

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

An "Evening of Glitz" for SKDS

On November 16, 2013, SKDS hosts its eighth 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, beginning at 4:30pm. The dinner entrée choices include Beef Filet with Red Wine Demi or Chicken Pomedoro (topped with basil, mozzarella, tomatoes & balsamic reduction) or Vegetarian Zucchini Wrapped Fettuccine. Sides include Parsley Baby Red Potatoes and California Blend Vegetables. Dessert is Tuxedo Cake. 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 go directly to the school's general operating budget, providing support for our children's education.

We are asking for your help. Your donations 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. Supporters/donors are recognized in the program book as well. We greatly appreciate all donations for our school; we hope we can count on your support. Please fill out and return the form at the right at your earliest possible convenience to the SKDS address above. You may fax this form to (920) 885-7610. Seating is limited. We would like to publish all donations in the evening's program book; thus, the deadline for all donations and reserved seating is October 21, 2013. 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 / Chicken Pomedoro / Vegetarian
(circle one)
_____ Beef / Chicken / Vegetarian
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(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

Spring, 2013

Crossing Paths

Saint Katharine Drexel School
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Alumni and Friends

Upcoming Events

- SKDS Band marches in the Columbus Parade, July 4, 2013
- School Begins August 26, 2013
- Parish Festival August 30, 31, & September 1, 2013
- Family Carnival October, 2013
10:00AM-2:00PM
Spring St. Cafeteria/Gym
- 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
- Footballmania Tickets available now!



Dear Friends of SKDS:

Time for a little reflection! The past year has been quite the year! We had a lovely sesquicentennial celebration in October with Bishop Donald Hying presiding at a beautiful Mass and Dr. Kathleen Cepelka, Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Mr. Patrick Lofton, Associate Superintendent, both from the Milwaukee Archdiocese joining us for dinner. A special musical piece, "Joyful Welcome", was composed for this momentous occasion by Judy Heffron, arranged by Russell Diggins, and directed by our band instructor Kim Lopas. This current year we also observe the tenth anniversary of St. Katharine Drexel Parish, the merger of the three parishes St. Michael, St. Patrick and St. Peter.

We have so very much to celebrate. Last year we moved from two campuses into one, refurbished, repainted, and with some additionally constructed rooms. Many wonderful individuals put in countless hours to help make that happen. This year the parish installed a newly created St. Katharine Drexel window in the church, undertaking some redesign of the altar area, and putting in a new heating system. Our parish has

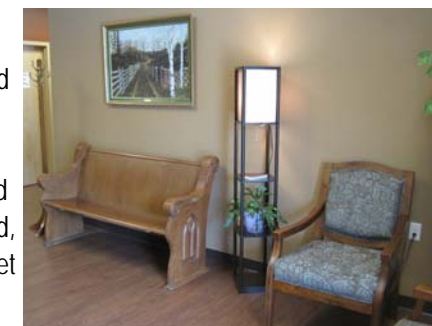
also remodeled the former grocery/furniture store across Spring Street into a charming new parish center. All parish buildings are now close by. If you have not been home in awhile, plan a trip this up-coming September. We have the perfect opportunity.

After a hiatus of quite some time, St. Katharine Drexel Parish is resurrecting a parish festival. Labor Day weekend is the date. It's the perfect opportunity to return to your roots. Visit your homestead. Visit your alma mater. Visit the parish of your youth. We'd love to see you and share the exciting changes we have experienced over the last few years. If you are not located in the far hinterlands of the world, but instead are close at hand, get involved in the planning for the festival. Offer your help. It promises to be fun, entertaining and most enjoyable for all. Our theme last school year was "Share the faith; comparte la fe!" Our theme for the upcoming year comes from our new Pope Francis, "Let us journey together; vamos a caminar juntos." Join us

in our journey from past to present and into the future. It is bound to be momentous. It's bound to be eventful. It's bound to be memorable. See you at the festival! Spread the word.



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



We treasure our memories and rejoice in our future!

