

# Crossing Paths

Saint Katharine Drexel School  
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin  
Alumni and Friends

## Upcoming Events

- **Evening of Glitz**  
November 16, 2013  
at Old Hickory
- **Christmas Program**  
December 12, 2013  
1:00 & 6:30PM
- **Catholic Schools Week**  
January 26-February 1, 2014
- **Festival of the Ed. Arts**  
January 30, 2014  
6:30-8:30PM
- **Band Guild Pancake Breakfast**  
March 9, 2014
- **Shadow Way of the Cross**  
April 16, 2014  
8:45AM & 7:00PM
- **Living Stations**  
April 17, 2014  
9:30AM
- **Spring Band Concert**  
April 24, 2014  
7:30PM
- **Spring Vocal Concert**  
May 8, 2014  
6:30PM
- **Bowl-A-Thon**  
May 9, 2014
- **Graduation**  
May 30, 2014  
7:00PM

Dear Friends of SKDS:

Journey! Good old Merriam Webster says, "journey is an act or instance of traveling from one place to another; a trip". Synonyms include expedition, passage, peregrination, trek. It's all about journey. Perhaps the place to which one journeys is more a state of being rather than an exact location. Or it may be a change in perspective. And it's not usually the end point that makes the difference, it's the getting there; the in between part that is most significant, the change agent. We meet many people on our journey. We encounter many experiences. As a result, we grow; we change; we mature. The journey we focus on here at SKDS is primarily educational and spiritual.

This year our theme hits heavily on the whole aspect of journeying. It seems so appropriate. Just think what we've encountered over the past several years. We moved onto one campus; already our third year under one roof. We celebrated 150 years of consecutive Catholic education here in our fair city last fall. We have a newly "visioned" and remodeled parish center right across the street from the school. We are this year celebrating the

tenth anniversary as St. Katharine Drexel Parish. We revived, after many years, a parish festival. And—after demolishing the last standing convent building and after seeing Sr. Joan Emily Kaul, a Notre Dame in residence, leave several years ago, the parish once again purchased and refurbished a house next door to the Parish Center for a convent. This house is home to newly arrived and retired Notre Dame Sisters Mariel, Toni and Marie Andre. They have named their home Living Springs Convent. If that isn't journeying, I don't know what is.

Then take a look at all our wonderful students some of whom may be your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews or friends. Each year begins a new educational journey for these children and their families. No matter how many times we may open our individual classroom doors, no matter how many times we may celebrate a given Theme Day, Christmas Concert, Music Festival, First Communion or graduation as teacher, principal, pastor, or parent, it is all new for the student. It is that particular student's first time. It is an important step in his/her journey and we owe it to those children to

be fully present to them every step of the way. I had the privilege of joining our middle school students at a Catholic Youth Leadership Forum this October. I was so very proud of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders as they shared their own faith experiences, offered their personal insights and listened to their presenter, Ralph Stewart. This is part of their faith journey, young as they are. This is their start.

We invite you to share the journey with us. Keep us in your prayers. Pray for our students and their families. Pray for the future of Catholic education. Pray for our spiritual leaders, the leaders of our dioceses, parishes and schools. When you are back home, stop in. Let us show you around. It's all part of the journey. And as our theme this year states,

"Let Us Journey Together; Vamos A Caminar Juntos!"  
**Ms. Barbara M. Haase**  
Principal/Administrator

PS: Read Archbishop Listecky's letter in this edition of Crossing Paths in support of Catholic education. Join us for the walk. It's part of the journey.



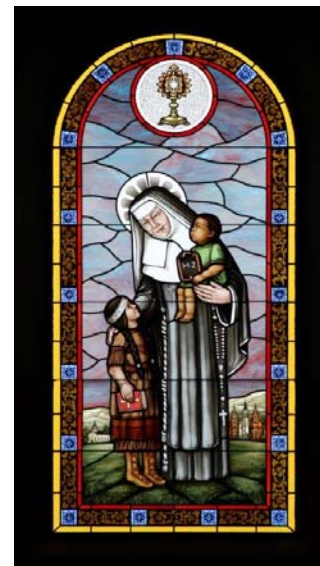
## 30 YEARS OF FAMILY FUN

Family Carnival celebrated 30 years of fun this October. Started to provide fun for kids after their parents had fun with Big Event, this event continues to provide games, face painting, and food for our students and their families. The first Carnival was held the opening of deer hunting season.

