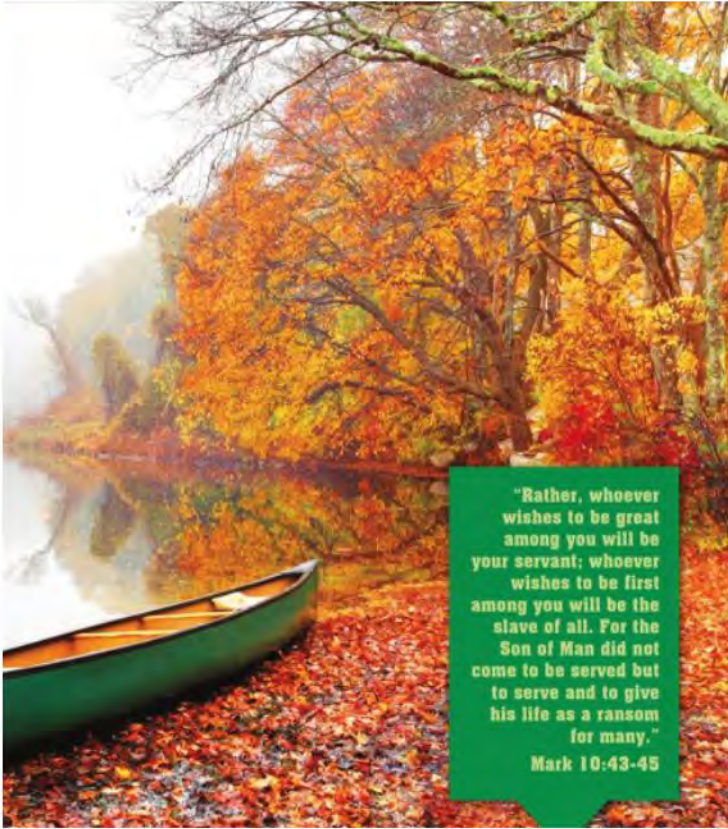


Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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"Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:43-45

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

October 20, 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

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Administrative Assistant—Alba Gibbons (office@drexelcc.org)
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HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: If you'd like a priest to visit you with the sacraments, please call the parish office.

PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL: If you are in a local hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office.

“Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits.”
 —Saint Philip Neri

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Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal will continue to make a difference in the lives of others!

Stewardship October 13, 2024

Offertory: \$11,026.66

Online Giving: \$6,866.87

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$22,807.15

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$246,054.00

Payments to Date: \$218,663.17

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

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:30 am Diocesan Meeting (FFE)
 6:30 pm AA Meeting (FFE)
 6:30 pm Bell Choir (Church)
 6:30 pm K of C (FFW)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22:

10:30 am Bazaar Collections (FFW)
 6:30 pm Alpha (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)
 10:00 am Walking with Purpose (FFE)
 11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)
 5:30 pm Children Choir (Church)
 6:00 pm Youth Group—HS (FFE)
 7:00 pm TOPS (FFW)
 7:00 pm Adult Choirs (Church)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24:

7:00 pm Bible Class (FFW)
 7:00 pm Walking with Purpose (FFE)
 7:00 pm TMIY (Hall)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25:

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26:

9:30 am Mary and Me Conference (Hall)
 10:00 am Legion of Mary Curia (FFW)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27:

9:30 am Veterans Dance Ticket sale
 9:30 am Religious Education Classes

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:
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 21: Weekday

9:00 am †Tony F. Benincasa

Tuesday, October 22: St. John Paul II, Pope

9:00 am †Zoraida and Aldo Delgado

Wednesday, October 23: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

9:00 am †Cameron Feig

Thursday, October 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

9:00 am †Edward and Irene Brand

Friday, October 25: Weekday

9:00 am Mary Ann Whitney

Saturday, October 26: Weekday

9:00 am †Glen Taylor

4:00 pm †Guy Gordon McCormick

Sunday, October 27: 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 am †Victor Hodge

10:30 am †Paul Kutzke

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: October 20, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Margelisa A. Sarbadan

