

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesdays—9:30 am to 4:30 pm
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday—9:00 am
Wednesday Evening—6:30 pm
Saturday—9:00 am
Vigil—4:00 pm
Sunday—8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays—After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm
Saturdays—After 9:00 am Morning Mass 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
First Fridays of the Month—After 9:00 am Mass,
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm or by Appointment

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of Saint Katharine Drexel,
Baptized in Christ, anointed by the Holy Spirit,
And nourished through the sacraments and God's word,
Strive to become intentional disciples of Christ,
Who are committed to prayer, learning, and service,
To build the Kingdom of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19 - President's Day

9:00 am † Frank R. Dunne

Tuesday, February 20 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 am † Rose Marie Iwinski

Wednesday, February 21 - Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am † Samantha Mulz

6:30 pm † Raul and Carlos Pedraja

Thursday, February 22 - The Chair of Saint Peter

9:00 am † Catherine Bost

Friday, February 23 - Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 am † Yvette Vallieres

Saturday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 am † Alejandro Valentino

4:00 pm † Deacon Rich Spiro

Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Saint Katharine Drexel Parishioners

10:30 am † Jeanette and Angelo Constantine

12:30 pm † Catherine Ward

"Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world."

-Saint Irenaeus

Week of: February 18, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Thomas Nuccio

By Joe and Maryann Pater

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Baby Lisandro Then, Jr.

By Then Family

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.



SKD PARISH CALENDAR- MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19—PRESIDENTS DAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am Feed My Starving Children (Hall)

6:30 pm Bell Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (FFW)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 am Feed My Starving Children (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

10:00 am Walking w/Purpose (FFE)

10:00 am Mom's Group (FFE)

11:00 am Bible Study (FFW)

5:30 pm Kids Choir (Church)

6:00 pm Alpha #11 (Hall)

6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)

6:30 pm TOPS (FFW)

7:00 pm Adult Choirs (Church)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 pm TMIY (Hall)

7:00 pm Walking w/Purpose (FFE)

7:30 pm Bible Study (FFW)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Dinner (Hall)

7:00 pm Cursillo (FFW)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 am Legion of Mary Curia (FFW)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am Religious Education (FFE, FFW)

9:00 am Lee Health Blood Drive (Outside Hall)

Thank you for your Generosity!

Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal will continue to make a difference in the lives of others!

Stewardship February 11, 2023

Offertory: \$16,829.40

Online Giving: \$5,570.87

Catholic Faith Appeal 2023

Our Goal: \$221,000

Pledged to Date: \$243,507.71

Payments to Date: \$239,438.71

Want to try online giving?

Visit parish website: www.drexelcc.org

and click on the Online Giving link!

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Ministries

Adoration Chapel: Open 24 hours. Please call the parish office for more information at: (239) 283-9501.

Altar Servers: Call Rose at: (239) 283-0525.

Ark Young Adult: Third Tuesday at: 6:30 pm, Email Kerri Houghton at: kahoughton1998@gmail.com

Bereavement Schedule: First Friday at 5:30 pm and third Monday at 2:00 pm. Contact Carrie Daniels at: (239) 770-1510 or carriebereavement@hotmail.com

Bible Study: Wednesdays 11:00 am and Thursdays 7:30 pm. Call Russ at: (239) 574-0020.

Embrace Grace-Mom & Dad Support Groups: Contact Rose Talbot-Babey at: rose@drexelcc.org

Church Decorators: Contact Donna Frys at: (239) 540-7568.

Children's Rosary: 2nd Saturday of Month, Contact Gina Moreno at: gmdibagno@gmail.com

Council of Catholic Women: Meets First Thursdays September to May. Contact Vicky Parker at: (239) 219-4537 or email at: parker0496@yahoo.com

Cursillo/Ultreya: Vicki Minervini: vickiminervini@gmail.com

Gift Shop: Open Sundays 9:30 am to 11:45 am.

Holy Spirit group: First Thursday at 6:30 pm Hall. Contact Renee Marazon at: renee@marazon.com

Homebound Ministry: Contact Debbie Eppinger at: (330) 716-3108 or at: buhlcm2@gmail.com

Hospitality: Call Virginia Hinspeter at: (239) 283-3880.

Knights of Columbus: First Monday, 6:30 pm. Contact Lazaro Miel at: www.kofc11177.org or miell@bellsouth.net

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: Contact Lizzy Paredes at: (239) 233-9050 or lizzy@lpins.org

Lay Augustinians Every 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday at 7:45 pm. Call Russ Summerton at: (239) 574-0020.