Pictured here are this year's chairs and one of the initial creators of Family Carnival, then called Family Circus.



Front: Jill Kaufmann, MaryAnn Neuman (1 of the originators) Dawn Klockow, Jenny Wendorf, Heather Eggers, Back: Jenny Merrill, Mary Rohde, Kate Meyer, Katey Blaskowski, Jennifer Bohlig



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



# Put on your walking shoes and support Catholic education



One of the great contributions the Roman Catholic Church has made to our American society is education.

Since many of the educational qualities cherished in the Catholic schools are also cherished in the public school system, I am asked time and time again what makes Catholic education unique. Why should parents make sacrifices to send their children to Catholic schools?

In the Gospel of St. Mark, Chapter 10, Jesus is resting. The disciples were protecting their master, the teacher, from any unwarranted intrusions. Despite the blockade established by the disciples, the parents were incessant on bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them.

Parents want what's best for their children. They desired the blessings of a holy man. They wanted their children in the presence of greatness. They knew that Jesus could direct them in the proper course of their lives even if it was just by association with him. I love Jesus' response: "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" Mk 10:14.

Why Catholic education? Why should parents make the sacrifice necessary to send their children to Catholic schools? It starts with parents wanting what is best for their children and to associate with Jesus to be in his presence is what's best for their children. Catholic education is what's best for their children.

I would like to highlight three qualities about Catholic education: quality, environment and vision.

It wouldn't be fair to say that only Catholic education is concerned with quality, since all schools of any worth are concerned with performance. However,

the quality of Catholic education is measured not only by performance but also by its profound respect for the "dignity of the human person."

The person is the "Imago Dei" (the image of God). Catholic education serves in the perfection of the human person as created by God. The academic disciplines reveal a truth connected to God, the creator of all things. Whether one studies literature, science or the arts, it is reflective of truth which serves the human person and finds its ultimate home in God and the service of other human beings.

The second characteristic is environment. The student is in an environment that communicates he or she belongs to a larger community and therefore is responsible for his or her brothers and sisters.

I have been at school Masses where older students are assigned as big brothers and sisters to the younger students. A family atmosphere exists. It is church. It is a mark of responsibility.

Every Catholic school I know encourages, supports and promotes charitable activities, from collecting pennies for the foreign missions to serving meals to the needy to participating in clothing and food drives. Not only are they nice things to do, but they serve the person, Jesus, who commands us to love one another. The crosses displayed in the classrooms are constant reminders of the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus for each and every one of us.

The Catholic Church, as well as other religious denominations, provided for the education of their citizens even before public education was available. Many of the major universities were founded as religious schools by various denominations.

Many of these great institutions exist today because of their foundation in the foresight of these religious groups. People are surprised to discover the intrinsic connection of the public education of the masses and the religious determination to educate their flock.

Education is a natural right of a citizen of any country as one must be at least minimally educated in order to participate in the affairs of the state, i.e. voting.

"The natural law also gives man the right to share in the benefits of the culture, and therefore, the right to a basic education and to technical and professional training in keeping with the stage of educational development in the country to which he belongs." (Pacem in Terris, John XXIII 13)

As I travel throughout the archdiocese in the beginning of fall, I notice the school buses transporting children and sports teams practicing on football and soccer fields and I know that school is in full swing.

Before we fully engage in the routine of normal activities, it's important that we pause and consider why Catholic education is not only good but necessary for a society dedicated to preserve our basic freedoms.

Visit our website [www.skds.org](http://www.skds.org); click on alumni and go to the fillable form which will provide us all the information we need to keep in touch.. 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. Join us on Facebook at "I went to St. Katharine Drexel School/UCPS/Beaver Dam Catholic Schools".

