

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
Jn 6:32-33



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 in the church, parish office and on 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 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

August 4, 2024

PARISH VISION

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

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)
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)

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 July 28, 2024

Offertory: \$10,032.80

Online Giving: \$5,675.87

Maintenance Fund: \$6,471.50

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$226,904.00

Payments to Date: \$182,577.70

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

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 5:

6:30 pm Knight of Columbus (FFW)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

6:00 pm TOPS (Hall)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8:

6:30 pm Cursillo (FFW)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9:

10:30 am Legion of Mary (Chapel)

6:30 am Youth Group (FFE)

SATURDAY AUGUST 10:

8:00 am Prayer Team Ministry (Hall)

8:30 am Franciscan (FFW)

8:30 am Cursillo (FFE)

SUNDAY AUGUST 11:

8:00 am Music Ministry sign up
 after all Masses

10:30 am SKD Religious Education
 Meeting (Hall)

Prayers for Eternal Life

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

Vincenzo Miceli

Bob Eichlin

Blanca Trelles

John McCourt

Donna Street





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

Maintenance Fund

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 5: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary

9:00 am † Lou Fernandez

Tuesday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am † Rosemarie Nardi

Wednesday, August 7: Saint Sixtus II, Pope

9:00 am † Sandy Barutha

Thursday, August 8: St. Dominic, Priest

9:00 am † Nick DeLaurentis

Friday, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

9:00 am † Howard Davis

Saturday, August 10: St. Lawrence Deacon and Martyr

9:00 am † Rosemarie Nardi

4:00 pm Agnes and Albert Aragon

Sunday, August 11: 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Eddie Sheridan

10:30 am SKD Parishioners

12:30 pm † Joe Healy

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

-Saint Irenaeus

Week of: August 4, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Barry Stanley

By Margaret Gallagher

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Pedro Ezekiel Arias

By Arias 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.



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.

Young Adult Rosary: 1st Saturday of Month, at 9:30 am Contact Kerri Houghton at: kahoughton1998@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 Sandy Wilkin at: swilkinfl@aol.com

Lay Augustinians Every 2nd, 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm. Call Russ Summerton at: (239) 574-0020.

Lectors: Contact Laura Furgerer 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: gyllr@me.com

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

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

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

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

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Contact Toni Bryant at: 239-225-8093 or Tonichief912@gmail.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 August 2024: Catholics are asked to pray that political leaders “be at the service of their own people” and also that they work for the common good, integral human development, and take care of those who have lost their jobs.

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



FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT EXPLAINED

Why Floridians Should Vote NO on Amendment 4

Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," Amendment 4 would enshrine **UNREGULATED ABORTION** in our state constitution, making Florida one of the **MOST PRO-ABORTION** states in the nation. The amendment language is **MISLEADING**, and its proposed outcomes are **DANGEROUS**.

WHAT IT SAYS

BALLOT 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.

WHAT IT DOES

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.

ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS

Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.

CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT

"Healthcare providers" – not just physicians – could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.

ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT

While preserving parental *notification* in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental *consent* for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.0114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



Scan to learn more:

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Help lead the children of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish to Jesus by joining our Religious Education team! Prayerfully consider sharing your faith by being a Catechist for the upcoming 2024 - 2025 year.

For more information, please contact Rose Talbot-Babey.
239-283-0525 or rose@drexelcc.org



*Jesus said,
"Let the little children come to Me."*



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

Diocese of Venice Seminarians Class of 2024-2025



Bishop Frank J. Dewane stands with 2024-2025 Class of Diocese of Venice Seminarian:

Transitional Deacon Jacob Gwynn, Transitional Deacon Patrick Long, Ryan Arciero, Alexander Baugh, Andres Cordero, Joseph Doherty, Nolan Fitzpatrick, Terry Gastauer, Jesse Gomez, Sebastian Harding, Domenic Jahnke; Tobias Lopez, Patrick Mulhall, Brian (Bao) Nguyen, Doroteo Rodriguez, Tam Alain Valdivia, Lam Vo.

Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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

John and Bunny Switzenberg

59 Years

August 7, 2024



Robert and Karla Paquin

25 Years

August 9, 2024



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

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]



APPLICATIONS OPEN

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR INCOMING
FRESHMEN IS NOW **OPEN!!**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS

CATHOLIC ALLOWANCE

TWO FRESHMAN PLACEMENT EXAM DATES:
OCTOBER 26TH & NOVEMBER 2ND

PRIVATE TOURS OFFERED

CALL **ADMISSIONS** TO SCHEDULE

(239) 274-6760

LEARN MORE AT

BVHS.ORG/APPLICATION-PROCESS

BOOTSTRAPS HOMELESS MINISTRIES OF CAPE CORAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

**Love your neighbor Serve a meal and a prayer
and Hope for those who have no Hope**

You are needed to help cook and serve a hot meal to the homeless once a month on the 3rd Saturday of the Month from 12:00–4:00 at the Bootstraps Homeless Center, Messiah Lutheran Church, 2691 Pine Island Rd, Cape Coral. There are volunteer positions available so please contact Alice Hofer 239-980-8211 or alicehof3@gmail.com. Please consider being one of the Saint Katharine Drexel volunteers to help.



Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 1 – Developing Baby “My heart is beating”

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being miscarriage. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all “**The gift of life**”

Jeremiah 1:5 -Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you...”

Pray for Our Military

SFC Ortiz-Lopez Juan Carlos USA
SPC Joe Cecil USA
A1C Matthew J. Clarke USAF
Lt. Col. Zachary Robert 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
AM3 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
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
SGT James Losh USA
MSgt. Brian Lynn USMC
SSgt Jonathan Mamott USAF
CPT Ryan McMahan USA
Capt. Sean McMahan USAF
PFC Chance McQueen USA
SGT Michael Mercer, Jr. USA
LCpl Mark Moreno, USMC
SPC4 Quinn Ogdon USA
LT. David Orłowski USN
PV2 Joseph Patton USA
SPC Kobey Payne USA
GySgt Paul L. Perez USMC
SGT Alexander Private, USA
TSgt Taylor M. Purvis USAF
Lt Col Tim Ravas, USAF
Lt Col 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 Seminar USAF
Seaman Jeremy Sheppard USN
PV2 Alexzander Smith USA
1SG Maverick Sutton USA
SN Andrew Tank USN
CPT Christopher Turley USA
SGT Madison Valdivia USA
TSgt Erika Velasco USAF
LT. Robert C. Volski USN
CPT Garrett 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 or
bulletin@drexelcc.org





Council of Catholic Women is once again inviting all of SKD to participate in the **Box of Joy** outreach where we bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas and planting Seeds of Hope through the Gospel.

Parishioners and family's box *or* boxes will be taken home on the weekends of **September 14th / 15th** and **21st / 22nd**.

- ☀ Boxes may be returned the following weekend of pickup. **Sept. 21&22** **Oct. 5 & 6**
- ☀ CCW Members will be at the church entrance to distribute and collect.
- ☀ **Do NOT DROP OFF Boxes at any of the church offices.**
- ☀ **Deadline** for returning your packed **Box Of Joy** gift is **October 5th / 6th**
NO boxes accepted after Deadline!

For your box or boxes packed, **please donate \$9** to provide aid to the ministry partners in the child's community and to cover overseas shipping.



Prayer Retreat-Workshop

Saturday, August 10, 2024
9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All Are Welcome!

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Hall
1922 SW 20TH AVE, CAPE CORAL, FL

Take Some Time Out For Yourself! Come Away With The Lord!

Join us as we...

- Discover the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives!
- Listen for and hear God's Voice for our lives!
- Experience the Power of the Holy Spirit as we pray with and for others!
- Identify Our God-Images!
- Explore Blocks to Healing!

Life is challenging for sure, and learning to hear what God is saying to us transforms life's challenges into grace.



Scan this code to
REGISTER!

Dear SKD Parishioners:

The Buildings and Ground Committee and I would like to thank you very much for your generosity, both monetarily and by volunteering at our parish. It is with your assistance that we are able to complete the many projects around our campus. Your donations have funded the following projects such as: Upgraded lighting throughout the Formation buildings (\$20,000.00); Replacement of four (4) air conditioning units in the Parish Hall (\$25,760.00); replacement of the hot water heater, and subsequent repairs to the parish office after the old water heater malfunctioned and flooded part of the office space (\$3,200.00).



