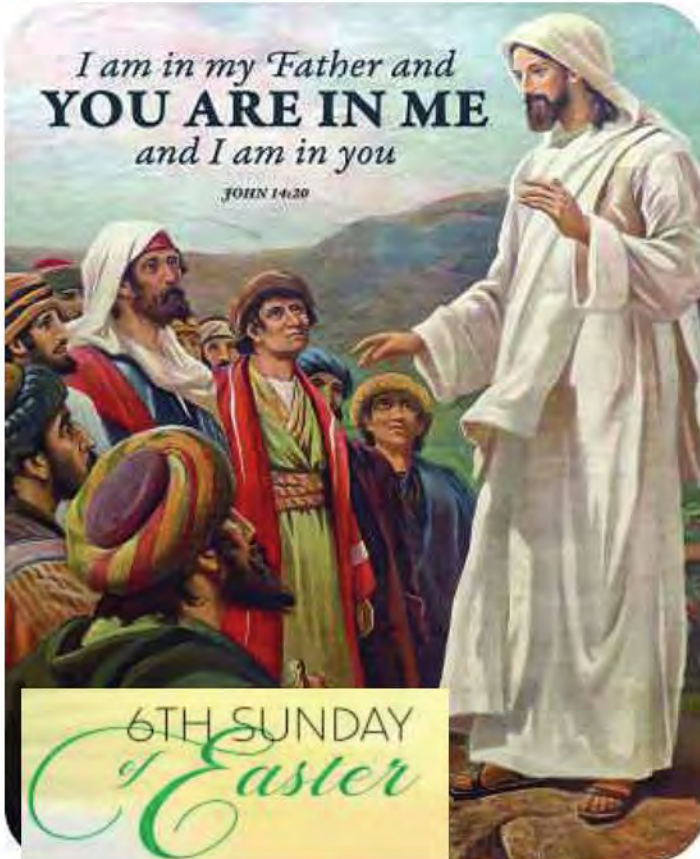


# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

1922 SW 20th Avenue / Cape Coral, Florida 33991  
Telephone: (239) 283-9501 / Website: [www.drexelcc.org](http://www.drexelcc.org)  
Email: [office@drexelcc.org](mailto:office@drexelcc.org)



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**BAPTISM:** Please obtain a baptism registration form either at the weekend Masses, or visit our website. After reading the requirements and completing the form, return it to Religious Education. For more information please email [rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org). Baptisms are scheduled after consultation with a priest.

**MARRIAGE:** Please contact the parish office at least nine (9) months prior to the desired date of the ceremony.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Call Faith Formation at (239) 283-0525.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Are you going for a surgery? Do you need The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Please see the priest after any Mass or call the parish office.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Registration forms are available in the church narthex, parish office and the parish website.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday—9:00 am  
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  
Saturdays—After 9:00 am Morning Mass  
and from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
First Fridays of the Month after 9:00 am Mass,  
and from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm or by appointment

## FAITH FORMATION

(239) 283-0525 or email [rose@drexelcc.org](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday – 8:30 am 4:30 pm  
Tuesday– 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

**MAY 5, 2024**

## 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.

## VISION STATEMENT

Saint Katharine Drexel is a welcoming, Christ-centered family, Nourished through the Sacraments, And chosen, anointed and sent by the Holy Spirit To grow in holiness and build the Kingdom of God.

## SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL FLOCKNOTE

Join our Parish Flocknote. To sign up and receive our email or events and parish information, please go to [drexelcc.flocknote.com](http://drexelcc.flocknote.com)

**SKD PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor**—Father Ricky Varner (varner@drexelcc.org)  
**Administrative Assistant**—Alba Gibbons (office@drexelcc.org)  
**Business Manager**—Frank Newcomb (frank@drexelcc.org)  
**DRE**—Rose Marie Talbot-Babey (rose@drexelcc.org)  
**Director of Music**—John Hudak (hudak@drexelcc.org)  
**Director of Youth**—Aileen Vasquez (aileen@drexelcc.org)  
**Maintenance**—Ernie Sierocinski (ernie@drexelcc.org)  
**Housekeeping**—Gilma Avalos (gilma@drexelcc.org)  
**Housekeeping**—Terry Gastauer (gastauer@drexelcc.org)

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Victor Balaj, Peter Barrett, Sr., Steven Cozza, Tom Feig, Kathleen Houghton, Steve Ketteler, Mark Pennington, Steve Shaw, and Phaedra Weiler.

