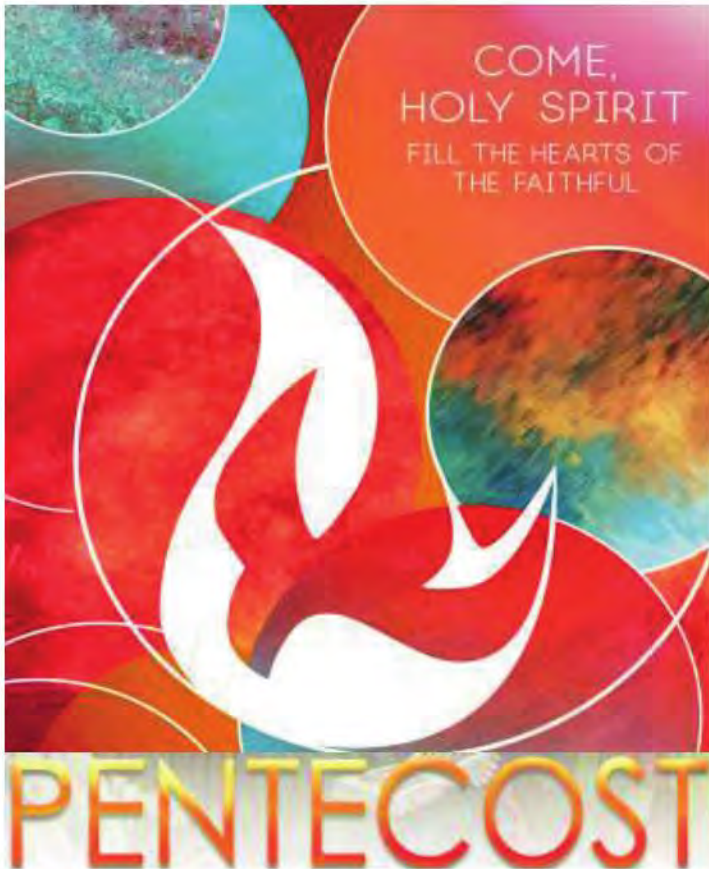


Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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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. 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 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

FAITH FORMATION

(239) 283-0525 or email rose@drexelcc.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

MAY 19, 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

SKD PARISH STAFF

Pastor—Father Ricky Varner (varner@drexelcc.org)
Administrative Assistant—Alba Gibbons (office@drexelcc.org)
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DRE—Rose Marie Talbot-Babey (rose@drexelcc.org)
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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.

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 20

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (FFW)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

10:00 am CCW Meeting (FFW)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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

THURSDAY, MAY 23

10:00 am CCW Board Meeting (FFW)
 7:30 pm Bible Study (FFW)

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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

Saturday, May 25

8:00 am Legion of Mary Curia (Hall)

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

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Our Parish Goal: \$241,000

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Payments to Date: \$121,606.64

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HOLY HOUR

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, May 20:** **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
 9:00 am † George Kelly
- Tuesday, May 21:** **Saint Christopher**
 9:00 am Father Ricky M. Varner
 14 years of Priestly Ordination
- Wednesday, May 22:** **Saint Rita of Cascia**
 9:00 am † Val Losos
- Thursday, May 23:**
 9:00 am † Henrietta Dumbrowska
- Friday, May 24:**
 9:00 am † Frank Gubala Sr.
- Saturday, May 25:** **Saint Bede, Priest**
 9:00 am † Paul Orta
 4:00 pm † Michael and Lucy Baroodly
- Sunday, May 26:** **The Most Holy Trinity**
 8:30 am Sean Patrick Logan
 10:30 am † Jeannette Constantine
 12:30 pm SKD Parishioners

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

Week of: May 19, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of
Helen Jackson

By Bruce and Monet Jackson

A doration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of
Marie Therese Duchatellier

By Edwidge Williams

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

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 Madeline DeBlois at: (239) 219-4537 or email at: mmcdeblois@gmail.com

Cursillo/Ultreya: Vicki Minervini: 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

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

Hospitality: Call Virginia Hinpeter 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 Mondays at 7:00 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.

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 Saint Joseph: Mike Vasquez at: gylr@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 Wanda Butrim at: 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

Wedding Coordinator: Karen at: karenrn1008@gmail.com

Women Bible Study- Walking with Purpose : Contact Connie Orr at (239) 565-8969

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 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



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Join us on Sunday, June 23 at 5pm for our KICK OFF EVENT!



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May 8, 2024

Dear Monsignor / Father,

Greetings in the Lord, Jesus Christ! As the Solemnity of Pentecost approaches, it is my prayer that this Easter Season has been a fruitful time of prayer and rejoicing for you.

With this letter I wish to announce the new members to the Presbyteral Council. As a result of the most recent elections and appointments, the new members are:


Reverend Ricky Varner, Representative of the Central Deanery
Reverend Alexander Pince, Representative of the Northern Deanery
Reverend Tomasz Zalewski, Representative of the Southern Deanery
Reverend Reji Joseph, O.S.F.S., Religious Representative
Reverend Steven Clemente, Member-at-Large
Reverend Jiobani Batista, Member-at-Large
Reverend Anthony Armstrong, O.Carm., Appointed Representative
Reverend David Portorreal, Appointed Representative

Congratulations to the new members! At the same time, an expression of gratitude is extended to those who served on the Presbyteral Council in their respective categories:

Reverend John Fitch
Reverend Eric Scanlan
Reverend Casey Jones
Reverend Hugh McGuigan, O.S.F.S.
Reverend Gordon Zanetti
Reverend Eduardo Coll
Reverend Ananda Reddy
Reverend Teofilo Ramirez Moreno

This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

FJD/cg



We wish to congratulate the children of Saint Katharine Drexel who celebrated their First Holy Communion Sunday May 5th!