With your stewardship (volunteer) of time and talent, we were able to complete the following projects: First, for your review, enclosed is a Quarterly Report showing significant savings through volunteer work at SKD parish. We were able to refurbish the old chapel, in the hall into the *Table of Plenty* storeroom, and the old confessional space into a maintenance office. These two projects in the hall were not only funded by your donations but were also completed with the talent, sweat, and hard work from parish volunteers. This saved us over \$23,000.00 from what contractors proposed.

We hope you have noticed the fantastic Parish landscaping refresh, that was done around the Parish Hall, the Rosary Garden, and the areas around the church itself. This was accomplished by around 61 volunteers who showed up that July Saturday and toiled to beautify “our” Parish.

We would also like to thank Parishioner – Jose Moreno, owner of *Buena Vista Landscaping*, and his family. They and their crews volunteered their time and talent to re-paint our tire stops, as well as the handicapped parking around the hall, and office. They also cut down the brush and trees that are in the West end of the property along the border and along the rear entrance to the property.

Additionally, Parishioner, Ken Caserio and his landscaping company – *Caserio and Sons* – donated hours of labor working on the removal and replacement of the old border around the church entrance sign, as well as placement of all the river rock around the church building.

Several volunteers spent multiple hours over a two-week period working on the first phase of restoring the Pew cap rails. These have been damaged using hand sanitizer. The cost of having the pew company repair the cap rails is \$40,000.00. While the project is not without issues, we spent less than \$500.00 and our volunteers spent approximately 75 hours of their time. Unfortunately, there are still some parishioners using hand sanitizers and rubbing it on the pews, which continues to cause damage. PLEASE do not use any kind of hand sanitizer, or alcohol-based product and rub it on the pews.

Again, we want to thank you for your continued generosity in helping our Parish. Donations to the Buildings and Grounds projects can be made by using the Maintenance Envelopes located in the pews, on the Narthex counter, or online giving. For your convenience, there is a QR code located in the bulletin. Remember, any donations made in this manner will go directly to the maintenance of our parish facilities. To date (April-July), we have collected over \$44,773.00 for maintaining our parish campus. Thank you for your support and God bless you and your family.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE					
QUARTERLY REPORT: January to June 2024					
Assigned Projects	Amount	Project	Quoted Cost	Actual Cost	Savings
Pew refinishing supplies	\$122.35	Church Pews	\$40,000.00	\$419.38	\$39,580.62
Respirators for pew work	\$37.17	Church Pews			
Spray and Tape for pews	\$22.41	Church Pews			
Supplies for refinishing pews	\$237.45	Church Pews			
Two Electrical breakers and 1 GFI	\$44.14	Rectory-Electrical	\$300.00	\$44.14	\$255.86
New pool filter for rectory	620.96	Rectory pool	\$4,000.00	\$1,785.88	\$2,214.12
New pool pump for rectory	\$1,164.92	Rectory pool			
Lumber to construct a table for Table of Plenty	75.01	Table of Plenty	\$23,000.00	\$509.42	\$22,490.58
Materials to finish maintenance office	83.38	Table of Plenty			
Paint-Supplies for Table of Plenty and Maintenance office	302.56	Table of Plenty			
Trim lumber for new door in Hall	48.47	Table of Plenty			

Note: All Projects were completed by Buildings and Grounds Committee Members and SKD Volunteers.





Catholic School Student Tuition Assistance

Our parish family encourages and supports your decision to send your children to Catholic Schools. Financially, it is a sacrifice for many families and our Diocesan Schools do offer a discount to members of our parish who actively and faithfully attend Sunday Mass and support our parish financially.

In order for Father Ricky to validate your active participation here at SKD, as required on the form from the Catholic School you are choosing to attend, there is some necessary criteria for consideration for tuition assistance.

Active Parishioner Status includes:

- Being formally registered and participating at the parish for at least three months.
- Faithful attendance to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Support the Parish by using the Sunday envelopes or online giving.
- Involvement in at least one ministry or organization in the Parish.

The monetary sacrifice is insignificant as much as your family participation in attending Sunday Mass each week. Consideration for the school discount depends on online giving or using the Sunday Envelopes to show participation in the Sunday Mass. Some school families give online supporting the parish. However, school families who choose to financially support the parish by using the Sunday Envelope need to do so each week by placing it in the basket, if you are applying for the school discount.

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Sunday - Church Day

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