

A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE...LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN



Just My Thoughts by Nancy Paul

Do you ever hear the word stewardship and think that you have nothing special to share? Do you feel you are one of life's dandelions, common, with no litting voice to lift in hymn, no great financial acumen to manage the parish funds, not an organizer, just a worker? That was my feeling. Being part of the Human Concerns Committee changed my view. I learned that stewardship is not set apart from daily life, does not require hours of time set aside in a busy schedule. It can be the smallest act, a thoughtful gesture, or a willingness to listen that brings Christ's love to another soul.

I became a member of the Human Concerns Committee of SKDP when assigned as their Parish Council liaison for a year. One day a member asked me to deliver a prayer shawl to someone living in a nursing home. It was a simple, unremarkable thing to do. When I presented the woman with the shawl and the beautiful accompanying rosary, she wept and said she knew now she hadn't been forgotten. Such a simple act, but so meaningful to both of us. The Human Concerns Committee strives to put into action Christ's call to love our neighbor. I chose to stay long past that first year.

Scripture for thought: Matthew 25: 14-30.

What will you do with the gifts and talents God has entrusted to you??

WHO'S WHO: ST. KATHARINE DREXEL'S STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Introducing Marlene Posthuma:

My name is Marlene Posthuma. I am a lifetime member of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

I am the second oldest of five living children and lost a brother in infancy. I attended what was formally St. Peters Grade School, and graduated from Randolph High School. My husband, Eldon, now deceased, and I were married here. We have been blessed with a son and two daughters and many beautiful grandchildren. After many years of administrative work, and sharing my gift of gardening through my seasonal work at Jung's Seed Company, I chose to enter into full retirement. It was then that I discerned the call from God to offer my gifts and talents to others



through the church. Leaving my comfort zone (as Fr. Mike stated) wasn't easy, but I did it and have offered my gifts freely to what ever God calls me to. When I joined the Stewardship Committee, I prayed that the Holy Spirit would inspire me to be a good and faithful servant. I believe he has. I am also an active member of our Catholic Women Society, Faith Sharing Groups, our Funeral Dinner Committee, and I recently began volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. God has blessed me with wonderful patient people who understand my limitations.

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Parish Mission:
**Praise God, Love People,
 Equip Disciples to Trans-
 form our Community.**



Quotables

*Life is not a matter
 of place, things or
 comfort. Rather it
 concerns the basic
 human rights of
 family, country,
 justice and
 human dignity*
Emelda Marcos

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There are many dimensions to the Human Concerns mission. Members visit shut-ins, organize food pantry collections, help with blood drives, send cards to shut-ins, do outreach to area correctional facilities. Some of us make beautiful prayer shawls or mittens for children who would otherwise go without. Some of us comfort the bereaved. The list is long. We partner with groups in our parish and the community, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Pregnancy Support Center, Church Health Services, and Catholic Relief Services to name just a few. Our work is often global. We learn local, but our outlook is about Catholic Social Justice teachings and share these with our parish.



Our parish name-fortune serving crimi-nation and Katharine ma Bouvier "kindness may be behind." When proud to seek help, the Drexel family sought them out, but always quietly. That's what I love most about our Human Concerns Committee. We see Christ in the lives of those we serve. They are not beneath us, not alien to us, not problems to solve, but rather precious individuals. We share God's love with them, and they with us. We all have something to give, and it is in giving that we receive.

sake spent her life and her those who suffered dis-marginalization. St Drexel's stepmother, Emma Drexel, believed that unkind if it leaves a sting those in need were too

NOW THIS IS NEWS WORTHY!!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for some very important events coming up at St. Katharine Drexel:

Please join us on October 3, 2015 at the 4:30 Mass as 6 members of our parish profess and renew their profession as Secular Franciscans! Members include:

**Mike Adsit, Susan Bashynski, Coletta Cody
 Fr. Mike Erwin, Jeanne Heft, OFS (renewing)
 Janice Tischler**



October 3rd also kicks off our parish Stewardship Renewal. This event will run for 6 weeks and will offer some great ideas for community, and sharing the gifts and talents God has give each of us!



On November 13th & 14th Fr. Gary Kastl will be here to offer a retreat that will surely help you discover something about yourself that you may not know. Don't miss it!!

Lots coming up you don't want to miss!!!

Lord, as I realize the beauty of all creation, I thank you for the gifts you have chosen to share with me. Please help me to remember that in caring for these gifts of nature and of humanity I am fulfilling what you ask of me - to be a good steward of your kingdom.

In the loving grace of Jesus I ask this. Amen