By Noemi Mescallado

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Thanksgiving for

Peggy Dewane

By SKD Parishioners

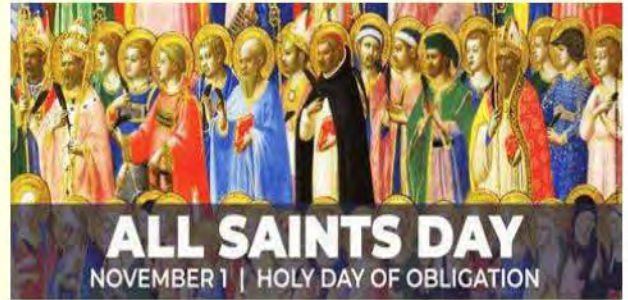


The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.

All Soul's Day

Our celebration for All Soul's Day will be Saturday, November 2nd, at the 9:00 am Mass. Please sign the names of your deceased in the "Book of Remembrance" which will be located *at the Narthex of Church*, during the weekend on October 20, and October 27, 2024. This book will be placed on the Altar on November 2nd and 3rd during all Masses.



Masses for "All Saint's Day" will be on Friday **November 1st** at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm.

You're invited to SKD's

ALL SAINTS DAY
Procession

At 8:30 a.m. & 10:30
a.m. Masses

&

TRUNK
or treat

At 1:30 p.m. in the Faith
Formation Parking Lot.



It's all happening on Sunday, November 3rd. Bring your family and friends!

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October 2024:

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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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Did not our hearts
burn within us while
he talked to us ...
Luke 24: 32

Nov. 16, 2024
12:30 pm - 8:30 pm



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Annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance

The Knights of Columbus Council 11177
is hosting their Annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance
in the St. Katharine Drexel Church Hall
Saturday, November 9th, 2024
from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

<p>Agenda: 5-6: BYOB Happy Hour 6-7: Buffet Dinner 7-9: Dancing 8-9: Raffles & 50/50</p>	<p>Dinner catered by Mission BBQ: (Pulled pork, pulled chicken, and entree) Music by DJ Frank Gubala Donations will support Veterans Organizations and our Church Charities</p>
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\$25.00 per person — BYOB

Tickets sold after all Masses on Oct. 26 & 27 and Nov. 2 & 3
or contact Tim Kenny at (239) 810-1140.



NEW DATE!

Saturday, November 16

5pm-7pm



Pasta Dinner

Due to the Hurricane and the possibility of no utilities or hall availability we are asking your understanding that have moved the date of the event!

Please HOLD ON to your tickets and remember this is DINE-IN or if you wish CARRY-OUT is available too!

Thank you SO much for your understanding with this change!

Knights of Columbus Wreaths Across America Sponsorship 2024



WREATHS across AMERICA

"The Fourth Degree Knights are involved with "Wreaths Across America." This program is meant to Remember, Honor and Teach about our Veterans. *Please see Form with QR Code in bulletin and located in narthex* The wreaths are \$17.00 each, but for every 2 purchased we get a 3rd one FREE!

There are more than 5,000 Veterans buried at The Coral Ridge Cemetery, Cape Coral. The goal is to place a wreath on each grave." Please contact Robert Homa for more information at (239)955-2149.

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Hall

RE-PRESENTING JESUS "Watch Party"

Join Us
November 12, 2024

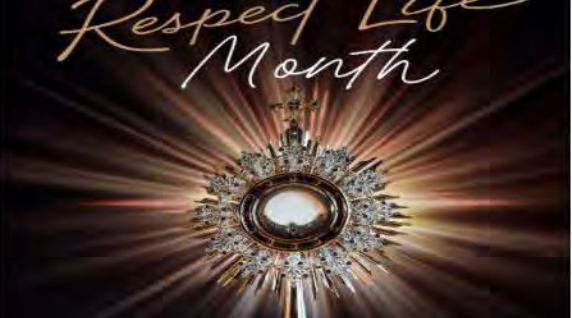




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3:00 pm to 5:00 pm or 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

No Reservations Needed No Cost Just Come!

