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PRAYER:
Act of Faith

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:
Justice: being fair and giving each his due

To be just means to make sure every person receives what he or she needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter. This even includes obeying those in authority, playing games fairly, and respecting what belongs to someone else. Being fair doesn't always mean giving each person *exactly* the same things—for instance, not everyone needs glasses to see well. But because we are all made in God's image and likeness, justice also means showing each person dignity and respect.



*St. Katharine Drexel with African American students
in Port Arthur, Texas, 1927.*
Archives of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

SAINT OF THE MONTH:
Saint Katharine Drexel
(1858-1955, United States)
Feast: March 3

Even though Saint Katharine was born into a very wealthy family, she was always taught to love and help the poor. When she grew up, she inherited a large portion of her family's fortune.

Moved by her deep faith in God and the injustice suffered by many people in this country, she started the Sisters of Blessed Sacrament to help teach the Native Americans

and African Americans, who were denied a good education because of

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their race. She helped start many schools for Native Americans and African Americans in 13 different states, including Xavier University in New Orleans.

DISCUSSION:

How did Saint Katharine Drexel practice the virtue of justice?

HOME PROJECT: Due April ____

PRAYER:

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and our hearts to receive God's living Word. (Read and discuss Isaiah 1:16-17.)

VIRTUE ACTIVITY:

Problem-solve:

In a small group, discuss how to respond to these situations with justice.

1. Most of the family is gone for dinner, but you are home with your mother and brother. Your mom worked hard to prepare the meal. It is your brother's turn to wash the dishes, but he says it's your turn, and hides in his room. You know he's wrong, and you want to go complain to your mom.
2. You have to distribute five chocolate muffins, two blueberry muffins, and three cups of yogurt among 15 Pre-K students. Three of the students have wheat and nut allergies.
3. It is recess, and your class wants to play soccer. There are three girls in the class who are award-winning soccer athletes; no one else has ever played on a soccer team. Some of the boys and girls don't even know the rules. The three award-winners say they want to play boys against girls and use all the technical rules. What should you do?

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