

## St. Katherine Drexel

- *Born 1858*
- *Beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1988*
- *Canonized by Pope John Paul II canonized her on October 1, 2000*
- *The second recognized American-born saint*

Our Lady said to Katharine: "Freely you have received, freely give."

Read Book of Saints (Welborne)

Read the Gift of the Magi

### **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

Give food to the Hungry

Drink to the Thirsty

Clothe the Naked

Visit the Imprisoned

Shelter the Homeless

Visit the Sick

Bury the Dead

"The patient and humble endurance of the cross—whatever nature it may be—is the highest work we have to do."

– St. Katharine Drexel

"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is Joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing." – St. Katharine Drexel

# *Things I can do NOW to show God I love Him*

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**Can Can:**” Go through the pantry at home and find any canned goods that haven’t been used within the last 6 months. If they’re not being eaten, give them to a family who can use them!

**Grocery Grab:**” Request that your children pick out one item each at the grocery store to contribute to the local food pantry.

**Planned Percentages:** Direct your children to set aside a certain [percentage of their allowance](#), job money, or [money](#) that came through gifts for the purpose of giving to charity. Then help them choose a charity that is meaningful to them, allow them to research it, and motivate them to write the letter telling the charity how much and why they want to donate to them.

**Entertain “the troops:”** Visit an assisted living facility or a nursing home so that your children can sing songs, play games, and read with the seniors there.

**Out of the Closet:** After every other season, have a “closet day” in which your children spend some time going through their closet and bagging up the things that are too small or unused. Then drive them to the drop off center or charity and allow them to contribute their donations.

**Out of season giving:** Ask your children to help make cards or wrap presents for people outside of your family and circle of friends. Perhaps these contributions would be for the local children’s hospital or other [charity](#). It doesn’t need to be holiday time to do this! Be different!

**Adopt a friend:** Invite someone who doesn’t have family nearby to share a meal or come over for a movie. You wouldn’t believe how grateful they will be just to feel included.

**A Giving Living:** Talk to your children often about generosity, giving, and how they can give of themselves each day. It’s amazing that the more we give, the more we get out of living.

**“I just called to say...:”**Encourage your children to call elderly family members—even extended family members— just to say hello, tell them what’s new, and ask them what they’re up to these days. A simple call can make someone’s day.

**Cards Held in High Regard:** Ensure that your children send out [thank you cards](#). If they’re very young, have them sign them in their own way—either with their name, a drawing, or decorative stickers.