

# Crossing Paths

Saint Katharine Drexel School  
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin  
Alumni and Friends

## Upcoming Events

- Evening of Glitz  
November 10, 2012  
at Old Hickory
- Christmas Program  
December 13, 2012  
1:00 & 6:30PM
- Catholic Schools Week  
January 26-February 3, 2013
- Festival of the Ed. Arts  
January 31, 2013,  
6:30-8:30PM
- Family Carnival  
February 2, 2013,  
10:00AM-2:00PM  
Spring St. Cafeteria/Gym
- Band Guild Pancake Breakfast  
March 10, 2013
- Shadow Way of the Cross  
March 13, 2013  
8:45AM & 7:00PM  
Spring St.
- Living Stations-Spring Church  
March 20, 2013, 9:30AM
- Spring Band Concert  
April 18, 2013, 7:30PM,  
Spring St.
- Spring Vocal Concert  
May 2, 2013, 6:30PM,  
Spring St.
- Bowl-A-Thon  
May 10, 2013
- Graduation May 30, 2013,  
7:00PM, Spring St.

Please share your memories and news with other alumni on our website [www.skds.org](http://www.skds.org). Click on alumni to read and share news.

We hope to continue Spring and Fall newsletters, so your help in providing names and addresses of alumni will be appreciated. Please include school and year of graduation.

*As we celebrate our Sesquicentennial,  
thanks for sharing your memories.*



*Memories:*

*Many crowd into my mind. They tend to gather into clusters. Two prominent ones revolve around food - material & spiritual.*

*I think of picking up lunch in the primary building and the unholy glee youngsters and adults alike exhibited when I put gravy on my cherries. Well, it did look like carmel sauce. And I remember camaraderie w/ staff in both buildings*

*Then there were the Masses. I loved Fridays at St. Pat's, Thursdays at St. Peter's - the praying, singing, readings (sometimes holding one's breath, silently urging the young lector on)*

*I am grateful to Mother Caroline, SSND for starting Catholic schools in B.D. and to the faithful who have kept it alive 150 years. Praise God!*

*S. Jean Emily Kaul, SSND*

*We treasure our memories and rejoice in our future!*

# Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education in Beaver Dam

1862-2012

Dear Friends of SKDS:



First, we warmly invite you to join us on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Mass is at 4:30PM with Bishop Donald Hying. Dinner follows in the school gym. Tours will be available on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday provides a breakfast, craft and bake sale.

What do you know about the history of Catholic Education in Beaver Dam? What do you know about how we got to this moment in history? Perhaps a little; perhaps a great deal. Let me share some highlights.

March 1841: Thomas and Ann Mackie and their son-in-law Joseph Goetschius travel from Fox Lake and set up housekeeping in Beaver Dam.

June 1842 The first religious services are held in the Mackie cabin. All this occurs before Wisconsin becomes a state on May 29, 1848.

1854 Fr. Kundy celebrates Mass monthly in private homes in Beaver Dam.

## ST. PETER PARISH AND SCHOOL

1854 St. Peter Church is built.

1862 A new church is built; the old church is remodeled and renamed St. Mary School. September 10: St. Mary School opens, a mere 21 years after the first settlers arrived in Beaver Dam. St. Mary's is a coed school, teaching students in both English and German. Both vocal and instrumental music are part of the curriculum offered by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Tuition was charged per scholar per month.

1866 A new school is built; numbers keep increasing.

1922 An entirely new parish plant is needed. School is dismissed June 9; the cornerstone is laid July 3, and on September 11 school opens with 331 students while work continues. (Sounds just like our experience during school year 2011-2012. Some things never change!) 1931 St. Pete's Band is formed. Music plays an important role throughout our history.

1953 Another addition is needed; we are growing like crazy.

## ST. MICHAEL PARISH AND SCHOOL

1857 A small group of Polish settlers moves into the area.

1874 Bishop Heise gives the group permission to organize a parish; and by 1875, they build and bless a new church.

1885 Rev. Q. Zielinski, St. Mike's Pastor, builds the "Little Red School on the Hill" for *"training the mind and heart of the young people to become faithful and fervent Catholics and loyal citizens."*

1950 The cornerstone for the new school is laid, and school opens in 1951. For the first 20 years, it is staffed by lay teachers. Later the Sisters of St. Joseph from Stevens Point (the Third Order of St. Francis) teach in St. Mike's.

1972 Due to declining enrollment, St. Mike's closes and families are encouraged to enroll in CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) classes or the two other Catholic Schools in town (Pete's and Pat's).

