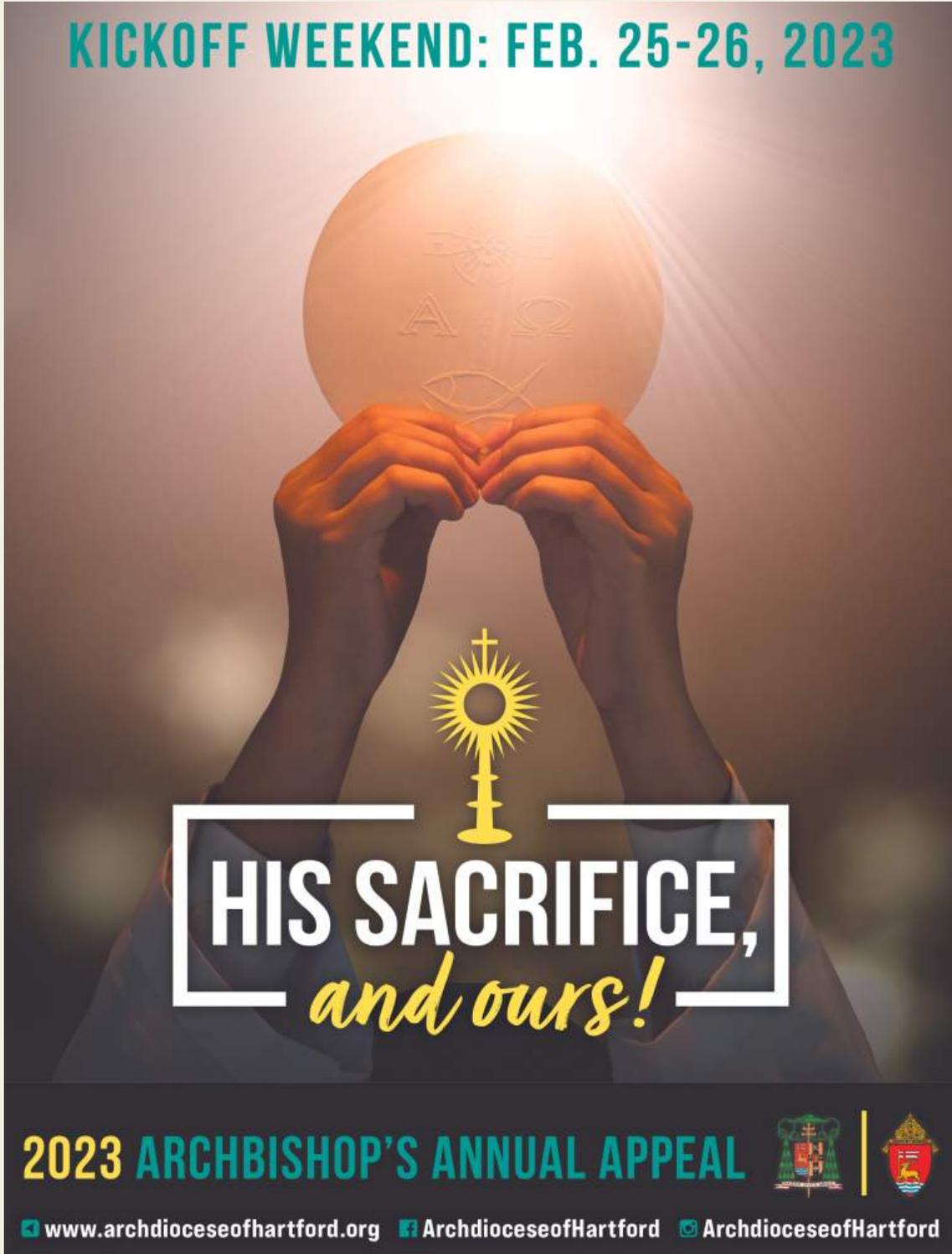


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**St. Katharine Drexel Parish at
St. Jerome Church**

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SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00p.m. at St. Jerome

SUNDAY

8:00a.m. at St. Francis

9:00a.m. at St. Joseph

10:00a.m. at St. Francis

11:30a.m. at St. Jerome

DAILY MASS

8:00 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

6:00 pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

Confessions

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

5:15pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

Adoration

5pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

St. John, St. Peter and St. Maurice

Churches are no longer used for regular Masses.