# Fulfilling the need

## HELP US PREPARE FOR THE NEXT 150 YEARS!

At our sesquicentennial celebration, we posted a list of needs for our school. We share the list again. Perhaps you or someone you know is in a position to help us.

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. Ours died at the end of last school year so we needed one to replace it. Can you help us with funds for which we are still searching?  
Cost = \$17,000

**WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS** --Done! Thank you.

**CLASSROOM COMPUTERS**--Even though our lab has new flat screen monitors and towers, it is often full of students. The class-

rooms have work stations to allow students to continue their work when the lab is not available. (quantity needed = 40)  
Cost per computer = \$500

**SMART BOARDS**--We need 5 more so that classrooms are fully equipped.  
Cost = \$3700 per board

**MOBILE TECH LAB** with 30 mobile devices (iPads, Chrome Books, Microsoft Tablets, etc.)--  
Cost = \$21,000

**SERVERS**--Our servers are ancient in technological terms and need immediate replacement. (Shhh! Don't tell the servers!) 2 are needed at \$10,000 per server.  
Cost = \$20,000

**DESKS AND CHAIRS**--Classroom furniture lasts a long time; but after awhile, even it needs 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

**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.

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.**



# Let us journey together; vamos a caminar juntos!

Every year on the first Friday of October, we celebrate Theme Day making it come alive for our students. This year we again began with Mass involving all our students. Mass was followed by a wide array of activities for the student body. Enjoy the pictures of our celebration.



The third characteristic is vision. At one time or another, everyone asks, "Where are we going?" It's a fundamental question.

Catholic education answers that question with a destination. Our ultimate goal is heaven, to be one with God. Catholic education acknowledges this vision as classes begin with prayer and students are encouraged to place their trust in God.

This vision promotes that there is more to life than the material. True happiness can only be achieved in feeding the spirit as well as the body. It is "catholic" education and "catholic" means universal. It is a vision which reflects the totality of life, the here and now as well as the hereafter.

We need Catholic education and as Catholics, we need to support our schools.

On Nov. 2 at 9:15 a.m., I will put on my red Converse All Stars and walk with supporters of Catholic education at Mount Mary University. Put your walking shoes on and join me in giving thanks for 170 years of Catholic schools in Wisconsin. Register and let your presence be a statement that we need Catholic education. If you can't be present, then sponsor someone representing the Catholic school of your choice. Why not sponsor someone from the Catholic school you attended?

It is Soles for Catholic Education, one step, one soul at a time, [www.CatholicSchoolsWalk.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsWalk.org).

Written by Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI, Herald of Hope Wednesday, 02 October 2013 13:33

# Blessed By Their Presence



spirit lives on and they are sharing it with us.

**Sr. Mariel** taught music here in Beaver Dam at St. Peter School when it housed 800 students. She went on to teach elsewhere but returned again to



St. Katharine Drexel Parish and School welcomes Sister Mariel, Sister Toni and Sister Marie Andre, School Sisters of Notre Dame, to Beaver Dam! These three indomitable women are following in the footsteps of their foundress Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger and Mother Caroline Friess who brought the order to North America, establishing a mother house in Milwaukee. All three of our sisters have dedicated their lives to education and continue in that same spirit right here in Beaver Dam next to the new parish center across the street from the school.

become the Director of Christian Formation before moving on to being an organist again, Diocesan Consultant of Christian Formation, and opening a retreat house in the Appalachian area of southeast Ohio.

**Sr. Toni** taught in Catholic elementary schools in Wisconsin, Michigan (the U.P.), Iowa and Indiana for 34 years; in one school she was teacher/principal. The next 28



**Sr. Mariel Kreuziger, Sr. Anton Marie (Toni) Voissem and Sr. Marie Andre Miszewski** joined the Notre Dame order in an era when convents were filled with sisters who went out to work in parishes, schools, colleges and hospitals. They taught in schools during a time when classes contained 50 plus students taught by one teacher. They professed their initial vows when sisters wore long habits and wimples.