Christian Spirit Paramount at SKDS

The education a child receives at SKDS is full bodied. It encompasses the whole child, spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, physically, socially, environmentally, and culturally. When students graduate, they are well grounded. They know themselves. They have good study skills. They are well prepared for the next part of their journey, high school. No matter when they come to us, whether for pre school or third grade or fifth grade or seventh grade, our mission is to help nurture their faith, "To Teach as Jesus Taught". As such, the most important award given at the final awards assembly for eighth graders is the "Jerry Dorn/Randy Arndorfer Christian Spirit Award".

The Jerry Dorn/Randy Arndorfer Christian Spirit Award honors that student who exemplifies respect, courtesy, and concern

for others. In addition, the honoree must demonstrate a willingness to share personal time and talent for the welfare of others.

This award is named to honor both Jerry Dorn, son of Iva Dorn and the late Dudley Dorn, and Randy Arndorfer, son of the late Paul Arndorfer and the late Delores Arndorfer Jaehnke. During the 1977 – 1978 school year at St. Peter's School, Jerry Dorn, who was dying from a brain tumor, did his level best to meet the challenges life sent him. Randy Arndorfer tirelessly, unselfishly, and respectfully assisted his classmate, thus truly living the words of Christ, "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened." Annually, in presenting this award, the SKDS Family honors both individuals as

part of the long, ongoing Christian story at SKDS which the recipient also exemplifies. A plaque is engraved and retained in the school and a personal plaque is presented to the recipient.

This special award, which began as part of the St. Peter School program, carried over through the UCPS (Unified Catholic Parish School) years, and is now an integral part of SKDS.

The recipients of the Jerry Dorn / Randy Arndorfer Christian Spirit Award since its inception are:



1977-1978	Randy Arndorfer	1991-1992	Monica Schoepke	2005-2006	Morgan Butterbrodt
1978-1979	Kathy Hartl	1992-1993	Kristene Boucher		Benjamin Kulka
1979-1980	Anne Budde	1993-1994	Rebecca Rampanelli	2006-2007	Gabrielle Schumacher
1980-1981	Anne Miller	1994-1995	Rachel Schmitt		Thomas Frank
1981-1982	Carrie Kuenzi	1995-1996	Robin Gittus	2007-2008	Cady Roedl
1982-1983	Cathy Scheder	1996-1997	Samantha Wendt		Paige Richard
1983-1984	John Weiss	1997-1998	Matthew Cody	2008-2009	Nathan Kulka
1984-1985	Becky Koenig	1998-1999	Joshua Kalscheur	2009-2010	Chris Booker
1985-1986	Raymond Weiss	1999-2000	William Robert Falk	2010-2011	Morgan White
1986-1987	Jessica Hankes	2000-2001	Kelly Condon		Ryan Caballero
1987-1988	Julie Hafenstein	2001-2002	Melissa Schulz	2011-2012	Ana Sucely Holschbach
1988-1989	C.J. Koenig	2002-2003	Laura Yundt	2012-2013	Hanna Kreamsreiter
1989-1990	Maggie Kaul	2003-2004	Scott Benedict		
1990-1991	Regina Zieske	2004-2005	Hannah Otto		

FACEBOOK

SKDS has a Facebook page for Alumni! If you are an alum, or know someone who is, or are a friend of SKDS, please join our group! Don't miss the valuable information about upcoming events and the fun pictures to bring back memories. Join us at "I went to St. Katharine Drexel School/UCPS/Beaver Dam Catholic Schools".





An exciting sweepstakes based on professional football!

FOOTBALLMANIA - 10 WEEK SEASON IS BACK!

The advantage of 10 weeks is the potential to award **MORE WINNERS!** Tickets cost just \$20—(That's just \$2 per week.) Each week there is the potential to award 30 winners and \$1,400! Last season we awarded 130 cash prizes in just 10 weeks.