Lectors: Contact Laura Funderer at: (239) 691-2233.

Legion of Mary: Contact Patricia Crowder at: (239) 573-8318.

Mom's Group: Bethany Normoyle at: (239)980-6537 or brnormoyle@gmail.com

Music Ministry: Bell Choir, Cantors, Children's Choir, Contemporary Choir, Traditional Choir.

Contact: John Hudak at: hudak@drexelcc.org

Prayer Network: Call Jean Triplett at: (239) 699-2624

Prayer Team Ministry: Contact Renee Marazon at: renee@marazon.com

Prayer Shawls Ministry: Meeting third Thursday at: 2:00 pm Call Tessa Buechler at: (904) 583-3298

Pro-Life Commission: Jeanine Pennington-Chairperson Contact at: SKDprolife@gmail.com

Redeemer Associates: Fourth Mondays at: 6:30 pm. Contact Barbara M. at: bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com

Respect Life: Email Maria at: RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com

Rosary: After Weekday Mass and Sundays at: 12:00 Noon.

Secular Franciscans: Second Saturday, 9:30 am. Contact Doug Elliott at: (585) 370-6178.

Sons of the Joseph: Mike Vasquez at: gyllr@me.com

Spiritual Direction: Rose Marie Talbot-Babey email at: Rose@drexelcc.org

SKD Family Life: Contact Rose at: skdfamily@gmail.com

Table of Plenty Food Pantry: Contact Ron Curr at: (239) 281-8833 or Kathy at: (239) 770-3551

TMIY -Timothy J. Altieri, Esq. (239) 810-1093 Email: timothy.altieri@altierilawfirm.com

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Contact Janice Gainer at: jgainer396@yahoo.com

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Contact Debbie Baker at: (937) 626-6247

Vocations: Call Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

Welcoming Committee: Contact Judy Ketteler at: (816) 809-2227 or at: judydesch@gmail.com

Wedding Coordinator: Karen at: karenrn1008@gmail.com

Women Bible Study- Walking with Purpose : Connie Orr Francesca E. (239) 565-8969 or (239) 600-0470

Youth Group: Aileen Vasquez Email: aileen@drexelcc.org
High school: 1st & 3rd Fridays & Every Wed (6 pm to 8:30 pm)
Middle school: 1st and 3rd Fridays. (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Pope Francis prayer intention for February 2024: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Abuse Reporting

An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by anyone should be reported immediately to: **Florida Department of Children and Families Child**

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-96abuse (800-962-2873) or visit <https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us>.

If the alleged abuser is a diocesan employer/clergy/volunteer,
also notify Victim Assistance Coordinator – Susan Benton at (941) 416-6114

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Lenten Mission

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

From the recent Parish Gathering results, many of you asked to be formed in new ways to pray, and we heard you! You are invited to encounter Jesus Christ as you learn to pray in ways that deepen your prayer life. Join us for the Saint Katherine Drexel Parish Lenten Mission: *"Lord, Teach Us to Pray,"* presented by Father Greg Cleveland, OMV and other Guest presenters: Father Luis H. Pacheco (Saint Paul Parish-Arcadia) and Father Daniel Scanlan (Saint Thomas More Parish-Sarasota). The Mission will be focused on Mother Drexel's Pillar of Prayer, deepening our understanding and experience of different ways to pray. There will be teachings and practice exercises in the time-honored prayer method of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

Mission Schedule and Themes

Sunday, March 3, 2024 "Adventures of the Heart: Meditative Prayer"

6:00 pm – Hymn, Reading, and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland, OMV

6:45 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Exercise

7:10 pm – Benediction and Dismissal, followed by Prayer Teams



Monday, March 4, 2024 "Your Face, O Lord, I Will Seek: Imaginative Contemplation"

9:00 am – Daily Mass with a Mission Talk by Father Luis H. Pacheco

6:00 pm – Hymn, Reading, and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland, OMV

6:45 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Exercise

7:10 pm – Benediction and Dismissal, followed by Prayer Teams

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 "Stronger in the Broken Places"

9:00 am – Daily Mass with a Mission Talk by Father Daniel Scanlan

6:00 pm – Healing Mass with the Anointing Rite and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland, OMV followed by Prayer Teams



About the Main Mission Presenter:

