Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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<u>HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS</u>: 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.

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.

<u>MARRIAGE:</u> 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.

JOIN OUR PARISH FLOCKNOTE: To sign up and receive our email or events and parish information, please go to drexelcc.flocknote.com.

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.





SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30:

6:30 pm AA Meeting (FFE)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve

Parish Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1: Happy New Year

Parish Offices Closed

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2:

Parish Offices Open

8:00 am Tops (FFW)

10:00 am CCW General Meeting (Hall) 6:00 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group (Hall)

7:00 pm Bible Class (FFW)

7:00 pm TMIY (FFE)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3:

Parish Offices Open

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)

SUNDAY JANUARY 4:

9:30 am Coffee and Donut Social (Hall)9:30 am Religious Education (FFE-FFW)





HOLYHOUR

Every Tuesday with the parish staff 8:30 am Adoration in the SKD Chapel

Maintenance FundScan to donate



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 Mass
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





Thank you for your Generosity!

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

Stewardship December 29, 2024

Offertory: TBD
Online Giving: TBD

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$44,761.25

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$265,189.00 Payments to Date: \$250,747.20

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

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, December 30: Octave Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 31: Saint Sylvester I, Pope

Wednesday, January 1: Mary, Mother of God (Theotoks)

Thursday, January 2: Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen

Friday, January 3: Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00 am
⊕ Tommy Lehner

Sunday, January 5: Epiphany of the Lord

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

> > -Saint Irenaeus

Week of: December 29, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Vinny Ricardi

By Bob and Alice Hofer

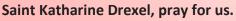
Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Cheryl Chapman

By Steve and Judy Kettler

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





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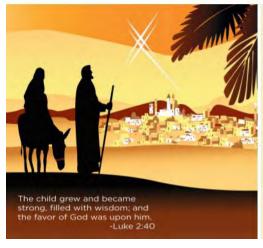


Wedding Anniversary Masses with Bishop Frank Dewane

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Masses will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on February 1, 2025, at **St. Leo the Great Parish,** 28290 Beaumont



Road, Bonita Springs and at 11:00 a.m., and at **St. Thomas More Parish** in Sarasota, also at 11:00 am. Both events will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane, followed by a reception, and the availability of a photo with Bishop Dewane. Couples must register through their Parish; registration information is forthcoming and will be mailed to parishes.



Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.





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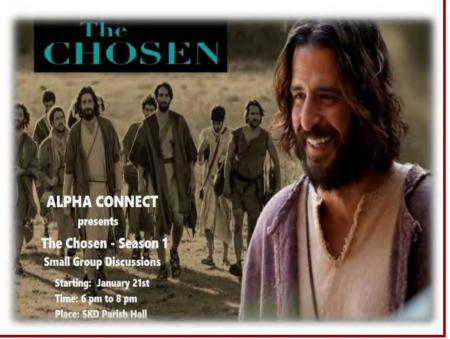
We have upcoming Alpha Connect Groups:

We will have a special Alpha Connect Group starting on Tuesday Evenings in the parish hall starting at 6:00-8:00 pm. This event starts on Tuesday, January 21st. Those who attend will share a simple pot -luck dinner then watch an episode of the Chosen followed by small group discussion.

For those who have never watched this remarkable television series about the life of Christ or those who want to watch it again or those who want to share the experience with a friend—this is a great opportunity. No registration required just show up and if possible, bring a dish to share.

If anyone wants to volunteer to serve as a table host for either event, please contact Judy Ranalli <u>ranallifamily@gmail.com</u> or (512) 215-1554.

Alpha Connect Small Group Discussions



Meat Raffle Fundraiser

Saturday, January 11, 2025 2pm - 4pm

Simply come into the Restaurant, grab a table and the fun begins...

Raffles are \$1—\$2 a chance which puts you in the drawing for different types of meats or fish. The wheel is spun and if it lands on your number you win!





Event Held At...

Burnt Store Tavern
3015 SW Pine Island Road



ATTENTION ALL SKD STUDENTS

Saint Katharine Drexel
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)
is happy to announce that applications
for our

Annual Scholarship Awards

are now available.

Copies may be found in the Church Narthex, Church Business Office and in the Faith Formation Office.

Applications must be received by March 1st, 2025.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann Bedell at (239) 458-2778 or email <u>brumary77@gmail.com</u>

Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



Join us as we celebrate The Annual Celebration of "The Feast of Santo Niño"



At the Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church

1922 SW 20th Ave, Cape Coral, FL 33991 January 12, 2025 Sunday. Mass at 4:00 PM followed by a Potluck Reception at the the Parish Hall. Mass Celebrant: Father Ananda Anki Reddy

You may bring your Santo Niño & Mother Mary statues and children for blessing.

Contacts: Jun & Cherrie Santiago 239-540-2634; 732-470-6740 Vivian Mischel. 239-458-9169 Rose Creus. 239-240-5555 Juan Cordero. 239-989-9310

Pope Francis prayer Intention for December 2024 - For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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





Join the Choirs After Christmas!

SKD is blest with 5 groups that together form our Parish Music Ministry!

We have a CHILDREN'S CHOIR for all kids in grades 2-8! (Sings 2x a month)

We have our 10:30 am TRADITIONAL ADULT CHOIR (4-Part Harmonies)

We have our 12:30 pm CONTEMPORARY ADULT CHOIR (3 Part Harmonies)

We have our INSTRUMENTALISTS: Guitars, Flutes, Clarinet, Mandolin, etc.

We have our HANDBELL CHOIR of 39 English Handbells.

If you are regularly participating in SUNDAY Mass why not share your musical talents with the parish and join us from JANUARY—MAY 2025?

Besides Sunday Ministry we will be also be preparing for Lent, Easter and our Holy Week Concert "Moses, The Burning Within" on Friday, April 11 @ 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact our Director of Music, John Hudak @ 239.283.9501 before the end of the year! We have room for you! Just sign up!!!



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 27, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice is blessed with dedicated Priests and Religious, and together we pray the Lord to continue to send holy workers into His vineyard. The Diocese is further blessed with vocations, evidenced by the 17 seminarians presently in formation for the Diocese of Venice. With this letter, I kindly invite you to support the educational and formational dimensions of our future priests.

The funds received from the Annual Seminary Collection are used to assist the Diocese's seminarians with the cost of tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Funding from the Collection also helps in the recruitment of committed young men who may have potential vocations and wish to discern that call.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct this annual collection for Seminary Support the weekend of January 4 and 5, 2025. Thank you for your continuing support for the Seminary Formation and discernment of Diocesan Seminarians, and for your prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings in this New Year. Thank you and may God bless you and your family for the support of our seminarians.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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

Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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



Larry and Carol Ann Kane
56 years
December 28, 2024

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

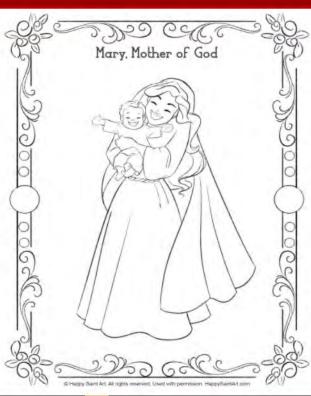
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