

# 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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March 10, 2024

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

*John 3:14,15*



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday-Friday**—9:00 am  
**Wednesday Evening**—6:30p  
**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 3:00p to 4:00p  
**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.



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday, March 11: Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Robert John Coleman
- Tuesday, March 12: Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Anthony Sozio
- Wednesday, March 13: Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Denise Elaine Jane  
 6:30 pm Blanca De Salazar
- Thursday, March 14: Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Pablo Delgado
- Friday, March 15: Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 am John Edward Fitzpatrick
- Saturday, March 16: Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Annette Louise Stefanuk  
 4:00 pm † Deacon Richard Spiro
- Sunday, March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30 am Richard Dirmyer  
 10:30 am Vincent Porco  
 12:30 pm Saint Katharine Drexel Parishioners

“Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world.”  
 -Saint Irenaeus

**Week of: March 10, 2024**

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of  
**Jorge Mendieta**  
 By Raquel Diego

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Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of  
**Father Charles Keho**  
 By Bixter 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, MARCH 11**  
 6:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary (Hall)  
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (FFW)  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir (Church)
- TUESDAY, MARCH 12**  
 6:00 pm Alpha (Hall)  
 7:00 pm S.O.M. Choir (Church)
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**  
 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)  
 12:00 pm Rosary for Life (Church)  
 5:30 pm Kids Choir (Church)  
 6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)  
 6:30 pm TOPS (FFW)  
 7:00 pm Adult Choirs (Church)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 14**  
 8:00 am Legion of Mary (Hall)  
 7:00 pm TMIY (FFE)  
 7:00 pm Walking w/Purpose (FFE)  
 7:30 pm Bible Study (FFW)
- FRIDAY, MARCH 15**  
 9:00 am Table of Plenty (FFW)  
 10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)  
 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Dinner (Hall)
- SATURDAY, MARCH 16—No Ministry Events**
- SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
 9:00 am Religious Education (FFE, FFW)  
 8:00 am Pancake Breakfast (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 March 3, 2024**

Offertory: \$18,270.91  
 Online Giving: \$7,376.87

**Catholic Faith Appeal 2024**

Our Goal: \$241,000  
 Pledged to Date: \$99,472.00  
 Payments to Date: \$48,963.32

Want to try online giving?  
 Visit parish website: [www.drexelccc.org](http://www.drexelccc.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:parker0496@yahoo.com)

**Cursillo/Ultreya:** Vicki Minervini: [vickiminervini@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:renee@marazon.com)

**Homebound Ministry:** Contact Debbie Eppinger at: (330) 716-3108 or at: [buhlcm2@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.kofc11177.org) or [miell@bellsouth.net](mailto:miell@bellsouth.net)

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary:** Contact Lizzy Paredes at: (239) 233-9050 or [lizzy@lpins.org](mailto: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 Furderer 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](mailto:brnormoyle@gmail.com)

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

Contact: John Hudak at: [hudak@drexelcc.org](mailto:hudak@drexelcc.org)

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

**Prayer Team Ministry:** Contact Renee Marazon at: [renee@marazon.com](mailto: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](mailto:SKDprolife@gmail.com)

**Redeemer Associates:** Fourth Mondays at: 6:30 pm. Contact Barbara M. at: [bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com](mailto:bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com)

**Respect Life:** Email Maria at: [RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gyllr@me.com)

**Spiritual Direction:** Rose Marie Talbot-Babey email at: [Rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:Rose@drexelcc.org)

**SKD Family Life:** Contact Rose at: [skdfamily@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:timothy.altieri@altierilawfirm.com)

**TOPS:** Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Contact Janice Gainer at: [jgainer396@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:judydesch@gmail.com)

**Wedding Coordinator:** Karen at: [karenrn1008@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 March 2024:** *For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

#### 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





# Support for parishes, Missions, and Apostolates

**Parishes and Missions** provide a spiritual home for the Faithful to come together to worship, pray, and receive the Sacraments.



Generosity from parishioners allows opportunities for outreach to those in need in the local area. Additionally, parishes foster a sense

of belonging and fellowship, creating a community of believers who can support one another in their faith journey.

These faith communities provide the chance for individuals to grow and serve as a source of spiritual support. Your partnership provides assistance for parishes and missions located in financially challenged areas.

The Diocese's **Hispanic and Haitian Apostolates** are important initiatives that evidence the Church's recognition and commitment to serving and supporting diverse populations throughout Southwest Florida.



These apostolates seek to address the spiritual, educational, social, and material needs of these communities, while at the same time promoting their well-being, inte-

gration, and empowerment within the larger Church and society. This is accomplished through Liturgical celebrations, cultural events, support groups and initiatives aimed to address the distinctive challenges faced. Unique contributions of multi-cultural populations make these local parishes truly vibrant communities.

The Diocese is blessed to celebrate Mass in 8 languages on any given Sunday.





## 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

## 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.



## HOLY WEEK 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)



## 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](http://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 Passion of the Lord (Good Friday Service)
- 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



# IS GOD CALLING YOU?

You shall be clothed with power from on high when the Holy Spirit comes to you. And you shall be my witnesses throughout the ends of the earth.  
ACTS 1:8

It's no secret that the SKD community is growing. Please pray about using your talents to help build up our church!

## YOUR SKD FAMILY NEEDS:

- Coordinators for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
- VBS committee members
- Altar Servers
- Youth Ministry Team Volunteers
- Religious Education teachers or classroom aids

Contact [rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org) OR [aileen@drexelcc.org](mailto:aileen@drexelcc.org)

## What is Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction is “help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God’s personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship.” (William A. Barry and William J. Connolly, *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*)

**Spiritual direction focuses on religious experience.** It is concerned with a person’s actual experience of a relationship with God.