**JEREMIAH TEAM**

Father Ricky Varner, Timothy Altieri, Peter Barrett, Ken Caserio, Renee Marazon, Anne McCormick, Michelle Plakosh, and Sandy Wilkin.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you'd like a priest to visit you with the sacraments, please call the parish office.

**PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL:** If you are in a local hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office.

*“Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits.”*

*—Saint Philip Neri*

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

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

**Stewardship April 28, 2024**

Offertory: \$13,211.94

Online Giving: \$5,260.87

**Catholic Faith Appeal 2024**

Our Parish Goal: \$241,000

Pledged to Date: \$181,122.00

Payments to Date: \$118,191.64

Want to try online giving?

Visit parish website: [www.drexelcc.org](http://www.drexelcc.org) and click on the Online Giving link!

**SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS**

**MONDAY MAY 6**

6:30 pm Ladies Aux Meeting (Hall)  
 6:30 pm K of C Meeting (FFW)

**TUESDAY MAY 7**

6:00 pm Ark College (Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)  
 11:00 am Bible Study (FFW)  
 6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)  
 6:30 pm TOPS (FFW)

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

11:00 am Pro-Life Meeting (FFE)  
 7:30 pm Bible Study (FFW)

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

10:30 am Legion of Mary (FFW)  
 7:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

9:00 am Vocation Retreat (FFE)  
 9:00 am Franciscan Mtg (FFW)  
 8:00 am Cursillo (FFW)  
 9:30 am Crowning of Mary (Garden)

**SUNDAY, May 12**

9:00 am Religious Education Classes (FF)  
 9:00 am Lee Health Blood Mobile (Outdoor)  
 9:00 am Flower Sale (Church)



**HOLY HOUR**  
 Every Tuesday  
 with the parish staff  
 8:30 am Adoration  
 in the SKD Chapel  
 9:00 am Mass

The image shows a golden monstrance, a sacred vessel used for the adoration of the Eucharist. It has a central circular window containing a glowing host, surrounded by a decorative, sunburst-like pattern. The background is a soft, golden glow.



## 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 Marie Talbot-Babey, M.A.A.T., C.S.D. (239) 283-0525 or rose@drexelcc.org*

*“The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love;  
 It signifies Love, it produces Love.  
 The Eucharist is the consummation of  
 the whole spiritual life.”*  
 –Saint Thomas Aquinas



### 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, May 13, 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 [Respect-LifeSKD@gmail.com](mailto:Respect-LifeSKD@gmail.com) / [SKDprolife@gmail.com](mailto:SKDprolife@gmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Monday, May 6:</b><br>9:00 am                          | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>† Thomas Mary Frys, Sr.  |
| <b>Tuesday, May 7:</b><br>9:00 am                         | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>† Mickey McDermott   |
| <b>Wednesday, May 8:</b><br>9:00 am                       | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Weinmeister and Young Families   |
| <b>Thursday, May 9:</b><br>9:00 am                        | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Jane Hillary   |
| <b>Friday, May 10:</b><br>9:00 am                         | <b>St. John of Avila, Priest</b><br>† George Kelly  |
| <b>Saturday, May 11:</b><br>9:00 am<br><br>4:00 pm        | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>† Dolores Iannarone Rainer<br><br>† Annette L. Stefanuk                      |
| <b>Sunday, May 12:</b><br>8:30 am<br>10:30 am<br>12:30 pm | <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b><br>SKD Parishioners<br>Patricia McKiernan<br>† Ana Isabel Villalobos |

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

## **Week of: May 5, 2024**

### SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Robert Jackson**

By Bruce and Monet Jackson

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### A doration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Rafal Baran-Baronowski**