Respect Life Month



I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE

LIFE

October 2024

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL Council of Catholic Women

FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, November 2nd 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday, November 3rd 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Silent Auction,  Bakery Sale,

Arts, Crafts, Jewelry, Handmade wares,

50/50 Raffles, Breakfast and Lunch in our Cafe'.

Activity table for the Kids while you shop.



FREE GIFT for the first 25 shoppers

Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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



James and Bernadette Connor

51 Years

October 20, 2024



Christopher and Ellen Stock

37 years

October 3, 2024

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



September 25th - November 2nd

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN FORT MYERS!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** 6418 Commerce Park Dr Fort Myers FL
- **Vigil hours:** Thursdays 12 noon - 4 pm
- **Local contact:** Maria RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/fortmyers

Music in the Mass

“The Director of Music”

I was blest to have attended catholic schools from kindergarten through high school and my parents made sure we went to 8am Mass **every** Sunday as a family. *(Although my brother and I were never allowed to sit next to one another because we sometimes didn't behave!)*

As a youngster, I must admit sometimes I didn't understand everything that was happening during the Mass. Looking back and remembering as a small child I was probably bored often because the Mass was too “wordy” and too “adult” for me. The part of the Mass that drew me in as a child was the Music. I loved listening to all the instruments, the organ, the guitars, the flutes and more. AND, I loved hearing everyone around me sing. *(Even my Dad, to whom this day the key he sang in has YET to be identified in the music world.)* I attribute my earliest prayers to singing in the Mass because it made me feel a part of the praying community. That was thanks to Sr. Kathy Andrews, a Pastoral Associate who invited me to sing with the “Guitar Group” for Sunday 12nn Mass when I was only in **third grade**. She taught me the beginning of playing a guitar and was very instrumental in passing on many wonderful attributes and ideals of what the role of Music Director was in the Church.

She taught to make sure the choir was well prepared, the instruments were tuned and **most importantly** always keep in mind the role of the Assembly and how important it was to engage and invite them in participating in the sung prayers of the Mass through my musicianship.

The music of the Church has always held a special place in my heart. The role of Music Director is in many ways more of a vocation than a job. I have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity at three churches in my lifetime and with each community I have learned, I have grown, I have prayed, and *hopefully* lived up to the role of Music Director in preparing the choirs well to lead, tuning instruments and all the other “behind the scenes” tasks that the role requires especially mindful of actively engaging and inviting the faithful in the pews to sing the Mass.

The hardest part of being a Music Director is knowing that not everyone is going to like every song that is selected.

Over **35 years** I too have struggled with a song or two I don't particularly care for, **BUT**, when one of those songs does come into rotation I try to put myself back in time and play it like it was the very first time I ever heard the piece and remember the prayerful beauty of the lyrics and how much the music enhanced the Mass. I also realize that not everyone likes every instrument and that is why as a Music Director I try to offer various styles and instruments each week at Mass.

In the end, I could never see myself not being involved in the Music Ministry of the Catholic Church. I know when the time comes for me to retire, I will still want to be involved in the music of God's Church. He placed that love in my heart and I will forever praise Him for that!

John SC Hudak,
Director of Music

Pray for Our Military

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Maj Shaun Floersch USAF
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“ Saint Katharine Drexel CCW
Mary and Me ”
 10th Annual Morning Conference

Speaker: Rose Marie Talbot-Babey
 SKD Director of Religious Education

**To JESUS
 Through MARY**

**Saturday,
 October 26,
 2024**



**Continental
 Breakfast:
 9:30 AM**

**Conference:
 10:00 -
 12 noon**

Location: Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Hall
 1922 SW 20th Ave. Cape Coral, FL 33991

ALL ARE WELCOME!

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you or a loved one has a problem with drinking, you've come to the right place. **Alcoholics Anonymous** is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from alcoholism.

A.A. website:

www.leecountyaa.org. If for some reason you needed to contact the local A.A. Intergroup in Fort Myers: email leeintergroup@gmail.com or call (239) 275 5111.