**Spiritual direction is about a relationship.** The religious experience is not isolated, nor does it consist of extraordinary events. It is what happens in an ongoing relationship between the person and God. Most often this is a relationship that is experienced in prayer.

**Spiritual direction is a relationship that is going somewhere.** God is leading the person to deeper faith and more generous service. The spiritual director asks not just “what is happening?” but “what is moving forward?”

**The real spiritual director is God.** God touches the human heart directly. The human spiritual director does not “direct” in the sense of giving advice and solving problems. Rather, the director helps a person respond to God’s invitation to a deeper relationship.

Learn more by contacting:  
Rose Talbot-Babey, M.A.A.T., C.S.D.  
239-283-0525 or  
[rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org)



## 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 Orłowski 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 Iliana 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. Volksi 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](mailto:skd_prayers_for_military@yahoo.com)

# SUPPORT SKD YOUTH

The mission of SKD Youth is to cultivate young people who are rooted in the Sacraments, committed to the Gospel, and have a great devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Let's raise some Saints!

- \$500 Camp Veritas
- \$200 Ave Maria Youth Conference
- \$50 Spring Lock-in
- \$30 Winter Retreat

**PRAY ABOUT A GIFT AND JOIN THE MISSION!**



Visit [www.drexelcc.org](http://www.drexelcc.org) and click on Online Giving to make your contribution to the Youth Group





# Laetare

## “Rejoice”

**The 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)** is the half-way point to Easter Sunday. This Sunday is very much like Gaudete Sunday in Advent.

We **REJOICE** that the penitential season of Lent is almost at end for us as we look forward to Holy Week and the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. (*Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter*)

Musically, we maintain chanting some parts of the Mass and less instrumentation so that we can “pull out all the stops” at Easter and truly celebrate and REJOICE!

This past weekend after the Children’s Choir helped minister the music at the 12:30pm Mass one of the kids’ grandparents approached me and **thanked me** not only for encouraging the children to participate musically at Mass **BUT**...also thanked me for teaching and handing down the **LATIN** chants of the Mass.

As I mentioned to everyone and again shared with the grandparents of my choir member... Vatican II **never** said to “throw out” the Latin.

Vatican II gave us permission to pray the Mass in the vernacular (**American English for us**) **BUT** it also **encouraged** us to **preserve our Latin** and continue, when appropriate, to **use** it within the celebration of the Holy Mass.

When I began teaching the kids the Sanctus, Pater Noster and Agnus Dei we had a great discussion about “what” they were singing and “why.” They loved learning about our history and really grasped the chant. I am **so** proud of their efforts.

Thank you **all** for helping to unpack just a few of our Latin treasures this Lent. I realize it took a bit of time to remember some of the chants, especially the Pater Noster (Our Father), but as our Mission Theme this year was: “**Lord, teach us to pray.**” it was an opportunity to **teach** the kids and re-awaken and **re-teach** us...The “older” kids (**me too!**)

**Speaking of the Triduum...**Take some time **this week and carve out time now on your personal calendar** so that you can join the entire parish family in the celebration of the **Sacred Triduum** here at SKD!

**Holy Thursday Mass: March 28 at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday Services: March 29 at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm**

**Easter Vigil Saturday Mass: March 30 at 8:30 pm**

**Easter Sunday Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm**

Let’s REJOICE and celebrate! We’re almost to Easter!

Mr. John SC Hudak, Director of Music



### Rosary for Life

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary - call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from thy lips: never suffer it to leave thy heart." St. Bernard.

Please join the Respect Life Ministry on Wednesday, March 13th at 12 Noon in our beautiful Chapel to commemorate the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

The intention will be for Respect for all Human Life from conception to natural death.

Any questions please email Maria at: [RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com](mailto:RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com).



### Joshua Johnson Memorial Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus, council 11177, and the Knights of Columbus Ladies’ Auxiliary at St. Katharine Drexel Parish announce the availability of applications for the Joshua Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is available for **high school seniors** who are registered members of St. Andrew’s, St. Katharine’s or Miraculous Medal parishes, and who are planning to pursue their education beyond high school. Applications for the **Joshua Johnson Memorial Scholarship** are available on your parish website. Paper copies will also be available in the narthex information counter at Saint Katharine parish.

Completed applications and all supporting documents must be post-marked no later than **March 31, 2024.**

For further information contact: Mike Sushil at (239) 560-2454, or email at [michaeldsushil@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldsushil@gmail.com).





## Saint Katharine Drexel Traveling Chalice

The purpose of the Traveling Chalice is to encourage families to pray for vocations and to promote vocations within their own families during the Eucharistic revival. Each week one family, couple, or individual will be entrusted to take the chalice home as tangible aids for their prayer. We are hoping to have a different family/individual participate each week.

A vocation is a calling from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to the Father those men and women whom He is calling to serve Him and others in a very special way. *Maybe He is calling you.*

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

1. To sign-up call **Sandy Wilkin at (239) 707-9485** or **submit the detachable form below**. All SKD families/individuals are encouraged to participate.
2. At each Weekend Mass, after Communion, the priest calls forward the family/individual that is scheduled.
3. The priest presents the traveling chalice to family/individual and commissions them to dedicate their prayers that week for vocations.
4. The family/individual places the chalice in a place of honor in their home.
5. Using the chalice as a focal point, each day that week the family/individual prays for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life, married life, and the generous single life. (Prayer booklet will be provided.)
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