We are grateful to all who together worked hard to prepare them for this very special day on their journey of faith! May the love of Jesus forever remain close to you as you receive Him in the Eucharist!

New Parishioner Ice Cream Social

Welcome all new parishioners!

Please join us for an ice cream sundae on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 1:30 pm in the parish hall! You'll have an opportunity to meet Father Ricky and other new parishioners while you learn more about our thriving parish life!



Join Us!
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

All new parishioners are welcome! We hope to see you there!

-SKD Welcoming Committee

Cursillo English Speaking Ultreya – All CAPE CORAL/PINE ISLAND



Cursillista's are invited to attend our Ultreya on Friday, May 24, 2024 at Saint Katharine Drexel, in the Faith Formation Bldg West / 1922 SW 20th Avenue. We gather at 7:00 pm for Stations of the Cross and meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Bring a snack to share.

THE ABORTION AMENDMENT

IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS – **AND IT'S WAY TOO EXTREME.**

So... this amendment eliminates all limitations and regulations on abortion – even safety regulations that protect women

Not defined anywhere in the amendment...

Wow... any "healthcare provider" – NOT just doctors – could determine viability or exceptions for "patient's health". It could even be a non-medical staff member at an abortion clinic... BIG loophole makes limitation meaningless.

TITLE: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

SUMMARY: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Should say: "Amendment to legalize full-term abortion for any age without parental consent in Florida"

Also not defined – even "mental stress" could qualify for the "patient's health" exception. **BIG LOOPHOLE**

ELIMINATES CURRENT PARENTAL CONSENT LAWS – So, parents would be told their daughter is going to have an abortion, but unlike every other medical procedure – would not have to give their consent beforehand.

Pray for Our Military

- SFC Ortiz-Lopez Juan Carlos USA
- SPC Joe Cecil USA
- A1C Matthew J. Clarke USAF
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- 1LT Brent Cox, III, USA
- Maj Hayes M. Cozza USMC
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- ENS Tyler Dunnagan USN
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- GySgt Evan Fancher USMC
- Maj Shaun Floersch USAF
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- Capt Armand Kalugdan USA
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- CPT Garrett Alden Wadsworth USA
- SPC William A. Wallace USANG
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- ENS Alex Wowk USN

Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

Offers Blessings and Congratulations to it's Couples
Celebrating their Anniversary

Richard and Shirley Seidl
59 Years
May 8, 2024



Russell and Gerri Summerton
52 Years
May 13, 2024



Would you like to include your Anniversary in our bulletin? Please send your information to bulletin@drexelcc.org.

For info, Email Rita at: skd_prayers_for_military@yahoo.com or bulletin@drexelcc.org





Rites, Rubrics and Rituals... of the Catholic Church help us to not only maintain the dignity and reverence of our Faith but are there especially to guide, direct and prepare the faithful when celebrating the Holy Mass. Every Faith has its way of celebrating some type of Service. As Catholics, our greatest prayer and treasure is the celebration of **Holy Mass**.

One of the **canons** that is most important is in regards to the faithful **Fasting before receiving Holy Communion**.

That Canon states: **A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from ANY food and drink, except for only water and medicine. (Canon 919)**

The most current promulgation of **Canon 919** is from 1983, where Saint Pope John Paul II gave us the current law: The phrase “at least one hour” indicates that this is the **bare minimum, and devotion to Our Lord** in the Blessed Sacrament (Communion) may of course prompt us to fast for an even longer period if we choose to do so.

NOTE: The canon specifies “one hour before Communion, **not** one hour before Mass begins.

While the canon doesn’t mention it, the medicine doesn’t need to be prescription. Over-the-counter medications can be taken too.

Bread, Bakery and Beverages... We are **very blest** at Saint Katharine Drexel to have an abundance of free bread and bakery available to anyone who wishes to take it.

Several months ago it had been **relocated to the vestibule of the Parish Hall**.

One of the reasons...**Not because** folks were taking it into the pews to take home... **But because some** were actually eating it during the Mass and thus breaking the fast not to mention leaving a mess behind of crumbs and debris.

Sports drinks, soda bottles, and coffee cups have also been found under the pews. Drinks too, **should not** be taken into the **Church proper** especially at Mass. Obviously, if for medical reasons, a sip of water is needed one might have a water bottle with them. If you do, kindly take it with you when leaving.

Just some “Food” for thought.

Hospitality Ministry

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you like to make people feel welcome and included?

The SKD Hospitality Ministry 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 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.

Immerse Yourself in The Life of Christ!

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Come join us Wednesday at 11:00am or Thursday night at 7:30 pm. At Saint Katharine Drexel—Faith Formation West.



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.)
6. The next Saturday Vigil/Sunday, before Mass, the family returns the case to the sacristy. If for some reason that is not possible, please contact the Parish Office at (239) 283-9501 during business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) for drop-off.

YES! Please call me to schedule a week to have the Traveling Chalice.

My name is (please print) _____

My phone is _____



THE IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING CHILDREN TO MASS

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Mt. 19: 14.

When we bring our children to Mass, we are bringing them (as well as ourselves) to Jesus, to His perfect Sacrifice offered to God the Father for the salvation of mankind. We are bringing them to Jesus – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

We are bringing them to the fountain of grace flowing from His Paschal Mystery! Don't miss the grace!

God does not take a break from you! Dear Dad and Mom, remember to come to Mass with your children every weekend. Even when we have a break in our classes of Religious Education. Jesus is still waiting for you and your family in the Sunday Mass.



It is a lesson we all need to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path." –Saint Katharine Drexel

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