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]

Prayers for Eternal Life

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

*Jim Monarchio
 Guy Bouillon
 Joan Reichenbach*



SKD Youth Presents A Uniquely Catholic Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser

November 30 - December 8

We have a wonderful variety of quality jewelry including; medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets, rings, rosary bracelets, rosaries, and more for you to choose from. Everything is priced reasonably and your purchase supports our youth group! These beautiful religious articles will enhance your faith journey and the faith of those gifts them to



For online sales, visit, www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop and enter **SKFL** at check out.

Our group earns a profit on every item sold, you get sacramentals to enhance your own spiritual life or to purchase as gifts to enhance the spiritual life of your loved ones! SKD Youth appreciates your support!

Amendment 4

Please join us in our battle to defeat Amendment 4.

Time is running short!... Urgent we need your help!

Opportunities to join our volunteer army are many and we would like to enlist the help of all parishioners if possible. Whether from the comfort of your own home or out in the front lines, YOU can help us win this fight against the culture of death here in Florida.

Be strong and steadfast! Do not fear! Joshua 1:9

Place **VOTE NO ON 4** signs in prominent locations

Catholic Vote Phone Calls - CatholicVote.org/volunteer

Catholic Vote Texts - CatholicVote.org/volunteer

Catholic Vote Post Cards/Host Card Party CatholicVote.org/volunteer

Distribute materials during early voting October 21-November 2 (2 hr. slots)

Onward Christian Soldiers!!

Additional ways to armor ourselves:

- ◆ Attend daily Mass for the intention of defeating Amendment 4
- ◆ Pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet – Intention of Amendment 4
- ◆ Visit the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel – Intention of Amendment 4
- ◆ **24 hour adoration Fridays October 25, November 1 at Saint John XXIII parish, Fort Myers**
- ◆ Watch “Sarah’s Choice or “Unplanned” with older children and discuss. Help younger children draw “life” sidewalk messages with chalk. **Fasting and family prayer!**

For more information or to enlist, please contact Michele Eskritt at 715-630-6942 or email eskritt@gmail.com.



We need YOUR HELP NOW!!

We are in need of people to hand out **VOTE NO ON 4** palm cards to voters during the early voting dates Oct. 21-Nov. 2 from 10 am-6 pm and finally on Election Day November 5 from 7 am-7pm. Volunteers are asked to work a 2 hour shift or more at one of our 3 early voting sites. This is our **LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE** voters to **VOTE FOR LIFE!** As we all know, many helpers make the load lighter for the all. Please offer your support by calling Michele Eskritt at 715-630-6942 to sign up for a time slot that works for you! Thanks so much on behalf of our future generations.

“The Rosary is a long chain that links Heaven and Earth...The Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty” - St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Charism Retreat

In Search of Buried Treasure

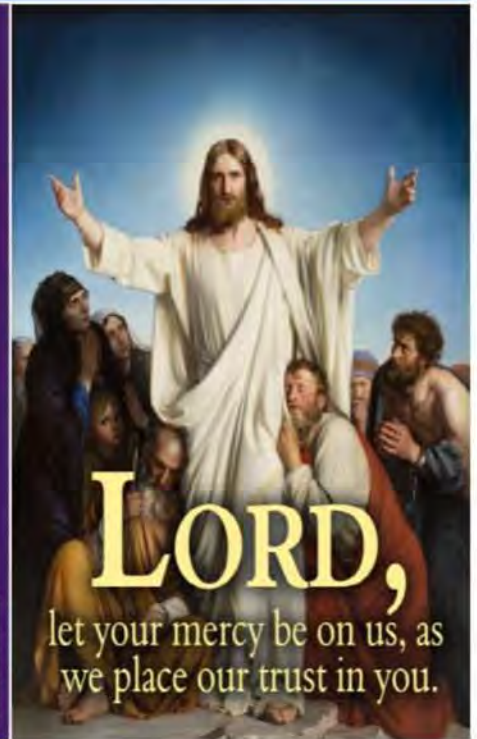
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- ✦ Discovering How God Uses Your Charisms to Touch Others



Saturday, November 23, 2024
10:00 am to 3:30 pm
SKD Parish Hall

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