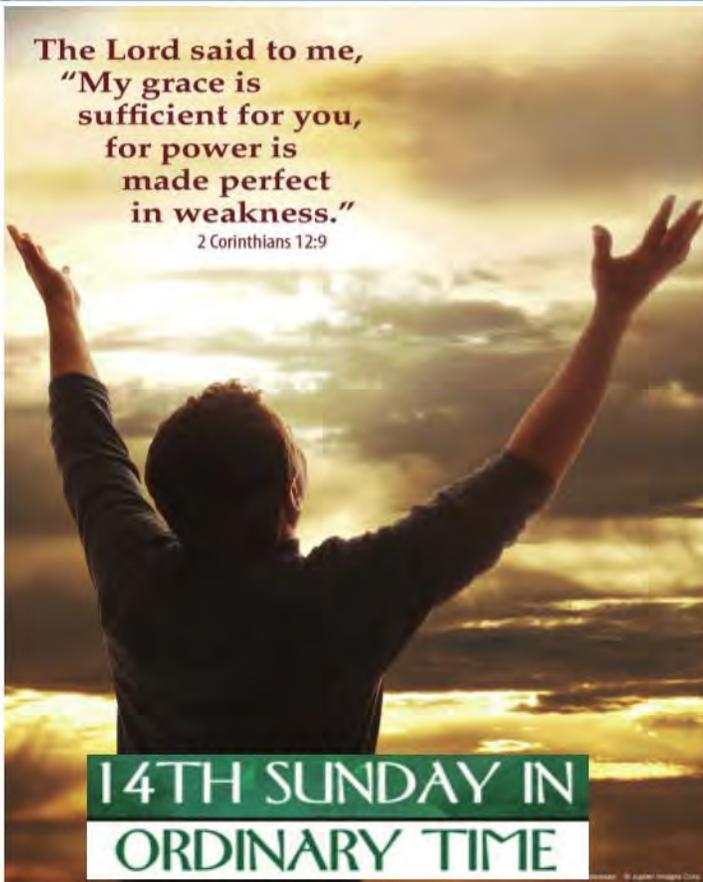


Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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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.

FAITH FORMATION

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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday —8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 Noon

July 7, 2024

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.

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.

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)
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Business Manager—Frank Newcomb (frank@drexelcc.org)
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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.

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 June 23, 2024

Offertory: \$10,178.29

Online Giving: \$5,200.00

Maintenance Fund: \$2,946.00

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$203,039.00

Payments to Date: \$152,446.96

Visit parish website: www.drexelcc.org
 and click on the Online Giving link!

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 8:

6:30 pm Lay Augustinians (FFW)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)

1:00 pm Building and Grounds (Library)

6:00 pm TOPS (FFW)

THURSDAY, JULY 11:

7:00 pm Bible Class (FFW)

FRIDAY, JULY 12: Parish Office Closed

10:30 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

SATURDAY, JULY 13:

8:30 am Franciscans (FFW)

8:30 am Cursillo (FFE)

12:00 N Rosary for Life (Chapel)

5:00 pm Undy Sunday Collections (CH)

SUNDAY, JULY 14:

Undy Sunday Collections (CH)
 After Mass.

Prayers for Eternal Life

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 Please pray for the souls of:*

*Michael Ulino
 Sharon Collins
 James Sweigert*




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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 8: Weekday

9:00 am Theresa Donnelly

Tuesday, July 9: St Augustine Zhao, Priest

9:00 am † Joseph Pattoni

Wednesday, July 10: Weekday

9:00 am Rachel Feigelman

Thursday, July 11: Saint Benedict, Abbot

9:00 am † Richard Piacente

Friday, July 12: Weekday

9:00 am † Helen & Blaine Varner

Saturday, July 13: Saint Henry

9:00 am Patricia Farrell

4:00 pm The Holmes Family

Sunday, July 14: 15th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Joanne Kelley

10:30 am SKD Parishioners

12:30 pm † Patricia Sousa

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

-Saint Irenaeus

Week of: July 7, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

John Campo

By Josette Campo

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Enrique Guerrero

By Bruce and Monet Jackson

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: (207)754-2215 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 Hinspeter at: (239) 283-3880.

Knights of Columbus: First Monday, 6:30 pm. Contact Bob Snyder at: 239-321-9012 or www.SKDgrandknight11177@gmail.com

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 Funderer at: (239) 691-2233.

Legion of Mary: Contact JoAnn Piacente at: (239) 258-0666.

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 Joe Dever at: (239) 851-6442 email: nanukfla@aol.com

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 July 2024: For the pastoral care of the sick
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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

DO YOU HAVE ONE HOUR?