By SKD Religious Education Office

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

**Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.**



# 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 after weekend Masses.

**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 Mondays at 7:00 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](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 Saint 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 Wanda Butrim at: [wjbutrim@outlook.com](mailto:wjbutrim@outlook.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 May 2024:** *We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel*

#### 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



# Building & Grounds

## COMMITTEE

Dear SKD Families:

As our faith community continues to grow and our campus ages, I felt it necessary to create a Buildings & Grounds Committee to advise me and the Finance Council on the physical needs of the church buildings and grounds. The general duties of the committee will be to oversee new projects while addressing repairs and minor improvements to the overall church campus and rectory. It is also important for you to be informed of work projects, repairs, and improvements through a quarterly report in the bulletin. I would like to comment on two Buildings & Grounds initiatives:

1. **Maintenance Income and Expense Accounts (MIEA):** These accounts will track the work of all campus projects. Rather than approaching you with a fund drive for each project, repair, or improvements, I am asking for your financial support using the existing Sunday Offertory Envelopes. Each month you have been receiving a **Maintenance Envelope** for the purpose of addressing repairs and improvements. For those who use Online Giving, you will be able to designate your contribution for MIEA. Your contribution to this account will provide overall maintenance for the church campus. For example, many of the parish hall air conditioning units are over 20 years old. The cost to repair or replace them is considerable, as high as \$8,000.00 per unit. **Please note:** If you are able to contribute \$100.00 yearly, that is \$10.00 a month or \$2.00 a week, in addition to your regular Sunday offering, SKD would be able to address the critical work that needs to be completed. As your pastor, I ask for your immediate support.
2. **Volunteers Needed.** Perhaps you have seen some of the work already completed by a few volunteer parishioners. Their work has saved SKD thousands of dollars. With more help from other skilled parishioners with the needed expertise (such as electrical, plumbing, drywall, carpentry, etc.), we can save even more money. If this is you, the Buildings & Grounds Committee is inviting you to consider serving as an SKD "Volunteer Expert." Please consider my request and call the parish office at (239) 283-9501 to put your name on the list.

Thank you for your support of this important step in keeping our church campus in good working condition. A special thank you to current SKD Buildings & Grounds Committee members:

Steve Henry: (239) 478-8722

[stevehenry7752@gmail.com](mailto:stevehenry7752@gmail.com)

Joseph Plakosh: (330) 503-5548

[josephplakosh@gmail.com](mailto:josephplakosh@gmail.com)

Steve Shaw: (815) 631-4437

[sands.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:sands.shaw@gmail.com)

Frank Newcomb, SKD Business Manager: (239) 283-9501, Ext. 102

Ernie Sierocinski, Parish Maintenance: (239) 691-5209 [ernie@drexelcc.org](mailto:ernie@drexelcc.org)

-Father Ricky





Your Contribution towards the Catholic Faith Appeal is a witness of living Gospel more intentionally by supporting works of Mercy and Charities. Among the programs sustained by CFA are evangelization initiatives, education for both Children and adults in Faith, formation of future priests , and aid for religious sisters who serve those in need. CFA also includes funding house for the homeless, seniors, as well as mother and their children. Your support is deeply appreciated!

# Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

"...faith of itself,  
if it does not have works,  
is dead." *Jas. 2:17*



# VOCATION DISCERNEMENT RETREAT

MASS CONFESSIONS TALKS ADORATION FELLOWSHIP



SCAN FOR FULL  
SCHEDULE &  
TO REGISTER

SATURDAY  
MAY 11, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL  
ROSE@DREXELCC.ORG  
AILEEN@ DREXELCC.ORG



\*\*\* Sixth Sunday Easter \*\*\*

May 5, 2024

Dear SKD Parishioners:

I am writing to share detailed information about our parish finances – both past and future.

As I shared last weekend at all the Masses, we now have a Buildings & Grounds Committee. Their purpose is to advise myself and Finance Council on the physical condition of our campus buildings and grounds and what we must do going forward to meet the most pressing needs to keep our campus in good working order.

The SKD 2023-2024 fiscal year ends June 30, 2024. The following tables present a summary of SKD operating expenses and revenue from July 2023 to March 2024.