Prayer Line

In need of Prayers? Please Call Mary M. at our Prayer Line between 2 and 4pm 860-225-3890

February 19, 2023: \$ 11,299.75
This amount includes the basket,
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Mass Attendance for the weekend
of February 19, 2023: 686
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Saturday, February 25

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Rita LeClerc

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Concetta & Salvatore Fisicaro

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Normand Nobert, Jr.

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Maria & Gino Ricciardi &

+Maria Lombardo

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, February 27

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: + Francesco & Lucia Carlozzi

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: + Tate Myre

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 am: St Francis: Mass: Intention of Celebrant

6:00 pm: St Francis Mass: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 2

8:00 am: +Edwin Mercier

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, March 3

8:00 am: Special Intention

6:00 pm: Special Intention

Saturday, March 4

**8am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop & Priests
of the AOH**

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Francis Roberge

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Ludger & Cecile Ouellette

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Fred Larese & +Mary Jane Schmit

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Edgar Cauffman

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Eugenio & Gino Ricciardi

To Schedule a Mass, please call the Parish office, located at
St. Jerome at 860-224-2411

From the Catholic Biblical School



Photo of the Week



Making Ashes For Ash Wednesday



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This weekend is Kickoff Weekend for the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We will hear a video message from Archbishop Blair at all the Masses and each one of us is again invited to consider how we can generously support the charitable works of the Archbishop. The practice of a bishop taking up a collection across the churches goes back to apostolic times when St. Paul wrote his second letter to the Corinthians. Paul was taking up a collection for the church in Macedonia and was asking the Corinthians to be generous in their support. We too each year are invited by our Apostle to consider more than just the needs of our own community but to give generously for the support of the Church and her charitable works in other areas too.

The term for bishop in the bible is *ἐπίσκοπος*; Episcopos which can also be translated as overseer. Archbishop Blair oversees this whole area of the Church as an Apostle and is charged to share the Gospel, govern the sacramental life, and care for the needs of the poor. He does this in many ways through the good works of the Annual Appeal. 100% of the funds collected go right back to the needs of the Gospel in our area, such as support for Catholic education, affordable health care, homeless shelters and much more. In our own parishes we receive over \$150,000 in support for the works of the Mingle at St. Peter, Food Pantry at St. Joseph, and University Outreach at CCSU. Our combined goal between our four parishes for this year is \$115,000 so we do truly receive more than we are even being asked to contribute.

So again this year I ask you to consider being as generous as possible. These are really good works which are being financed through this annual campaign. Thank you for your continued support.

-Fr. Casey



The Passion and Death of Jesus According to Matthew and John

During Holy Week, we will hear the Passion Narrative twice. On Palm Sunday, we will hear the Passion Narrative according to St. Matthew. Then, on Good Friday, we shall hear the Passion Narrative according to St. John. In this four-part series, Monsignor Frank Matera (who assists us on weekends) will highlight the distinctive way in which each Evangelist presents the story of Jesus' passion and death.

February 27

The Arrest and Trial of Jesus according
to the Gospel of Matthew

March 6

The Crucifixion and Death of
Jesus according to the Gospel Matthew

March 13

The Arrest and Trial of Jesus
according to the Gospel of John

March 20

The Crucifixion and Death
of Jesus according to the Gospel of John
Each session will be held at St. Francis School on
Monday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM

Sacred Heart on The Lake Retreat Center UPCOMING RETREATS

RETREAT DAY:

The Challenges of Change and Healing
Tuesday, February 28 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

LENTEN RETREAT DAY A:

The Paschal Mystery-The Real Meaning
of Sacred Heart Devotion and
God's Unconditional Love

-Saturday, February 25 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

-Saturday, March 18 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

LENTEN RETREAT THEME B:

LENT- A 40 Day Preparation Retreat For
The Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

-Saturday, March 4 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

-Saturday, March 25 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

All retreats are located at Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center (194 Candlewood Rd Higganum, CT 06441) and will be given by Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. A donation of \$35 is asked which includes a continental breakfast and a full lunch. Reservations are necessary. We are limited in the number we can accommodate; and registration is done on a first come first serve basis. Call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102 or email ljsmith@ascjus.org. For further information and details about the themes of each retreat please check our website at www.sacredheartonthelake.org.

