Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Ju 667-69



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 <u>rose@drexelcc.org</u>. 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 25, 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.

PARISHMISSION

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.

<u>PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL</u>: 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 18, 2024 Offertory: \$10,973.92 Online Giving: \$6,540.29 Maintenance Fund to Date: \$12,389.50

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024 Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$237,604.00 Payments to Date: \$194,861.42

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

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 26:

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27:

6:30 pm Sopranos and Altos (Church)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28:

TOPS (Hall)
Youth Group– HS (FFE)
Tenors and Basses (Church)
TOPS (FFW)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29:

10:00 pm	CCW Board Meeting (FFW)
7:00 pm	Bible Class (FFW)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30:

10:30 amLegion of Mary (Chapel)6:30 amYouth Group (FFE)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31:

10:00 am Legion of Mary Curia (FFW)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:

9:30 am KofC Dinner Tickets Sales (Church)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, Parish Office will be Closed

Prayers for Eternal Life

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

Jose Cruz Garcia



HOLYHOUR

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, August 26: Weekday

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9:00 am + Richard Piacente

Tuesday, August 27: Saint Monica9:00 am+ John E. Jackson

Wednesday, August 28: Saint Augustine, Bishop Doctor of the Church

9:00 am + Etta May Dutton

Thursday, August 29: The Passion of St. John Baptist 9:00 am + Angela and Francisco Araujo

Friday, August 30: Weekday

9:00 am + Francis Mullen

Saturday, August 31: Weekday

9:00 am	William Rodgers
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4:00 pm + Ramon Mescallado

Sunday, September 1: 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 am	SKD Parishioners
10:30 am	+ Bernice and Eugene Jason
12:30 pm	Ben Smith

"Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world." -Saint Irenaeus

Week of: August 25, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of Mark Shamrock

By Mary Lou Shamarock and Sons

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in Thanksgiving for

Bishop Frank Dewane

18th Episcopal Anniversary of Diocese of Venice

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.



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. 390.01114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



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May 20, 2024

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



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*** Twenty -First Sunday Ordinary Time***

August 25, 2024

Dear SKD Parishioners:

I am writing to share detailed information about our parish finances both past and future. The last weekend of July, the Buildings & Grounds Committee gave an excellent quarterly report regarding church campus and rectory projects. I am so grateful for this committee's time and talent in helping us to be good stewards of our parish's finances and the overall working conditions of campus buildings. The following table presents a summary of SKD's last quarter of the 2023-2024 fiscal year end.

Anticipated Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

New Parish Hall and Administrative Offices Rental of property to serve as SKD rectory Hydrostatic water issue on church campus (\$450,000) Hurricane Deductible Savings Account (\$400,000) Cathedral Renovation Invoice for SKD Parish) (\$120,000) Repave church parking lot and new sidewalks (\$589,000) Finish replacing parking lot lights (with LED) (\$40,000) Gate the back entrance of campus (\$35,000) Install gutters on Faith Formation Buildings (\$25,000) Water system inspection (September–October 2024) (\$2,000)

(\$15-\$20 million... Construction feasibility study TBD) (\$2,500.00 monthly)



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

Your offering is first and foremost a gift to the Lord. When the people were withholding their offering to God, He told the Prophet Malichi to say to the people, *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it" (Malachi 3:10). This word from God is an invitation to us, to trust that God will throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing on us, that there will not be room for our lives to contain it. Who doesn't want or need that kind of blessing from God? Do we trust God enough to test Him in this? Do I believe that God will fulfill His promise and fill us to the brim with blessings? I do, and I'm asking you to believe in Him too. Why should we not give God an opportunity to bless us?*

I would be remiss if I did not express my deepest gratitude for your continued financial support of the Catholic Faith Appeal. Our Catholic Faith Appeal goal for 2024 is \$241,000.00. Pledged to Date is \$237,604.00. Payments to Date total \$194,861.00 (as of August 18, 2024).

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

United in the Holy Eucharist,

-Father Ricky



Join us for a fun filled afternoon as we scoop into the new school year. It's the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new faces, and get to know the catechists.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE OPEN DURING THE EVENT



The Diocese of Venice has been made aware that parishioners continue to receive text-email messages from people pretending to be clergy – including **Bishop Frank J. Dewane** or **Parish- staff**, requesting donations in the form of gift cards and-or wire transfers. It is Diocesan **policy that neither the Bishop, nor priests**

or staff request donations in the form of gift cards, PayPal, MoneyGram, etc. Without this awareness, some have responded to the spoofed messages, with consequences, including loss of funds. The best defense against this sort of scam is to raise awareness in the community and not respond or open any attachments. There is an established process in place on how parishioners can make donations and participate in the life of the Diocese-Parish. If you receive such a SCAM text or email, please immediately contact the Diocese of Venice at 941-484-9543.