Expenses	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
Payroll & Benefits	\$57,354.12	\$45,257.58	\$52,359.67	\$41,935.63	\$60,658.40	\$48,073.89	\$47,052.73	\$47,858.08	\$43,169.15
Electricity	\$4,809.11	\$5,474.57	\$5,156.30	\$4,883.84	\$3,774.32	\$2,958.54	\$2,721.51	\$2,886.76	\$3,406.12
Water	\$1,208.35	\$1,137.10	\$2,971.97	\$1,059.68	\$1,149.10	\$1,030.41	\$1,327.05	\$1,182.91	\$1,011.99
Trash Removal	\$208.84	\$208.84	\$220.05	\$220.05	\$293.55	\$220.05	\$225.05	\$378.05	\$143.55
Internet & Phone	\$1,409.03	\$2,183.08	\$792.05	\$1,404.61	\$1,205.82	\$1,538.61	\$1,640.13	\$1,695.12	\$1,924.29

**Campus Repairs from Hurricane Ian Covered by Insurance**

- Alpha Foundation work on rectory lanai and driveway
- Resurface rectory lanai
- Replace triple slider at rectory
- New pool cage at rectory
- Reroof rectory



**Campus Projects Completed (July 2023 through March 2024)**

- Upgrade Church Sound System (\$8,500)
- Dewatering design preliminary review (\$3,580) **Note:** Hydrostatic Water Issue, Major Project still in design stage
- Rectory double slider (\$6,244)
- Repaint, replace wheel stops on campus (\$350) **Completed by Building & Grounds Volunteer**
- Pressure wash Church/Faith Formation/Office/Hall/Walkways (\$0) **Completed by Building & Grounds Volunteer**
- Rectory gutters (\$6,800)
- Replace Parish office cameras (\$2,863)
- New AC unit for Faith Formation Buildings-West wing (\$24,940)
- Install digital locks throughout Faith Formation Buildings (\$1,604)
- Repave campus back driveway/road (\$68,289)
- Replace drain parts for Baptismal font (\$658)
- Restructured parish hall rooms into maintenance office and “Table of Plenty” food pantry (\$1,070) **Completed by Building & Grounds Volunteer**
- Electrical work in new maintenance office and food pantry room (\$2,325)
- New door closers in Church (\$2,603)
- Replace lights with LED lights in Church portico (\$1,456)
- Replace two (2) exterior lights on parish hall entrance (\$254)
- Repair Church AC issue (\$764)



- Repair section of Church roof (\$2,150)
- Replace lights with donated LED lights in Hall (\$452) **Completed by Building & Grounds Volunteer**
- Replace dimmer switches with on/off switches parish hall and Adoration chapel (\$30) **Completed by Building & Grounds Volunteer**
- Repair AC in Faith Formation Building-West wing (\$335)
- Replace parish office water heater (\$1,705)
- Replace cabinets in parish office damaged by old water heater failed and spewed water (\$3,240)
- Straighten all campus signposts affected by the Hurricane Ian winds (\$0) **Completed by Building & Grounds Volunteer**

**Anticipated Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

- Purchase of property to serve as SKD Rectory (\$479,000)
- Hydrostatic water issue on church campus (\$425,000)
- Hurricane Deductible Savings Account (\$400,000)
- Cathedral Renovation Invoice for SKD Parish (TBD)
- Refinish pew backs (\$50,000)
- Repave church parking lot and new sidewalks (\$589,000)
- Replace parking lot lights (with LED) (\$40,000)
- Gate the back entrance of campus (\$35,000)
- Install gutters on Faith Formation Buildings (\$25,000)
- Convert Faith Formation Buildings to LED (\$20,000)
- Water system inspection (\$2,000 in September 2024)



In view of these upcoming expenses projected for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024, the Finance Council suggests initiating a Capital Campaign to consolidate all of the above anticipated costs. A Capital Campaign will ensure that we are able to fulfill our financial obligations without needing to ask you, our parishioners, to fund each separate expenditure.

As you can see, there is much that still needs to be done. Together, with your generous support, we can move forward as a thriving Catholic community. To meet these financial needs I am asking two things of you. First, that you would increase your weekly offering by \$2.00 per week, less than \$10.00 a month. Second, if you are not currently supporting the temporal and spiritual mission of SKD, I am asking you to consider making a weekly offering.