## ST. PATRICK PARISH AND SCHOOL

1860 Pete's and Pat's start together, but the Irish families want English services. In 1860 the congregation builds a small church on the NW corner of West Third and West Streets. On March 17, 1863, it is dedicated to St. Patrick.

1868 The parish purchases property on Maple Avenue. The plan is always to have a school, but for the first 90 years the parish remains school-less.

1949 June—construction on a school finally begins. Classes begin in 1950; and by 1952, more space is needed so additional classrooms are added. The School Sisters of St. Francis staff the school. (The sisters played an important role in all three of the schools. Each of the parishes had a convent filled with sisters serving the parish in many and varied roles. We owe a great deal to their dedicated service, talent, energy and time.)

1981 Time waits for no one, and changes continue. By the mid 1970's, many Catholic schools are closing due to declining enrollments. Beaver Dam is not immune. The education mission of the church is taken seriously in Beaver Dam. Because Catholic education is valued, the three parishes enter into discussions that lead to a consolidation. The Unified Catholic Parish Schools of Beaver Dam (UCPS) is born. If not the first in the Archdiocese, it certainly is one of the earliest.

1982 Even more change is on the horizon. The three parishes come together to form a single parish with the name St. Katharine Drexel. The school follows on the heels of the parishes' merger returning once again to its parish school roots. St. Katharine Drexel is a great patron for our parish and school. She started many schools for Blacks and Native Americans. Our parish and school with its Polish, Irish, German, and now Hispanic heritages is richly blessed as a result of these ethnic flavors. St. Katharine is a great role model for us.

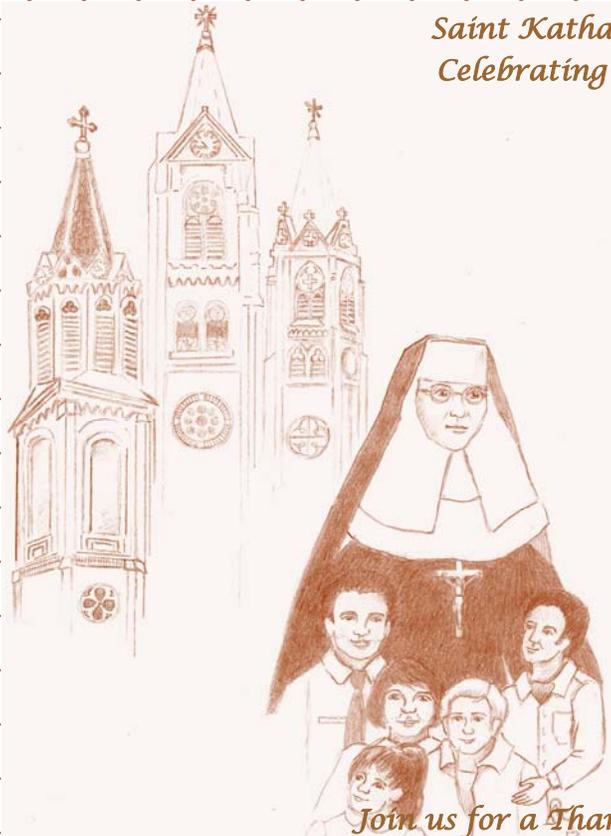
There you have it in a nutshell, a very brief overview of how we traversed the span of 150 years. Our ancestors worked hard. God was a priority in their lives. They moved into an area; they prayed; they built a church and then a school; those got too small and they added on or built again. They gave their sons and daughters to religious vocations (priests and sisters). They were dedicated, hardworking, forward thinking, strong of character and faith, men, women and children. We need to be equally so to ensure the next 150 years. Come home; give thanks; celebrate!

Share the faith; comparte la fe,

Ms. Barbara M. Haase

Principal/Administrator

*Saint Katharine Drexel Parish School  
Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education  
1862 ~ 2012*



*Pai Yagodiniski*

*We invite ~  
Families, Faculty, Friends,  
Alumni, Pastors, Principals, and  
Special Guests  
To celebrate this milestone with us.*

*Saturday, October 27, 2012*

*Mass: 4:30PM*

*Bishop Donald Hying Presides  
St. Katharine Drexel Church,  
511 S. Spring St., Beaver Dam, WI*

*Dinner follows Mass in School Gym  
503 S. Spring St., Beaver Dam, WI*

*Join us for a Thanksgiving Homecoming Dinner  
Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad,  
Dessert and Beverage*

