

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
Jn 6:51



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,
and 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 11, 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 August 4, 2024

Offertory: \$

Online Giving: \$

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 12:

6:30 pm Bell Choir (Church)
 7:00 pm Lay Augustinians (FFW)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13:

12:00 Noon Rosary for Life (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)
 11:30 am Pro-Life (Library)
 6:30 pm Cantors (Church)
 7:00 pm TOPS (FFW)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:

9:00 am Mass—Feast of the Assumption
 11:00 pm Bunco (Hall)
 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (FFE)
 6:30 pm Mass—Feast of the Assumption

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16:

10:30 am Legion of Mary (Chapel)
 6:30 am Youth Group (FFE)

SUNDAY AUGUST 18:

10:30 am SKD Religious Education
 Sacramental 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:*

Donna Street

Stephen Michael Beuerle




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 Scan to donate



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 12: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
9:00 am † Ernest Johnson

Tuesday, August 13: Saint Pontian, Pope
9:00 am † Vincenzo and Maria Ciaramella

Wednesday, August 14: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest
9:00 am † Hugh Mackinnon

Thursday, August 15: Assumption of the BVM
9:00 am The Tomminelli Family
6:30 pm † Reverend Robert B. Gray

Friday, August 16: Saint Stephen of Hungary
9:00 am Bryan and Arianna Rabenberg
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, August 17:
9:00 am † Uriel V.G. Reid
4:00 pm † Richard Canny

Sunday, August 18: 20th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30 am † Rosemarie Nardi
10:30 am Salvatore and Antonietta Buono
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: August 11, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Edward and Mary Sookradge

By Rose Rampersad

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Thanksgiving

Joseph and Mary Ann Riley

By Riley 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 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: 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



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 30, 2024

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Greetings in the Lord, Jesus Christ. With this letter, I ask that all Parishes utilize the St. Michael Prayer daily at Mass with the intention to defeat Amendment 4. This would likely be best to recite at the conclusion of Mass, before the closing hymn.

While the Church continues to speak out and educate on this extreme amendment, the importance and power of prayer must not be forgotten. With this in mind, it is felt that this traditional prayer may be particularly beneficial for this purpose. Your continued efforts to oppose this amendment are appreciated.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

VOTE
NO
ON **4**

Alpha
Got Questions?
Join Us Tuesday Evenings
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
September 10 – October 29, 2024

HELP MAKE A CHANGE!



DIAPER DRIVE
The 3rd Sunday of Every Month

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2024



This feast, which celebrates the truth that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven, evolved from a liturgical celebration of the “Day of Mary, Mother of God,” in Jerusalem in the 5th century. Although it was originally a more general celebration of Mary, it soon became a commemoration of Mary’s *Natale*, her “birthday” into heaven. Within 200 years, it was being celebrated in Rome. Under Pope Sergius I (d. 701), this day in honor of Mary came to be celebrated as a memorial of Mary’s passing from this life and included a midnight procession (during the night of August 14) from Rome’s church of St. Adrian to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. By the end of the century, it had come to be known as the “Assumption of Holy Mary.”

The fact that there was a celebration of Mary’s entrance into Heaven tells us that early Christians believed that there was something special about the end of Mary’s time on earth (called her *Dormition* (“falling asleep” in Latin) and that they saw particular meaning in this mystery.

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."*

Save the Date

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

will Honor and Pray for All Members of Public Safety and Emergency Responders!

Saturday, September 14 @ 9:00 am



Sponsored by: The SWFL 10-13

Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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

Joseph and Mary Ann Riley
50 Years
August 16, 2024



Walter and Robin Eliuk
44 Years
August 17, 2024

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

Let us pray:

May the God of hope fill you with every joy in believing. May the peace of Christ abound in your hearts. May the Holy Spirit enrich you with his gifts, now and forever. Amen.

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.



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.



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

Pray for Our Military

SFC Ortiz-Lopez Juan Carlos USA
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Lt. Col. Zachary Robert Clarke USAF
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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
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SPC Iliana I. Ruiz USA
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AB Kelsey Santini USAF
CPL Anthony Saracino, Jr. USMC
SGT Nicholas Sbarra USA
SGT Aaron J Seminarra USMC
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



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...”





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:

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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