Your offering, friends, is first and foremost a gift to the Lord. When the people were withholding their offering to God, He told the Prophet Malachi to say to the people, *“Bring the whole tithing into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it”* (Malachi 3:10).

This word from God is an invitation to us, to trust that God will throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing on us, that there will not be room for our lives to contain it. Who doesn’t want or need that kind of blessing from God? Do we trust God enough to test Him in this? Do I believe that God will fulfill His promise and fill us to the brim with blessings? I do, and I’m asking you to believe Him too. Why should we not give God an opportunity to bless us?

I would be remiss if I did not express my deepest gratitude for your continued financial support of the Catholic Faith Appeal. Our Catholic Faith Appeal goal for 2024 is \$241,000.00. Pledged to Date is \$181,122.00. Payments to Date total \$118,191.64 (as of April 30, 2024).

In closing, I want to thank you for your generosity, your participation in the life of our parish, and most importantly, for your prayers. Thank you for sharing all your gifts of time, talent, and treasure that build the Kingdom of God. May His glory and choicest blessings be upon you.

United in the holy Eucharist,

-Father Ricky





## Change a life. Donate blood.

**St. Katharine Drexel  
Catholic Church**  
1922 SW 20th Ave.  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Sunday, May 12**

Please Help Us Make Our Goal  
of 18+ Units of Blood.

Spend a few minutes of your time and save the life of another person. Your donation through the Lee Health Blood Center will stay in Lee County and benefit local residents and visitors in need.

All donors will receive **this limited-edition travel tumbler and wellness checkup** including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

**For more information call (239) 343-2333.**



**Please Help  
Us make our  
Goal**

*Giving is  
good.  
Save lives,  
donate  
blood."*



## All Children and Families Are Invited

*Saint Katharine Drexel Parish*

# Crowning of Mary

Bring your flowers from your garden if you would like as we honor Our Lady.

Current SKD First Communion children are asked to dress in their First Communion attire.



**Saturday**  
**May 11th**  
**at the 9:00 AM Mass**



Rosaries will be distributed and recited after 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  
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## Rubrics of the Holy Catholic Mass

All world religions have certain rubrics or rites that are followed when celebrating their Liturgical Celebrations.

For Catholics, the **Holy Mass** is the **greatest** form of our prayer and it is these **prescribed rites, rituals and rubrics** that we follow when praying the Sacred Mass. This is so very important not only for our own parish community but more so when visitors are among us so that all who enter Sunday Mass can pray freely without hesitation or confusion.

Many years ago in Cleveland a Jesuit Professor said something in a class that stuck with me forever. He said, "**The Mass, if celebrated WELL needs nothing added to it.**"

How we enter the church in **prayerful reverence** and **quiet**, how **fervently** we add our voices to the texts of our recited prayers, how **well** our readings and Gospels are proclaimed, how **prepared** and **stimulating** our homilies are and how **practiced** and **well executed** our music is reverently offered all **adds** to the beauty of these **prescribed rites and rituals within the Mass.**

One of the most beautiful **prescribed** prayers is said just before we come forward to receive **Holy Eucharist.**

*"Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed."*

Again, without adding anything to the words of this prayer might we take time to reflect and augment our response by offering it in unified sung voices.

As we are in the midst of celebrating the Easter Season within our Sunday Masses I wish to offer a simple melody to deepen the words of this prayer.

It is just after this then we all enter our voices joined in the **ONE** Communion Antiphon.

The Communion Antiphon (song) is then sung throughout the entire Communion Rite until all the faithful have received and the precious Eucharist is returned to the Tabernacle .

**Next week....**

How does one prepare for the Lord to "enter" under our roof? Preparing our minds, body and soul to receive Holy Eucharist...





# A Novena for Life

honoring the Feast of the Visitation  
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The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. This Respect Life novena is in honor of this feast.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
 Your mother was obedient to the Divine will amid trembling and awe.  
 Through her intercession, we pray You, look kindly on all expectant mothers.  
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