For eight years she taught African-American adults reading and writing on the west side of Chicago. Sr. Toni then earned her ESL teacher certification and worked at Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services for adults for 18 years helping immigrants from many countries learn English. She also trained hundreds of volunteer tutors over the years. She officially





retired in 2010 at age 79. Now in Beaver Dam, she continues to teach English to Spanish speaking adults and is involved in other ministries as well. She has many interests and is never bored. As Sister Toni says, "Beaver Dam is a great place to retire. I've met many wonderful people here. A big PLUS for me is that there is a great library within walking distance of our house!"

Sr. Marie Andre had taught the middle grades for eight years in Michigan and



often considered how exciting life would be as a missionary. She didn't anticipate being sent to the Island of Guam when the Provincial leader asked, "How's your missionary spirit?" Clearly, "alive and active!" On Guam she organized the teaching of seventh and eighth grades.

Later she prepared to serve in Paraguay by spending time with other SSNDs in Peru, catching their missionary spirit and studying Spanish. "I learned the Gospel from the poor, Sister said, "during my experiences in South America." Upon returning to the States, Sr. Marie focused on Pastoral Ministry, religious education and



ministry to the Hispanic populations wherever she lived. "I am deeply grateful to God for all that has been and for all that will be; and I rejoice in the divine Presence that has accompanied me so-o faithfully."

Though officially retired, these three unstoppable women are filled with the missionary spirit. In their own words, "Why should we stop doing what we love to do?" They keep working but do it voluntarily. St. Katharine Drexel Parish is blessed that they decided to enrich our lives with their presence here.

On any given day you will find them visiting people, helping at Church Health Services, gardening, working on crafts, visiting the sick, visiting the elderly in nursing homes, teaching English, leading a Bible study group, or going wherever the spirit leads them.

Twice monthly the sisters host Breakfast At The Seashore. Parishioners are invited to come to Living Springs Convent for breakfast, prayer, some spiritual reflection, discussion of topics in the news or religious history and music.

These three women have provided us a little bit of heaven, this side of heaven. Thanks for the missionary spirit!



On your mark . . . get set . . . GO!

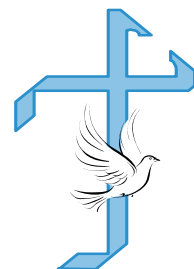
### Join us for the "Soles for Catholic Education" Walk

**What:** "Soles for Catholic Education" Walk  
**Where:** Mount Mary University  
**When:** Saturday, November 2  
2-Mile Walk with 9:15 AM warm-up  
sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare



**One Step. One Soul at a time.**

P.S. Help us "Stuff the Bus" with all types and sizes of gently used shoes for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



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### An Evening of Glitz for SKDS



On November 16, 2013, SKDS will be hosting its eighth annual fall auction dinner, An Evening of Glitz for SKDS. This year's event will be held at Old Hickory Country Club and will commence at 4:30pm. The evening will include appetizers, silent and live auction, the entertaining Heads-or-Tails Raffle, and live music from the Madpolecats! The dinner for the evening includes your selection of either Beef Filet with Red Wine Demi or Chicken Pomedoro (mozzarella, basil, balsamic) as your main entree with your 4-course meal. A vegetarian option of Zucchini Wrapped Fettuccine is available upon request. Aside from being a wonderful night out, Evening of Glitz is a primary fundraising event for the school. Proceeds from the auction will go directly to the general operating budget, providing support for our children's education.

We are asking for your help. We need donations to make this fundraising event successful. All donations are tax deductible and may include cash, goods 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 Monday, November 4, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Cargen at (608)513-0911 or [tricia.cargen@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.cargen@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

St. Katharine Drexel Parish  
Father Mike Erwin  
Father Vince Kobida

St. Katharine Drexel School  
Barbara M Haase – SKDS Principal  
The Glitz Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 or donations can be taken to the Parish office)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I would like to purchase tickets for the evening's event.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tables of eight (\$375.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Reservations (\$50.00)

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_