Dismissal Rotation:** The rotational arrangement listed below details the arrival and dismissal schedule for all of March:
  - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc
  - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SUS lot) Group 4: Se-Z
  - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr
  - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SUS lot) Group 2: Du-La

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday, March 12:** Trimester 3 report cards will be emailed home on this day.
- **Tuesday, March 16:** Raffle drawing for PHSA Yeti Cooler gift package.
- **Friday, April 2 - Friday, April 9:** Easter Break holiday - NO SCHOOL.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Yeti Cooler Raffle:** The PHSA is sponsoring another raffle - a Yeti cooler filled with “gold”. Ticket information and details are found in the Pay-it link section below.
- **Fathers Club Meeting:** Please join us for the next Fathers' Club virtual meeting that is scheduled for this Sunday, March 7 at 7:30. Please use this **LINK**. The Meeting ID is 864 4673 1475 and the Passcode is 8tvTHJ.
- **(SECOND REMINDER) Volunteer Service Hours Opportunity:** Our parish is seeking 15-20 volunteers on March 28 to assist in our semi-annual church cleaning event. Participants will receive 2 hours towards your family’s volunteer service to the school. Please email Stephanie Shock at [stephanie.shock@archbalt.org](mailto:stephanie.shock@archbalt.org) if interested.
- **(SECOND REMINDER) 5K Planning Committee:** The PHSA is in the planning stages to organize an annual 5K race starting in the spring of 2022. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the planning committee, please email Ellie Wilfong at [ewilfong2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ewilfong2000@yahoo.com) if interested.

## UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **PowerSchool Parent Portal:** Please note that as teachers are in the process of inputting grades for the upcoming distribution of report cards, the parent portal on *PowerSchool* has been turned off. It will re-open again next Friday, March 12.
- **Lucky 1500:** Congratulations to the following randomly generated winners of the Lucky 1500 prize contest for the week of March 1:

#469 - L. Conway  
#818 - S. Bukowski  
#614 - D. Chapman  
#1073 - P. Zebeck  
#125 - J. Kaufman

If you purchase your tickets through our Pay-it link, you **do not** need to return your stubs. However, if you purchase them using cash/check, please return your stubs with the necessary payment in a sealed envelope. We have a “few” tickets left to buy/sell if you are looking for additional tickets/Service Hours. Please contact Sadie Northey directly at [snorthey@stursula.org](mailto:snorthey@stursula.org).

- **(THIRD REMINDER) Archdiocese of Baltimore Survey:** The AoB has once again partnered with Johns Hopkins University School of Education to conduct an archdiocesan wide survey of parents. Please complete the survey below that is specific to your family. Thank you in advance for sharing your perspective.

**[REMOTE LEARNER PARENT SURVEY](#)**

**[IN-PERSON LEARNER PARENT SURVEY](#)**

- **Women's History Month:** During Women's History Month, we will provide increased focus on the contributions of influential females whose contributions leadership and life's work has made a lasting impact in our world. This week we highlighted Rosa Parks, Susan B. Anthony, Jeannette Rankin and Dorothy Reed Mendenhall. In addition, we offered a "this day in Women's History" fact (<https://todayinwomenshistory.org/>). Here are the informational facts we shared this week:
  - March 2: *Susanna M. Salter, mayor of Argonia, Kansas, was born today in 1860. She was the first woman elected as mayor and the first woman elected to any political office in the United States.*
  - March 3: *In 1913, the Women's Suffrage Parade in Washington, DC, gathered over 8,000 women to demand a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to vote.*
  - March 4: *In 1933, Frances Perkins was sworn in as Secretary of Labor, and became the first woman U.S. Cabinet member.*
  - March 5: *Louise Pearce, one of the foremost pathologists of the early 20th century, was born today in 1885. She found a cure for trypanosomiasis in 1919 and researched the African sleeping sickness.*

## PAY-IT LINKS

- **Yeti Cooler:** To purchase a raffle chance, please make your purchase through this **[PAY-IT Link](#)**.
- **Golf Tournament:** To register for the Fathers Club Golf Tournament, please purchase your ticket through this **[PAY-IT Link](#)**.