FOOTBALLMANIA has helped St. Katharine Drexel raise over \$275,000 in profit in the past 8 seasons. SKDS profits \$14 for every ticket sold. This is a fantastic fundraiser for St. Katharine Drexel! This year we hope to raise over \$25,000 in this fun, entertaining sweepstakes raffle. Profit is directed straight to the daily operation of our school.

Please consider buying a ticket for yourself and as gifts! They make excellent graduation, birthday, Father's Day and anytime gifts.

Thank you so much for your support! Your generosity has made a real impact on the ability for SKDS to continue providing a **Quality, Faith-filled Catholic Education** to the children of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

If you need more information, want to buy or are willing to sell tickets, contact: Mike Kaul 885-3964, Beth Jewell 763-4963, Jill Kaufmann 344-1352, the Parish Center 887-2082, the School Office 885-5558 or any SKD School Family.

We make music, music, music continued!

Laurie Leiser Remembers--

I remember....

~Crawling out the band uniform storage room windows to retrieve playground balls on the roof.

~The elf who would routinely visit the band room (stage) after I was gone for the day, to reset every chair and stand to precisely measured spacing.

~Wheeling the big xylophone down the sidewalk, through the intersection and up the back porch to Heffrons so Jennifer could practice at home.

~Marching through fresh tar in Columbus on the 4th of July.

~Marching up Spring Street one Memorial Day in 40 mph winds and light rain.

~Marching in the Horicon Marsh Days Parade (behind the camels) in 100 degree heat!

~The Sour Warheads ceremonies performed by the percussion section just prior to step-off at each parade.

~Families moving equipment like a "bucket brigade" from the courtyard stage door, down the steps, up to the stage and back in place after the Parade of Bands concerts.

~When Mrs. Leiser forgot her instrument (drum) for a parade at Willow Mills campground.

~Mr. Dinkel calling me at home in the summer, asking about the paint color for the back stage wall. Once he had painted a small area, he'd call me in and held up a uniform to make sure the tint was perfect. "I think we should go back and tint it just a bit darker, don't you?" Three samples later, we had it just right!

~Turning around after acknowledging the Senior Band for their performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" to see the students receive a standing ovation!

~Warming up in the high school choir room for the Parade of Bands concert. After-

ward, the trombone section zealously opened cans of sardines on top of the grand piano!

~Using a new wireless amplification system in the gym with 120 students getting ready for marching band practice when Father John ran over to tell us that every word I said was coming through loud and clear over the church speakers!

~Year after year of solid, effective leadership in the Band Guild.
 ~And after how-many-hundred trips across the gym to my classroom, I remember the last trip. My keys were turned in; Erin Ebersole was coming on board, and I realized that the most amazing chapter in my teaching career was coming to an end.

"It's not where you're at in life.... it's who you're with!"

Laurie Leiser



Catholic Financial Life Names Kathy Armstrong "Catholic Educator of the Year"

Kathy Armstrong, of St. Katharine Drexel grade school in Beaver Dam, has been chosen as one of five recipients of Catholic Financial Life's 2013 Catholic Educator of the Year award. The award honors Catholic primary and secondary school educators who live their school's mission and impact the faith lives of others.

"The value of a Catholic education is undeniable," stated Catholic Financial Life President and CEO Bill O'Toole. "We look to honor educators who live their faith, in word and deed, and inspire their students to do likewise."

Armstrong will receive a \$1000 cash award and St. Katharine Drexel will receive \$500 to award in scholarships for the coming school year.

Catholic Financial Life, a faith-based membership organization, puts Catholic values in action by serving God through serving others, providing financial security, and by enhancing quality of life for our member families and their communities. For 145 years, Catholic Financial Life has helped members take control of their financial future by providing real solutions to everyday challenges. Catholic Financial Life is the second largest Catholic fraternal in the United States.

The award was presented to Mrs. Armstrong as part of the graduation celebration on May 30. Mr. John Borgen, Senior VP of Catholic Financial Services, made the presentation.

