

## Holy Rosary † St. Mary's C.C.D.

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*Nello to my CCD families!*

*It's kind of hard to believe that after this week, we will have only 5 more CCD sessions! I ask that you give your kiddos a gentle reminder to be attentive during class so that we can make the most of the last few moments we have with them for this season. It is such a blessing to be able to share our love of the Lord and our Catholic faith with your children!*

*As always, contact me should you have any questions or concerns!*

*God bless you and yours!  
Annie*

### Our CCD Seasons Ends Early...

With Easter Sunday being celebrated on April 20<sup>th</sup>, our CCD classes which normally end the last week of April, will be ending the week **before** Holy Week. Please take note of the dates noted in the Upcoming Events section of the CCD News. On these last days of class, we need lots of parent helpers with the fun activities that we plan for the last day of classes. I hope that you'll make yourself available to help!

### Confirmation Make Up Classes Available this Summer!

This summer, we will provide the opportunity to make up for missed Confirmation classes during this season. A requirement of the Confirmation program is that candidates miss fewer than 3 classes per season. If your candidate has missed more than 3 classes, they will have to make up for these absences. Make Up Classes will be available the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 5pm each day. Candidates and parents will be receiving a notice of this season's requirements that are still outstanding at the end of this month.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 5<sup>th</sup> † Ash Wednesday**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation Service for all children receiving their First Holy Communion this May

**March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Children's Mass

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**LAST DAY** of Wednesday Night CCD

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Rosary Fish Dinner

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**LAST DAY** of Tuesday CCD

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**LAST DAY** of Thursday CCD

**April 13<sup>th</sup> † Palm Sunday**

**LAST DAY** of Sunday CCD

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Deadline for Easter Memorial Gifts

**April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Easter Mass Practice

**April 20<sup>th</sup> † Easter Sunday**

Easter Sunday Children's Mass at 10am  
Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30am

**April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

Baptism Service for Sacramental Preparations Students

**April 27<sup>th</sup> † Divine Mercy Sunday**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Children's Mass

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

2025-2026 CCD Registrations Open

## MARCH

*Prayer Focus...*

**First Communion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

Nicene Creed

**Confirmation: 1<sup>st</sup> Year**

Corporal Works of Mercy  
Spiritual Works of Mercy

## PRAYER *Champions*

Please encourage your children who are in First Holy Communion or Confirmation formation to test on prayers! **We are approaching deadlines for the upcoming Sacraments. Our 2024 First Communion candidates have a deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>.** We may be concentrating on certain prayers each month, but the children are more than welcome to test on **ALL** the prayers that they know!

Congratulations to our newest **PRAYER *Champions!***

- **Nora Gonzales**
- **Saige Hutchins**
- **Matt Oliveira**



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>. Our first planning meeting will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in Classroom #4. This will be where we discuss this fun week and make our game plan for creating a lot of fun memories for the kids who participate. Please mark your calendars and come and see how you can help!

# HAPPY Birthday

Celebrating birthdays this week....

- **Haley Silva**
- **Brynn Pires**
- **Natalie Silveira**
- **Caleb Lindo**
- **Nora Gonzales**
- **Lisa Avila**

## SERVICE HOURS

*opportunities!*

- Children's Liturgy Room Helper
  - Holy Rosary Fish Dinner
  - **Vacation Bible School** – **ALL** Confirmation Candidates will participate in this!

Make sure to go to the CCD tab at [www.hilmarholyroary.org](http://www.hilmarholyroary.org) to sign up for these and other opportunities!

## WHY ASHES

ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO

**DIE TO OUR  
WORLDLY DESIRES  
AND  
LIVE IN CHRIST**



**WHERE DO  
THE ASHES  
COME FROM?**

AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE MARKED WITH ASHES, THESE WORDS ARE SAID:

“REMEMBER, THAT **YOU ARE DUST,** AND **UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.**”

THE ASHES ARE MADE FROM THE **BLESSED PALMS** USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

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## SAINTS FUN FACTS

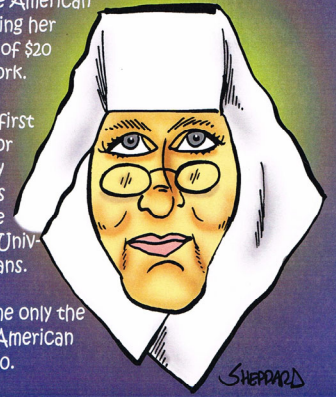
by John Sheppard

St. Katherine Drexel was born in Philadelphia in 1858. She took an avid interest in the well being of black and native Americans. She began by donating money but soon realized more was necessary.

She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Black and Native American peoples, dedicating her life and fortune of \$20 million to this work.

She opened the first mission school for Indians and many others for blacks in the south. She founded Xavier University in New Orleans.

Katherine became only the 2nd recognized American born saint in 2000.



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