See Him
Love Him



Seek Him
Serve Him

YES, I AM WILLING TO SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK WITH JESUS, WHO IS TRULY PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

THESE ARE MY PREFERRED TIMES (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

_____ MORNING (6AM TO NOON) _____ EVENING (6PM TO MIDNIGHT)

_____ NOON (12 NOON TO 6PM) _____ NIGHT (MIDNIGHT TO 6AM)

THESE ARE MY PREFERRED DAYS (SELECT AS MANY AS APPLY):

__ (MONDAY) __ (TUESDAY) __ (WEDNESDAY) __ (THURSDAY) __ (FRIDAY) __ (SATURDAY) __

Return your completed form to the "Perpetual Adoration Basket", the parish office, or email to Rose@drexelcc.org



Religious Education Announcements

Sign ups begin July 1st

Classes begin in September for Grades PreK, K-Grade 10.

Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation,
First Holy Communion & Confirmation.

OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Adults who desire to enter the Catholic Faith or need completion of their Sacraments.

Sessions begin in October.

Formation Options

Grade class sessions meet Sundays,
Family Sessions meet monthly on Saturdays,
Homeschool and Independent Study

Contact the Faith Formation Office (239) 283-0525 or email rose@drexelcc.org

UNDY SUNDAY

Can you imagine starting **BACK TO SCHOOL** without socks or underwear?
SKD Council of Catholic Women are collecting Girls sizes 4 to small adults
Boys S,M,L (teen sizes & young adults) underwear, boxers, T-shirts, socks,
Diapers all sizes - children's adult, men & women.



All Items Must Be New and Packaged!

Collections at Masses
July 13th, 14th & 20th, 21st



**Boxes and bins will be marked in the
narthex/vestibule of the church.**

Distribution will be to local charities in Cape Coral.

**If you... or you know of anyone in need of these items or have
any questions, Please call Eileen 239-671-7184**

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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

Bob and Alice Hofer
57 Years
July 8, 2024



William and Maryann Weir
60 Years
June 20, 2024



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



INVITING ALL PARISHIONERS

Saturday, July 13 @ 8:00 am
In the Parish Hall



**A Walk with Jesus for
Grieving Parents**



WEEKEND RETREAT
Friday, October 11-13
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Retreat Center, 3989 S. Moon
Drive, Venice

Cost: \$150/person double occupancy
\$250/person single occupancy.
Financial assistance available.

This Catholic (faith-based) retreat offers a safe place to seek peace and comfort, and will be led by Deacon Henry de Mena and a team of parents who have walked this path.



TO REGISTER, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
[HTTPS://DIOCESEOFVENICE.REGFOX.COM/GRIEVING-PARENTS-RETREAT-2024](https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/grieving-parents-retreat-2024)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIOCESE
OF VENICE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE AT 941-484-9543

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Saint Katharine Drexel Respect Life Ministry Vigil Hours

WHEN

Thursdays at Noon

WHERE

Outside Planned Parenthood
6418 Commerce Park Drive, Fort Myers

For more information, please email: Maria Maddalena at
RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com. Prolife Commission



Community
Pregnancy
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Psalm 41:1-3: "God responds to the kindness and generosity of his people with protection, health, and abundance".

Thank you so much for your donation. Your generosity means everything to us and to the women and children we serve.

None of our "Gifted Necessities" would be possible without your commitment and kindness. We are very thankful for people like you as your gift ensures that we continue to make a real difference in the lives of these children and their moms. We are so very grateful for your support.



Ceci and our CPCI staff, volunteers and patients

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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
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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
SN Hannanh Hayes USCG
1st Lt. H. Matthew Hernandez USMC
Capt. Jesse Hudson USA
Capt. David J. Jacobs USAF
SRA Richard K. Jones USAF
Capt Armand Kalugdan USA
PVT Kole Kalisch USA
SSgt Kole J. Koontz USAF
Maj Joseph M. LaPointe USA
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Lt Col Christopher Richardella USMC
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For info, Email Rita at:
skd_prayers_for_military@yahoo.com or
bulletin@drexelcc.org



Music Ministry Coming Events!

3rd Annual PASTA DINNER

Saturday, October 12
5pm in the Parish Hall!





SKD Parish Christmas Concert

Friday, December 6 * 7pm





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT AMENDMENT 4 FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

What is Amendment 4?

Amendment 4 is a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that would essentially establish an unlimited right to abortion throughout pregnancy even when the heartbeat of the preborn child is detected, when the preborn child can experience pain, and when the child is capable of living outside the womb. Amendment 4 will appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot and require approval from 60% of the electorate to pass.

Would abortion be illegal in Florida if Amendment 4 does not pass?

If Amendment 4 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Florida until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. Current laws that protect the safety of women would remain in effect.

Doesn't Amendment 4 simply restore Florida back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Amendment 4 goes dangerously beyond what was permitted in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It would eliminate important health and safety measures that protect women, remove parental consent for any minor seeking an abortion, and allow for abortion through the third trimester of pregnancy.