Mrs. Kathy Armstrong embodies the Vision, Mission, Philosophy, and Goals of St. Katharine Drexel School. She could be the "poster child" (if we had one) for SKDS. She is by far one of the best PR tools we have. And, because she meets families when they first experience full blown education for their children in the 4K setting, she smoothes the pathways and levels the hills for nervous families and their children. She exudes a warmth and reassurance that we will love their children, care for them, keep them safe, and

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. ARMSTRONG!

educate them. But, Mrs. Armstrong is no pushover. She runs a well regulated, well organized, well disciplined classroom focusing on the establishment of self discipline. However, when it is needed, she has her "Come to Jesus" meetings with individuals or small groups. She models appropriate behaviors for children as well as the adults with whom she interacts.

Mrs. Armstrong believes that every child can learn given ample time, sufficient opportunities, enriching experiences, and loving, nurturing mentors within safe environments. She searches for ways in which to help those who struggle. There is no such thing as a disability in her world, only challenges to be met and conquered or adaptations to be found that will assist one in meeting life head on. She has a unique ability to reach and help those children who have special challenges. Her educational background includes a degree in special education and her own personal life experience has added to insights that help her students and her families.

Mrs. Armstrong reaches out beyond her classroom. When our school moved onto one campus and realized we needed a safe play space for our primary children, she wrote a grant which culminated in the purchase of a play structure and working with Wal-Mart to assemble the large structure, paint playground play areas and rejuvenate our exterior appearance. She sits on our school public relations committee and serves as a Eucharistic minister for our parish. She has also been very involved in the parish Life Long Faith Formation program. She works closely with the Beaver Dam School

System in its district wide 4K program and was instrumental in its initial development. Her reputation as an educator and especially an early childhood educator is exemplary. Her advice is sought by educators, parents, and students. Annually she is requested to take on yet another student teacher and willingly does. Mrs. Armstrong also coaches swimming for the Special Olympics in which her daughter competes. Additionally, she participates in the Polar Plunge.

Her indomitable spirit just doesn't quit. Mrs. Armstrong can see the bright side of just about any situation presented. She is not "Polly Annish" but more akin to Ma Ingalls who said, "There's no great loss without some small gain."

We thank God daily that she continues to love us as much as we love her. She is an SKDS treasure. I am most pleased to be able to nominate her for Catholic Educator of the Year.

Ms. Barbara M. Haase
Principal / Administrator



PARISH FESTIVAL 2013

FRIDAY 8/30/13 Teen Dance 6:30PM to 9PM

SATURDAY 8/31/13 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk 8AM
 Noel's Band – 1:30PM to 4:30PM
 Bingo – 2:30PM to 4PM
 Children's Games – 1PM to 6PM
 Cross County Junction - 7PM to 10PM
 Food, Beer, Soda, & Desserts

SUNDAY 9/1/13 Breakfast Brunch – 9AM to Noon
 Pete Runde Band – 12PM to 3PM
 Children's Games – 12PM to 3PM
 Food, Beer, Soda & Desserts – 12PM to 3PM

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2013
MOUNT MARY COLLEGE
LET'S FILL THE BUS!

Soles for Catholic Education
 One Step. One Soul at a time.®

Visit www.skds.org for more information.

Please share your memories and news with other alumni on our website 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.

We make music, music, music!

Music plays an important role at St. Katharine Drexel School. From our earliest history, music has played an integral part in the education of our students. When St. Mary School first opened in 1862, both vocal and instrumental music were offered. The story of our band is interesting on its own merits.

In September 1930, Rev. Theodore Rohner, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and several mothers got together to propose the organization of a school band for St. Peter School. The original membership consisted of 26 students. The first director was Mr. Raschefskey, who directed for five years. Marching was introduced around the same time and has remained a constant ever since.

Today the band is funded by lesson and membership fees and in large part by the pancake breakfast / silent auction hosted by the Band

Guild. In its early days, the Band Mothers butchered chickens, baked cakes, knitted and crocheted and sold various other items to raise money to support the band program. Bake sales, card parties, and raffles have all been part of the fundraising program to raise money for salary, music, instruments and uniforms.