*Adults (Age 12 & Above) = \$10.00*

*Students (Age 11-6) = \$5.00*

*Children (5 & Under) = Free*

*Tours of the school available. See the changes that have taken place.*

*Tickets available after weekend Masses,  
at the School Office (885-5558) and the Parish Office (885-2082).*

*Sunday, October 28, 2012*

*Breakfast, Craft Fair and Bake Sale Follow Mass  
School gym and cafeteria  
503 S. Spring St., Beaver Dam, WI*

*Join us as we celebrate 150 years of Catholic education in Beaver Dam. St. Mary School opened its doors on September 10, 1862; St. Peter in 1866, St. Michael in 1885, and St. Patrick in 1949. In 1981 the three parishes formed a consolidation named Unified Catholic Parish Schools of Beaver Dam. In 2003, the three parishes became St. Katharine Drexel Parish; the school followed, returning to its parish school roots. No matter the name, we celebrate 150 years of Catholic Education. Few parishes can lay claim to such a rich, long, and rewarding history.*

Janet Minnig (maidenname Lauth)

St. Patricide's School

1962 - 1970 years attended Grade 1 - 8



When I went to school at St. Patricide's School  
We went to Mass everyday. We had Nuns for  
our teachers. My principal was Sister Henry.  
We had science fairs that we worked with a  
classmate. I ate hot lunch everyday. My 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
teacher was Sister Anselm. During my upper grades, I  
and another classmate would clean + vacuum the church  
altar every Friday during our noon hour.  
A nun would pay us with candy.

Rebecca Minnig

Unified Catholic Parish School (U.C.P.S.) and  
St. Katharine Drexel School (SKDS)  
1996 - 2006 years attended



I started preschool in 1996 it was UCPs,  
and I graduated in 2006 of St. Katharine Drexel School (SKDS)

My favorite memory would probably when I was in  
5<sup>th</sup> grade. We were in gym class with teacher, Mrs. Bennett,  
doing the Iditarod, like the big winter dog sled race.  
We had mats on top of the scooters. Well my classmate  
took the corner too short and I fell off the back,  
and hit the brick wall. I cut open the back  
of my head and ended up getting 5 stitches.

JAMES HAMMER CLASS OF 1940  
ST. PETERS CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
ATTENDED 1932 THRU 1940 1st thru

WHEN I ATTENDED ST PETERS BESIDES OUR  
SOME OF WHICH I LIKED AND SOME NOT SO  
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WHICH ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM ALL THE  
NO MATTER THE WEATHER.

WE ALSO HAD SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR COLUMBU  
WASHINGTON AND LINCOLNS BIRTHDAYS AND EAST  
OWN SHORT PRIGRAM.

BUT MOST OF ALL I CHERISH ALL THE FREINDS  
TODAY 70 YEARS LATER.

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURE FROM OUR CLASS  
OUR PASTOR WAS RT. REV. MSGR. THEODORE  
OUR ASSISTANT WAS REV HENRY LANGENFELD



9th GRADE

CLASSROOM STUDIES  
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MAY 31, 1935.  
ROHNER



LaVon (Wilson) Tomashek

Attended St. Peter's School, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. (1936-1945)

I played french horn in the band. When we  
had assembly, some mothers made dresses out  
of crepe paper to dress us up. You had to pack  
a lunch or walk home because there was no lunch  
program. The farm kids brought their lunch and  
canned their milk in fruit jars. If you had money and  
a dime, you went to Drennon's dime store for a bowl of  
soup and crackers. I remember the upperclassmen  
helping the little ones with boots in the morning and  
and a merry-go-round on the playground  
between the school and church.

There was a balcony on the upper  
floor to look over the auditorium.

Sister Aloise (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Sister Christine (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Sister Jemma (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sister Conrad (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sister Unika (pronounced Eureka)

Sister Jean-de-Arc (principal - also 9<sup>th</sup> grade)



## Nun Teaches Children of Former Students



—Citizen Staff Photo

Former first grade students of Sister Aloise at St. Peter's parochial school are sending their children to her for their first grade. One of the many pupils attending first grade at St. Peter's this year is six year old Michael Hanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jo-

seph Hanks, 128 E. South St., who is shown above with Sister Aloise and his mother, the former Audrey Budde. Michael is occupying the same desk his mother used when she was a first grader under Sister Aloise. His brother, Ken-

neth, was taught by Sister Aloise last year.

Sister Aloise is only the second first grade teacher to ever teach at St. Peter's. She came here in 1929 to succeed Sister Cadmunda who taught here for 32 years.