Aren't late term abortions very rare?

Because they are currently not permitted by Florida law, they are extremely rare. There are exceptions in the law that allow late-term abortions to preserve the life of the mother or to avert serious risk of substantial, irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. If Amendment 4 passes, its broad loopholes would allow non-physicians to cite minor, treatable conditions to justify abortions, and there would be many more late-term abortions in Florida.

Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Amendment 4 fails?

There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage or for ectopic pregnancies. Amendment 4 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives in an emergency. Women can always receive necessary and timely lifesaving medical treatment, including in Catholic hospitals. No law restricts this care in Florida.

How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

The Catholic Church is committed to helping women in need during and after pregnancies. For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born.

What is the Church doing to defeat Amendment 4?

Each diocese in Florida is working together, through the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Amendment 4 to women, their children and their families. The Church supports the Florida Voters Against Extremism coalition to educate voters on how Amendment 4 is harmful for Floridians.

What can I do to help defeat Amendment 4?

1. **VOTE NO** on Amendment 4
2. **EDUCATE YOURSELF** and **TELL OTHERS** about the dangers of Amendment 4
3. **PRAY & Fast**

Where can I learn more?

For more information and to read the text of the proposed amendment, visit flaccb.org/abortion-amendment or scan the QR code at right →



ARE YOU LOOKING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS?

Falling in love with Jesus is the single thing that will change your life more than anything else. When you do fall in love with him, things fall into place even when they seem different than what you originally thought. If we want to move our faith from our heads to our hearts, we must fall in love with Jesus. In John 15:9, He said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

I believe that there are many ways to have a relationship with the Lord. Some of you may find Jesus in prayer, or when reading the Bible, in the music you listen to, or in watching a video on [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org), or possibly at a retreat. I know that I fell in love with Jesus when attending this year's OCIA program. My experience was life altering. The sheer joy, happiness, and love that I felt from the Lord literally brought me to tears many times throughout the next 8 months. Why would I not want that wonderful experience for everyone at St. Katharine Drexel. If you are already experiencing the wonderful love and joy from the Lord, keep doing what you are doing. Its clearly working.

My husband and I started attending mass at SKD in January, 2023. Bill had been raised in the Catholic faith, but wasn't practicing, and I had been raised as a Protestant. By June, 2023, I was tired of sitting in the pew alone while he took communion. I made the decision that I was going to convert to Catholicism. We started OCIA in October, 2023. While he had all of his sacraments, he choose to attend the weekly classes in support of me (I have an amazing husband). Frankly, the end goal was all that I was interested in – getting my sacraments. His end goal was to see me become a Catholic. I think God was playing a cosmic joke on us! We had absolutely no idea what was in store for us. Starting with the very first class. We were introduced to 51 amazing people all from different walks of life, different ages, different experiences and we were all there with the same goal – to get our sacraments. Are you sensing a common theme. God put this group together for a reason as Rose Talbot-Babey likes to say. He tapped everyone of us for the 2023/24 OCIA program to fall in love with Jesus.

I remember in the first or second class they played a video. That was all it took for my husband and me. We were on fire. That class changed everything for us. We both saw the beauty of the Catholic religion and felt God's love and grace. Apathy and a sense of obligation went out the window for us. On the way home that day, we talked nonstop about what happened during that session. We didn't realize it at the time but we added a whole new dimension to our relationship, and we've never looked back. It was amazing. Best of all, that feeling of love that we were experiencing happened often throughout the next 8 months. For those of you who attend the 8:30 mass on Sundays and watched the OCIA group at the front of the church, you may have noticed that we had smiles plastered on our faces all of the time. We were giddy with happiness.

God has touched our lives forever. My husband will never turn his back on his faith again, nor will I. We will never just feel a sense of obligation or complacency when we think of our faith. We fell in love with Jesus through the OCIA program and now that we have our relationship with him just keeps getting deeper. It doesn't matter how you get there, just that you do.

Heather Z.

Hopefully through the coming weeks, you will hear from more of our OCIA group. Their stories are varied and all of them are uplifting. If you fell in love with Jesus, we'd love to hear from you. If you would like more information about OCIA, please contact Rose Talbot-Babey at rose@drexelcc.org



Parish Membership



Active Members of Saint Katharine Drexel are identified by their generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is determined by:

- * Being formally registered and active in the parish for at least three months.
- * Faithful attendance to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- * Regularly support the parish using the envelope or online giving.
- * Involvement in at least one ministry or organization in the Parish.

The Catholic Schools offer a discount for members that regularly attending Mass. Please use the envelope. Father Ricky is not concerned if there is money in the envelope, as much as the fact you are regularly attending Sunday Mass. Many of you give online, which is great, but you still need to put your **empty** Envelope in the basket, if you are applying for the discount.

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