In 1979, St. Patrick School, enthusiastically supported by principal Sr. Mary Henry Marking and the Home and School initiated a band. The original membership sported 17 students. In 1981 after the consolidation, formed by the three parishes, the Unified Catholic Parish School Band, the joining of the St. Peter and St. Patrick Bands, came into being.

Over the years we have been blessed with fine dedicated

directors (some of whom share memories below and following pages), Band Guild families who steadfastly support the band program, and gifted students who provide music for parades (Beaver Dam Memorial Day and Columbus 4th of July) school programs (Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, Jazz Fest, etc.) and school and parish Masses. We are blessed indeed and continue to make music, music, music!



Kim Lopas, Our Current Director, Reflects--

The St. Katharine Drexel School Band program is a pleasure to be a part of. This year, as we looked at the 150 year history of our Catholic Schools in Beaver Dam, we also got to look at the history of our music programs. The SKDS Band Program has a long, rich and important history at our school. The program was started many years ago and was originally financed with the butchering of chickens and bake sales. It's very exciting to part of such an institution! Despite the size of our school, our band program boasts three bands, a jazz band, and a marching band. It is increasingly rare for any middle school to have a marching band, and SKDS currently holds the honor of being the *only* middle school marching band in the entire Archdiocese of Milwaukee! In my second year at SKDS and my second year as a teacher, I am so proud to be a part of this program. It can only be successful because of the time and care invested in it by each and every member of the faculty, and the support and love of the Band Guild and Parish.

Kim Lopas

Deb Battenberg Reminisces--

I remember when I got the job teaching the band at SKDS I was very excited to be teaching middle school age kids, and just grateful to have a job, after taking some time off to raise my own kids. But, I really had no idea what I was in for! My first inkling that this place was not just any school was when I spoke with outgoing band director Matt DiPietro. I could tell he had some wonderful memories of St. Katharine Drexel, and was obviously very torn about leaving. By about a month into the school year, I had to pinch myself to realize this was actually a job! The support from the parents and other teachers is absolutely phenomenal at SKDS, making it just a joy to teach there. I continued to be shocked all year long at the many opportunities that parents and staff took to show their support. I remember my first Parade of Bands, when a group of parents pretty much swept through the band room, picking up all the necessary instruments and stands for the concert, and unloaded it all without me hardly moving a muscle! I loved how the entire school

rearranged their schedule so we could have an all-band student marching band practice. I remember a feeling of intense pride the first time I led the band in the Memorial Day Parade—happy to be the leader of these amazing middle school students who looked and sounded as good as many a high school band!

During the years I was at SKDS, I sat through many Band Guild meetings during which the parents struggled with the worsening economy, the price of healthcare, and other financial issues, but would come up with ideas and creative solutions in order to keep the band program strong at SKDS. The rich history of the band program was always in the room with us; parents of the past encouraging the current families to continue the program. I am most proud doing my part to carry on the traditions of the past, while adding the special touches of the students I had the privilege of teaching. I hope for many years of continued success in the SKDS band program.

Deb Battenberg

Matt DiPietro Recalls--

I was the band teacher at SKDS in the 2006/07 and 2007/08 school years. SKDS has such an active band program, that it is hard to pick out favorite performances. I always enjoyed the culminating spring concert, but nothing compares to the annual Christmas Program. As much as I loved making music at SKDS, I loved getting to know the students and families just as much. SKDS percussionists played on a well-used bass drum for many years and through funds raised by the Band Guild, I was able to purchase a brand new drum from Heid Music. Hopefully this drum will last as long as the old one. The heads of the old bass drum should still be around somewhere! Also, as part of a very special Mass, Milwaukee Archbishop Timothy Dolan used my baton to conduct an ensemble of 7th and 8th graders. Wow!

Matt DiPietro



St. Katharine Drexel School Band 2013