Music Notes

The 2024-2025 Music Ministry season has officially begun and our adult choirs have once again grown in size! Now it's time to welcome our **CHILDREN** of the parish to join the **Kids Choir** here at SKD!

Children's Choir will sing twice a month *primarily at the 10:30am Mass.* Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm here at the Church and begin on September 4! Please sign up **TODAY!** Forms are available on the counter in the Narthex or stop down by the piano after Mass!

Bell Choir will be ringing again on Sunday, September 1 @8:30am Mass. As we begin we hope to ring twice a month starting in October. We plan on ringing: October 6 @10:30am Mass and on October 20 @12:30pm Mass.

Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. Tickets will be available on the weekends starting September 28/29 or you can stop by the parish office Monday-Thursday from 9am-2pm.

Parish Christmas Concert:

Friday, December 6 @7pm in the Church!

Music in the Mass Articles...

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I am going to be revisiting and resharing some articles I wrote a few years ago. As our parish family continues to grow I thought it might be a good idea to explore the MUSIC of the Mass and how it shapes our Liturgical Prayer. Watch the parish bulletin starting next week for this special series of articles.

Keep the singing strong SKD!

John SC Hudak Director of Music

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Save the Date

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Saint Katharine Drexel Parish will Honor and Pray for All Members of Public Safety and Emergency Responders!

Saturday, September 14 @ 9:00 am

Facebook Livestream available: www.drexelcc.org



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Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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



David and Kathryn Young 60 Years August 29, 2024



John and Florence Mester 65 Years August 22, 2024

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

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 guietude. 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]



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

Come as you are.

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Walking with Purpose

Make authentic connections with other women Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point

This study explores the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us as we examine the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

- · How do I get my priorities in order?
- I've been going through the motions in my spiritual life—how does it relate to my day-to-day life?
- · How do I get to know Christ in a personal way?



SKD Faith Formation Building EAST Wing Starting Wednesday September 11, 2024 and Thursday September 12, 2024 This is a 22 week Bible Study

> Wednesday Mornings 10AM Thursday Evenings 7PM

Contact Connie Orr 239-565-8969 Cyndi Kehoe 734-637-6199



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. 2
- 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.



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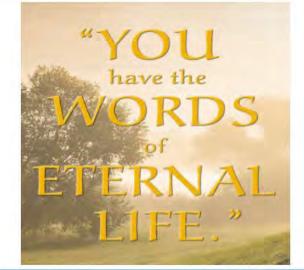
Announcing Our 2024–2025 Season

This year we are offering four events beginning with an inspiring and informative talk on October 24th featuring Susan Tassone, the "Purgatory Lady" ... just in time for All Saints and All Souls Days! Our other three events are scheduled for December 5, January 23, and February 20.

Join us for a three-course dinner with wine followed by a presentation and the opportunity for community and connectivity with other faith based-women.

Registration \$28.00 per event

For more information on speakers and to register online please visit our website: www.faithandwineleecounty.com



DIOCESAN COLLECTION

The National Collection for the Catholic University of America will help support more than 6,000 students seeking a faith-filled education and enables the University to continue to support the Church by preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation.

In support of these efforts, the Diocese of Venice will take up the collection for the Catholic University of America on **September 7 and 8, 2024**.

Thank you for your continued generosity to support America's Catholic University.

Got life questions? Try Alpha.

Tuesday Evenings ALPHA September 10 – October 29, 2024 COURSE

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm SKD Parish Hall

Dinner – Videos – Great Conversations – Childcare To register visit the drexelcc.org website or scan this code



is God in all of this? here

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."

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WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY

OCTOBER 19, 2024 8:00 AM - 2:45 PM CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD FORT MYERS, FL



Dear SKD Engaged and Married Couples:

The fourth annual *Together in Holiness* conference is a great opportunity for all couples throughout the Diocese of Venice. The conference brings couples together for a day dedicated to prayer, conversation, fellowship, and reflection on the beautiful vocation of marriage. Please join me for this wonderful event, for renewal within our local parish can only flourish to the degree that we have married couples focused on growing in deeper love with their spouse and their vocation. -Father Ricky





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