Father Greg Cleveland, OMV is an author and retreat master in Venice, Florida. He is a native of Chicago and the youngest of 11 children. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Business Administration and worked in marketing after college. He followed God's call to priesthood in 1987, joined the Oblates of the Virgin Mary [OMV] and attended *Our Lady of Grace Seminary* and *Saint John's School of Theology* in Boston. He completed an M.Div. in Theology and M.A. in Spiritual Theology and was ordained in 1995. Through various assignments he worked with the poor, disabled, and imprisoned. He was certified in spiritual direction from the *Center for Spiritual Development*, NYC and then worked seven years in seminary formation, as Rector and Novice Master. Father Greg served as the Executive Director of the *Lanteri Center for Ignatian Spirituality* in Denver, Colorado. He is currently Retreat Master at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice, Florida. Father Greg is author of *Awakening Love: Spiritual Exercises with the Song of Songs* (2017), *Beholding Beauty: Mary and the Song of Songs* (2020), and *Beloved Lover: Priesthood and the Song of Songs* (2023).

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish – Lent 2024

The Basics of LENT

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the spiritual blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

What Must I Do?

According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Youth 14 and older are also to abstain from meat on those days. "Fasting" means that no more than one main meal is eaten daily, while in the same day no more than two partial meals are eaten which together don't equal the one main meal.

What Should I Do?

Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God.

Why Prayer, Fasting and Alms?

The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus' original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples.

Should I Set Lenten Goals?

Absolutely! Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday – After 9:00 am Mass and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
First Fridays – After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm
Every Wednesday – After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm
Lenten Fridays – After 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
March 21 – After 9:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
March 22 – After 9:00 am Mass and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
March 23 – After 9:00 am Mass to 12:00 Noon

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 9:00 am and 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sundays 8:30 am / 10:30 am / 12:30 pm
Monday to Friday 9:00 am Daily Mass
Wednesday Evening during Lent 6:30 pm



Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fasting and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are all three traditional disciplines of Lent. The Faithful, the Elect and those Candidates preparing for Reception into Full Communion in the Catholic Church should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish – Lent 2024



SKD Parish Lenten Mission

Theme: *"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"*

Sunday, March 3

- 6:00 pm Hymn, Reading, and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland
- 6:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Exercise
- 7:10 pm Benediction and Dismissal, followed by Prayer Teams

Monday, March 4

- 9:00 am Daily Mass with Mission Talk by Father Luis H. Pacheco
- 6:00 pm Hymn, Reading, and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland
- 6:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Exercise
- 7:10 pm Benediction and Dismissal, followed by Prayer Teams

Tuesday, March 5

- 9:00 am Daily Mass with Mission Talk by Father Daniel Scanlan
- 6:00 pm Healing Mass with the Anointing Rite and Mission Talk by Father Greg Cleveland, followed by Prayer Teams

Mission Presenter: Father Greg Cleveland, OMV www.omvusa.org

- THE TRIDUUM -



Holy Thursday – March 28

- 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 10:00 pm Night Prayer (Parish Hall)

Good Friday – March 29

- 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Confessions and Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 7:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Good Friday Service)

Holy Saturday – March 30

- 10:00 am Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:00 am Blessing of Food Baskets (in Church)

Easter Vigil – March 30 at 8:30 pm (in Church)

Easter Sunday – March 31

- 7:00 am Sunrise Mass (West Parking lot)
- 8:30 am / 10:30 am / 12:30 pm Masses

More About the Three Basic Lenten Disciplines

FASTING: Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are free to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

ALMSGIVING: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

PRAYER: Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.



HOLYWEEK CONCERT

Friday, March 22, 2024
7:00 pm in the Church



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Women's Bible Study:

"Walking With Purpose: Rediscovering Friendships"

Wednesday 10:00 am and Thursdays 7:00 pm – Parish Library

Bible Studies: "Catholicism" by Bishop Barron

Wednesday Mornings 11:00 am – Faith Formation Building (West)

Thursday Evenings 7:00 pm – Faith Formation Building (West)



- Lenten Soup Suppers/Lessons -

Fridays – 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm (in the Parish Hall)

- Stations of the Cross -

Fridays – 6:30 pm (in the Church)

PATER NOSTER

Chant



Pa-ter no-ster, qui es in cae-lis: san-cti-fi-cé-tur no-men
 tu-um; ad-vé-ni-at re-gnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lún-tas tu-a,
 sic-ut in cae-lo, et in ter-ra.
 Pa-nem no-strum co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di-e;
 et di-mít-te no-bis dé-bi-ta no-stra, sic-ut et nos
 di-mít-ti-mus de-bi-tó-ri-bus no-stris; et ne nos
 in-dú-cas in ten-ta-ti-ó-nem; sed lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.


SKD Council of Catholic Women Annual Scholarship Awards

CCW is happy to announce that scholarship applications for students grades 6 through college are now available.