Kris Leiste Kow (Soldner)

St. Peter's 1970-1978

Friday May 12, 1978 - The 8th graders trip to Holy Hill for a Day of Recollection in preparation for 8th grade Confirmation.

When I went to school at St. Peter's we had grades first thru eight. With two full classes for each grade. I remember being able to leave school at lunch time so you could go home for lunch. There were always kids walking or riding their bikes to school. After school we had student patrols that would make sure you left the playground safely or crossed the street at the right time.

During the school years I remember a lot of classes and teachers. Religion class was every day and Father Steir would come and teach at some of them. There was always music in the air with Sister Philomene starting her music class with Na... New...No...Nay...Nee... We even had a swing choir that was directed by Sister Philomene and Ms. Haase. Ms. Haase was also our English teacher. She kept us busy with writing assignments. Some of the students had famous quotes and mine was "an English paper a day keeps Ms. Haase away".

Our principal Mr. Novotney, who also coached the 7th and 8th grade girls basketball had a famous saying when a call was against our team "Man-O-Man". We received new uniforms that year changing the colors from red & white to orange & gold.

Other memories would be the Variety shows that the 7th & 8th grade students and teachers would put on. The performances would be in the evening and were held three nights. The gym would be decorated with a theme. My last year at St. Peter's the Variety show was the "Golden Nugget Saloon and Paint Your Wagon Night Club Revue". There were a lot of acts that filled the night, we even had waitresses that served our audience with food & drink.

It's hard to list every memory I had, but I know we had a lot of little trips that would include hay rides out on Ms. Haase's farm along with bon fires. Of course we can't forget the 8th grade class trip. We were one of the lucky classes that still went to Great America Amusement Park!

Emily Minnig

Unified Catholic Parish School (U.C.P.S)

1989 - 1998 years attended



## New Habit for Notre Dame Nuns

MEQUON—More than 6,600 School Sisters of Notre Dame in the United States and Canada will don a newly designed religious habit on the feast of the Annunciation, March 25. The new semi-tailored-garb (right) will replace the starched veil and wimple (left) which has characterized the SSND's. This change is the first major modification in their religious habit since the beginnings of the Congregation in 1833.

The new habit was selected by delegates to the 1962 General Chapter held last October in Munich, Germany. The decision affects the attire of about 12,000 Sisters in 19 countries.

American and Canadian School Sisters of Notre Dame conduct schools in 34 states and 6 Canadian provinces. Motherhouses are located in Mequon, Wis.; Baltimore, Md.; St. Louis, Mo.; Mankato, Minn.; Waterdown, Ont.; Wilton, Conn., and Dallas, Tex.

Sisters from the North American provinces also teach in Rome, England, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Honduras, Bolivia, Guam, Japan and Okinawa.

Superior General of the Congregation is Mother Mary Ambrosia, who resides at the Generalate of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Rome.

I attended Unified Catholic Parish Schools from kindergarten to 8th grade. I am very fortunate and thankful to my family for giving me the opportunity to attend this great school and be a part of a wonderful faith community. My years at this school deepened my faith in God and taught me how to live my life in accordance with him.

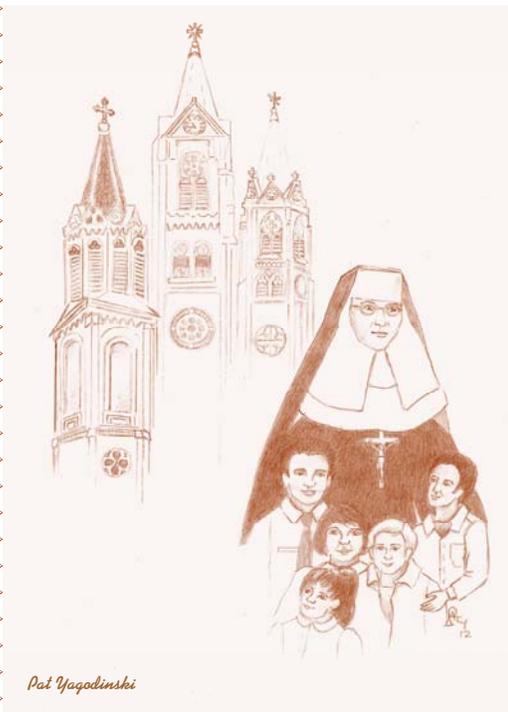
I made many great friends in my time at UCPS, and have many great memories of school field trips, weekly mass, school plays, concerts, and being a part of The Marching Band.