The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship Application

The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship was established in 2016 by Kenneth Revoir in memory and in honor of his mother, Martha Revoir, a parishioner of St. Maurice Church, now known as Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. In creating the scholarship trust, it was Mr. Revoir's intention that students be able to pursue the education for which they are qualified and which they wish to pursue in order to become successful, productive citizens. The scholarship is primarily to provide financial assistance to eligible students who have been members of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish for at least the year prior to the student's application. If there are no qualified applicants, the Trustees have the authority to award scholarships to students who are members of other Roman Catholic parishes in New Britain for at least one year prior to application.

Scholarships with a minimum of \$2,500 may be awarded to full time students who are enrolled at accredited colleges, universities, or community colleges or are pursuing a course of study which will prepare them for a trade or profession at an accredited educational facility which awards degrees or certificates and has a full time faculty. Scholarships may include assistance with tuition, fees, books, and living expenses. High school seniors who will be enrolled at an accredited educational facility by June for the fall semester are also eligible to apply. To ensure that the information pertaining to the Trust gets sufficient distribution, the Trustees have decided to place this announcement regarding the Trust in each church bulletin throughout New Britain's Catholic Churches.

After reviewing all the applications provided to the Scholarship Committee by students who are members of that parish the scholarship committee will examine the other applications from other New Britain Parishes and shall forward their recommendations to the trustees. To keep the process as streamlined as possible, all applications will be sent to the Scholarship Committee at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Scholarship application that contain all of the requirement needed to apply may be obtained at the Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Office (860) 224-2411 or contact Lisa at lisa@stfranciscatholic.org.

It is extremely important that all requirements and deadlines contained in the application process be met in a timely manner. Failure to enclose the required materials and to meet the deadlines will cause the application to be deemed incomplete and it will not be forwarded to the Trustees for consideration.

Praying For Our Priests

Think about the greatness of the Holy Priesthood in our Church, about their power to consecrate simple bread into the Body, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the tremendous responsibility of the priests with regard to the eternal destiny of the immortal souls which are entrusted to their care. Please support our priests in their responsibility through your daily prayers. Please take one of the “Apostolate of Prayer for Priests” calendar located near the bulletins. This calendar designates a specific day to remember particular priests from the Archdioceses of Hartford.

St. Francis Ladies Guild

The next meeting of the St. Francis Ladies Guild will be held on Tuesday, March 14 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. It is our pleasure to have Deacon Alan Bielawski as our guest speaker. Ladies from all 4 parishes are welcome to join. Bring a friend and ideas for future meetings.

BINGO

Monday Evenings
St Jerome Church Hall
1010 Slater Rd., New Britain
Doors open at 5pm
Games begin at 6:30pm

Sunday Afternoons
St. Joseph School
195 South Main St., New Britain
Doors open at 11:30am
Games begin at 2pm



Forgiveness of Venial Sin?

Venial sins can be forgiven in several ways:
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Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/venial-sin-forgiveness>:

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On November 26, 1858, Catherine Marie Drexel was born in Philadelphia to Hannah Langstroth Drexel and her husband, Francis Drexel, an international banker and one of the wealthiest men in the United States. Her mother died when Catherine was only five weeks old, so Catherine and her older sister Elizabeth were cared for by their aunt and uncle until their father remarried in 1860. Three years later, Francis and his new wife, Emma, had a daughter, Louisa. Francis and Emma Drexel were devout Catholics who regularly prayed and performed charitable works. They taught the girls that their wealth was a gift to be used for the good of others.

Over the next few years, Catherine’s stepmother suffered from cancer and died on January 29, 1883 which helped Catherine to realize that money cannot buy health or happiness. In 1885 their father died, leaving his fortune to his three girls. Francis’ will set up trust funds that stipulated that each daughter would equally receive the income produced by his remaining \$14 million estate, which translated into about \$1,000 every day for each daughter. By comparison, in the year 2023, the \$14 million estate would be equivalent to almost \$500 million, and each daughter would receive about \$35,000 per day.

Despite receiving this fortune, Catherine’s heart remained with the poor, especially the Native Americans out West, and impoverished Black communities. Over the next two years, with the help of two priests, she made substantial donations to reservations and visited them herself. In 1889, Catherine entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, taking the name Sister Katharine Marie. She made her final vows in 1891, and with thirteen companions founded the “Blessed Sacrament Sisters for Indians and Colored People.” Sister Katharine was chosen as the first superior general.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/march-3-saint-katharine-drexel-virgin-usa-optional-memorial/>

AA Meetings

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Fridays at 7pm
St. Joseph School
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Saturdays at 7pm
St. Jerome Church Hall



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