Copies may be found in the Church Narthex and in the office.

Applications can be requested via email - mmcdeblois@gmail.com

and must be received by March 1, 2024.

If you have any questions please call Maddy DeBlois (207) 754-2214



HOLY HOUR

**EVERY TUESDAY WITH
THE PARISH STAFF**

**8:30 am Adoration in the Chapel
9:00 am Mass**



Pray for Our Military

SFC Ortiz-Lopez Juan Carlos USA
 SPC Joe Cecil USA
 A1C Matthew J. Clarke USAF
 Maj Michael J. Clifford ARNG
 SFC Steven J. Cole USA
 1LT Brent Cox, III, USA
 Maj Hayes M. Cozza USMC
 Capt. Santino E. Cozza USAF
 ESN Jayden Curr USN
 A1C Hunter Daly, USAF
 ENS Tyler Dunnagan USN
 PVT Zachary Dunnagan USA
 GySgt Evan Fancher USMC
 Maj Shaun Floersch USAF
 Lt. Col. James Hannigan USA
 1st Lt. H. Matthew Hernandez USMC
 Capt. Jesse Hudson USA
 Capt. David J. Jacobs USAF
 CAPT Barbara A. Joe, USN
 SRA Richard K. Jones USAF
 Capt Armand Kalugdan USA
 PVT Kole Kalisch USA
 SSgt Kole J. Koontz USAF
 Maj Joseph M. LaPointe USA
 SGT James Losh USA
 MSgt. Brian Lynn USMC
 SSgt Jonathan Mamott USAF
 CPT Ryan McMahon USA
 Capt. Sean McMahon USAF
 PFC Chance McQueen USA
 SGT Michael Mercer, Jr. USA
 Maj Christopher Miller USAF
 LCpl Mark Moreno, USMC
 SPC4 Quinn Ogdon USA
 LT. David Orlowski USN
 PV2 Joseph Patton USA
 GySgt Paul L. Perez USMC
 SGT Alexander Private, USA
 TSgt Taylor M. Purvis USAF
 LT.COL. Tim Ravas, USAF
 LTCol Christopher Richardella USMC
 Capt Patrick Riley USA
 CPL Gabriel J. Roesler USMC
 PFC Robert Theodore Rosso USMC
 SPC Ilia I. Ruiz USA
 LTJG Dean N. Rye USN
 AB Kelsey Santini USAF
 CPL Anthony Saracino, Jr. USMC
 SGT Nicholas Sbarra USA
 SGT Aaron J Seminara USMC
 Seaman Jeremy Sheppard USN
 LT. Jeremy Sheppard
 PV2 Alexander Smith USA
 SN Andrew Tank USN
 CPT Christopher Turley USA
 SGT Madison Valdivia USA
 TSgt Erika Velasco USAF
 LT. Robert C. Volski USN
 CPT Garrett Alden Wadsworth USA
 SPC William A. Wallace USANG
 AB Zachary Wheeler USAF
 LT Brad Wilkin USN
 ENS Alex Wowk USN

For info, Email Rita at:
 skd_prayers_for_military@yahoo.com

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack is this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday!

Remember to bring a non-perishable food item with you for the Cape Coral Caring Center food pantry.

There are still spots open to help. You can find out what's available and sign up by either:

- Going to <https://give.fmssc.org/capecoral>
- by contacting Barth Wolf at bwolf3@new.rr.com or (920) 621-6067

Don't forget to return your ManaPack bags or other donations to our donation globe in the church narthex. The first \$6,000 donated will be matched by a generous donor.

Thank you to all those who have registered or donated to date! See you this week!!



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

**SKD VOLUNTEER
 APPRECIATION DINNER**

**Saturday, March 2nd
 5:00 pm - Parish Hall**



Volunteers, please join us for a celebration of gratitude!
 Register at www.drexelcc.org to RSVP.



Music in the Mass

#17: "Sacred Silence... Another way to pray."

*Have you ever been to Barbara B. Mann or Broadway Palms for a show or do you like going to the movies? When I lived in Cleveland, I frequently attended shows at Playhouse Square or Severance Hall (Home of the Cleveland Orchestra) and just before the house lights dimmed a voice from the heavens came... **PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES!** And once the show started you generally didn't hear a peep from the audience, the doors to the auditorium were closed and no one could enter until a break in the concert.*

YES! I'm actually talking about the times **before** Mass, **during** Mass between our recited prayers and songs and even **after** Mass concludes...**Sacred Silence...** Generally, folks who come into the Church proper before Mass are coming for some quiet time in private prayer and how do we support that as a community of faith? Of course, SKD is known for its' **awesome hospitality** and we are **most definitely** a welcoming community so it's only natural to greet one another before Mass, but to hold a general conversation in the Church proper might be distracting or even interrupting someone who is in the pew around you trying to offer private and silent prayers to the Almighty.