Being able to receive a faith-filled education is so very valuable, and I believe it truly assists a person in becoming a strong and great individual, with good values and beliefs.

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Saint Katharine Drexel Parish School  
Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education

Help us prepare for the next 150 years  
Each gift and giver is precious in our eyes.



Heating/Cooling Upgrade~~Our boiler has served us well for 50 plus years but was installed at a time when fuel was cheap. We need to upgrade to ensure economy and efficiency. Cost = \$500,000 (estimate)

Dishwasher ~~We provide our students with a nutritious school lunch daily and the parish uses the kitchen facilities for various events. Food service requires clean dishes. A school kitchen requires an industrial machine to meet code. Cost = \$22,000

Wireless Access Points ~~We have upgraded our lab, but we need to prepare our campus to use wireless devices (notebooks, laptops, etc.). We have one; we need four more. Cost = \$600 each

Classroom Computers~~Even though our lab has new flat screen monitors and towers, it is often full of students. The classrooms have work stations to allow students to continue their work when the lab is not available. Cost per computer = \$500 (quantity needed = 40)

Smart Boards~~We need 5 more so that classrooms are fully equipped. Cost = \$3700 per board

Mobile Tech Lab with 30 iPads~~Once we go wireless, we will need a mobile tech lab to ensure full class participation when the current lab is in use. Cost = \$21,000

Tuition Assistance Fund~~Our families value a Catholic education for their children. Each year the cost to provide that increases. Many families sacrifice mightily to ensure their children are able to attend SKDS. You can help. No amount is insignificant: \$15, \$150, \$1500, \$15,000, \$150,000. The approximate total cost to provide a Catholic School Education is \$5000 per student.

Endowment~~In 1981 when the three parishes formed the consolidation called the Unified Catholic Parish Schools of Beaver Dam, some very forward thinking individuals determined it was vital to institute an Endowment Fund to ensure the future of Catholic Education in Beaver Dam. We have a very healthy Endowment Fund with a net worth of \$1.5 million. You can be a part of our future by contributing to this important fund.

Band Guild & Music Program~~Music has always played an important role in history of our school beginning with St. Mary which offered both instrumental and vocal music when it opened in 1862. Our very own band began with the St. Peter Band in 1931. To help fund the band, parents butchered chickens and held bake sales. We haven't butchered chickens in awhile, but we still raise funds to support our vocal and instrumental music programs.

Classroom Furniture~~Desks and chairs last a long time, but after awhile, even those need to be replaced. Some of our desks are just short of an ink well. We need to invest in new classroom furniture. Student desk/chair approximate cost per unit = \$150

Here's to the next 150 years. Thanks for asking!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print your name.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

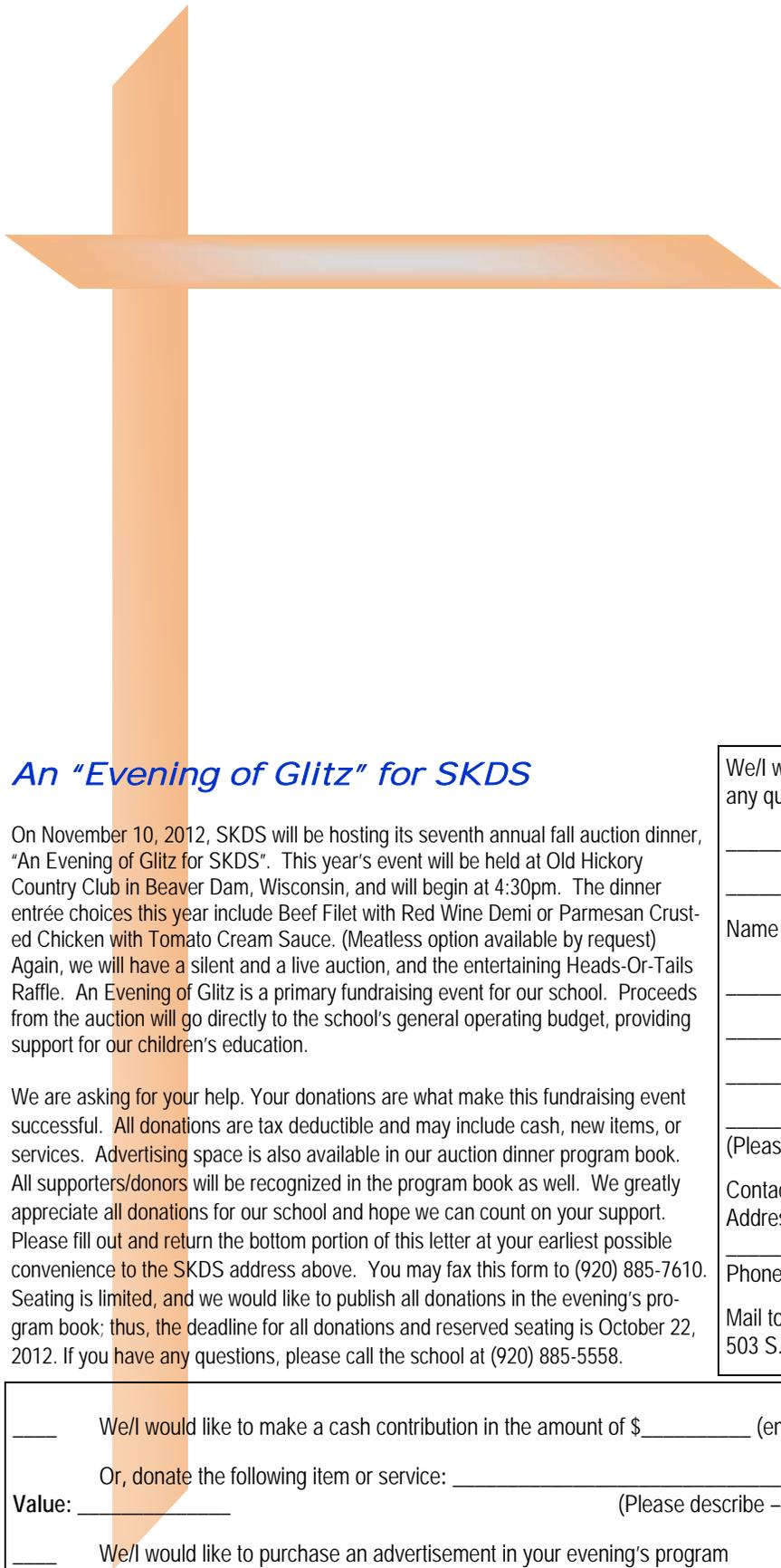
This gift is in honor or in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an alum of St. Michael, St. Peter, St. Patrick, U.C.P.S. or S.K.D.S.?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(List school & year)

Return completed form and check payable to: S.K.D.S.  
503 S. Spring St., Beaver Dam, WI 53916 or drop it off at the school office.  
Thank You! Your donation is tax deductible.

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish & School  
 503 S. Spring St.  
 Beaver Dam, WI 53916



*An "Evening of Glitz" for SKDS*

On November 10, 2012, SKDS will be hosting its seventh annual fall auction dinner, "An Evening of Glitz for SKDS". This year's event will be held at Old Hickory Country Club in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and will begin at 4:30pm. The dinner entrée choices this year include Beef Filet with Red Wine Demi or Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Tomato Cream Sauce. (Meatless option available by request) Again, we will have a silent and a live auction, and the entertaining Heads-Or-Tails Raffle. An Evening of Glitz is a primary fundraising event for our school. Proceeds from the auction will go directly to the school's general operating budget, providing support for our children's education.

We are asking for your help. Your donations are what make this fundraising event successful. All donations are tax deductible and may include cash, new items, or services. Advertising space is also available in our auction dinner program book. All supporters/donors will be recognized in the program book as well. We greatly appreciate all donations for our school and hope we can count on your support. Please fill out and return the bottom portion of this letter at your earliest possible convenience to the SKDS address above. You may fax this form to (920) 885-7610. Seating is limited, and we would like to publish all donations in the evening's program book; thus, the deadline for all donations and reserved seating is October 22, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the school at (920) 885-5558.

We/I would like to purchase tickets for the evening's event. (If you have any questions, please call the school office at 920-885-5558).

\_\_\_\_\_ Tables of eight (\$375)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ individual Reservations (\$50)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Fillet or Parmesan Crusted Chicken  
 (circle one)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ beef chicken  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ beef chicken

(Please add more, if needed)

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: St. Katharine Drexel School  
 503 S. Spring St., Beaver Dam, WI 53916



\_\_\_\_\_ We/I would like to make a cash contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed)

Or, donate the following item or service: \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please describe - pickup service is available)

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I would like to purchase an advertisement in your evening's program

\_\_\_\_\_ Business card \$75.00    \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page \$150.00    \_\_\_\_\_ Full page \$300.00