#45 in the G.I.R.M. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) SILENCE. *"Sacred Silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. It's nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the **Penitential Act** and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then **after** Communion has been administered to all and the hymn concludes, they praise God in their hearts and pray to Him. Even **before the celebration of Mass** itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room and **adjacent areas (narthex)** so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting matter."*

On weekends, I generally will play some light instrumental music 5-10 minutes before Mass begins to prepare us to begin the celebration. It is a time not only for reflective music, but again, when I introduce a new hymn to the parish I will generally play it for several weeks before actually singing it, thus giving everyone a chance to hear the melody before adding the texts. Obviously, during the Holy days of Easter and Christmas the Music ministry will offer prelude music before Mass to help augment these celebrations, but generally, I don't plan vocal/choral preludes during Ordinary Time as this is folks private prayer time.

As we try to respect those in the Church before Mass in private prayer I think of God speaking to Elijah in a whisper... **1 Kings 19:11-13:** *"Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle WHISPER..."* Might that be the voice we use in Church **before** Mass to help foster that Sacred and Reverential Silence?

John SC Hudak —Director of Music

Hospitality Ministry

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you like to make people feel welcome and included? The SKD Hospitality Minister could use your smile and friendliness to greet and welcome all who walk through our doors to worship. We are looking for those who feel called to this ministry to join this us. Hospitality Ministers are needed to serve our parish at the Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM Masses.

For more information, please contact Virginia Hinspeter at firstdreamteam@yahoo.com.



Fr. Larry Richards

Presents

"Living Easter Joy!"

Thursday, March 21, 2024

6:00 PM

St. John XXIII Catholic Church

Parish Life Center

13060 Palomino Lane,

Fort Myers, FL 33912

\$25.00 Per Person

Includes wine, beer & heavy appetizers.

*EWTN Radio Host,
Author and
Pastor from Erie, PA*

Register Online at
www.faithandale.com
or by scanning
QR Code



Tickets are limited and will NOT be available at the door.

**Hosted by Faith & Ale and
Faith & Wine Lee County**



"Mary Gate of Heaven"

Presenter: Kitty Cleveland

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Doors Open 6pm ~ Program starts 6:30pm

St. Cecilia Marian Hall

Suggested Donation \$20.00

All women are invited from all parishes to join us for a light dinner, a glass of wine and an evening of faith and fellowship. For more information and to register online please visit our website: www.faithandwineleecounty.com

Or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish.

Mail to: Julie Richards, 6946 Pickadilly Ct, Fort Myers FL 33919

Registration opens January 24th
Dates and venues are subject to change.



All CAPE CORAL/PINE ISLAND Cursillistas are invited to attend our Ultreya on:

Friday, February 23, 2024

at Saint Katharine Drexel, in the Faith Formation WEST building. We gather at 7:00 pm for Stations of the Cross and meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Bring a snack to share.



18th ANNUAL MEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE
MASTERING WHAT MATTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 am Mass at SKD Church

9:30 am Conference in Parish Hall



Sponsored by SKD Men's Fellowship and That Man Is You

Inviting all SKD Men and Men of surrounding Parishes to a half-day program of fellowship and faith formation. Open to all men, their sons, and high school and college age men.

This event is FREE... for more information and how to register at

<https://menofchrist.net/2024-conference/>

Questions? Contact: Jeff Nicholson at SKDMensgroup@gmail.com or call (414) 517-6915



**Eucharistic
Conference**

March 16, 2024



Steven Ray, Keynote Speaker

English and Spanish Sessions!

Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive
Fort Myers, Florida

QR Code to register!

For more information contact:
Jim Gontis, 941-486-4754
gontis@dioceseofvenice.org



Bishop Frank J. Dewane



SKD Council of Catholic Women Thanks Everyone
who supported our *Walking On Sunshine* Fashion Show this year by
attending and/or purchasing raffle tickets.

This helps support our SKD CCW Scholarship Fund along with other
Catholic and local charities.



May God shine His light on all our Saint Katharine Drexel family
with blessings, love, and peace. †

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Education you can believe in.

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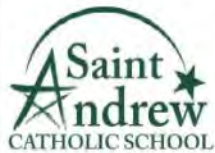
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