



St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women
February 2025

The St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women is an affiliate of the Diocese of Venice Council of Catholic Women (VDCCW) and the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW). The NCCW is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO) and is an affiliate of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



**St. Katharine Drexel
 Council of Catholic Women
 General Membership Meeting**

*General Membership Meeting
 Thursday, February 6, 2025*

Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month

Place: Parish Hall
Mass: 9:00 am
Meeting Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm



*Going to Meeting
 – Join us!*



SKD CCW Fashion Show: Parish Hall
 Saturday, February 8, 2025
Doors Open: 10:30 am; **Lunch** at Noon
Cost: \$35; Contact: Eileen Sadlo, 239-671-7184
SKD CCW Jewelry Table will be available.

Respect Life: Maria Maddalena, 239-540-7096
 Prayer - Planned Parenthood, Ft. Myers
Every Thursday starting at Noon
 Rosary for Life - SKD Chapel, February 13, 2025

Bunco: Parish Hall
Meets every third Thursday of the month.
 Promptly at 11 am, Thursday, February 20, 2025
 Only \$5 to play - bring a dish to share if possible

SKD CCW Board Meeting:
Faith Formation Building West
Meets on the last Thursday of the month
 Thursday, February 27, 2025



General Membership Meeting: Parish Hall
Meets 1st Thursday of the Month
 Thursday, March 6, 2025

Bunco: Parish Hall
Meets every third Thursday of the month
 Thursday, March 20, 2025

SKD CCW Board Meeting
Meets every fourth Thursday of the month
 Thursday, March 27, 2025



A Parliamentary Minute... Rules Governing the Assembly

In January, we discussed the Bylaws, the bones of our group. Believe it or not, there is a hierarchy to the rules we follow in CCW. The very first in our order of rules are our **Bylaws**. Embedded within the Bylaws are specifically written **Special Rules of Order**. Rules we need to be an autonomous organization that will operate, thrive, and grow. And what do we use as a procedural backbone to our meetings? This is our **Parliamentary Authority - Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition**. Robert's Rules was written for the English Parliament, so we don't need to follow it precisely. It is a strong guide to how we operate. After the Special Rules of Order comes our **Standing Rules**. They are mostly administrative details of the day-to-day functioning of our organization. At the bottom of the ladder is **Custom**—what we have always done. Like Tradition, it started as a necessity and then grew into habit and then became a custom. It is not necessarily what we are instructed to obey. Customs cannot conflict with the written rule. We will be presenting you with a revision to our Bylaws in the February and March meeting. Stay tuned...



February: Water for Life, An Outreach Ministry

Many of you asked, "What is Water for life?"



Water for LIFE is a ministry that is an outreach to underdeveloped nations, worldwide, providing clean water through water wells.

They state: *Since Water for LIFE began in 2000, the focus has been to provide lasting wells with clean water for some of the world's poorest communities. Your faithful support has helped provide new wells in more than 40 nations around the world, with a goal to drill and establish 350 more this year!* In the USA, they have offices in Ft. Worth, Texas. They encompass many other ministries beside clean water: Christmas Smiles (cleft palate), Christmas Shoes (new shoes), Mission Feeding, Rescue LIFE, LIFE Centers (shelters), and General Ministry, Evangelism, and their broadcast vehicle, LIFE Today (TV). Where does the money go? See website: <https://lifetoday.org/outreaches/general-ministry/> When we support Water for LIFE, we are providing children and adults alike with fresh water for living, a basic need. The umbrella organization is LIFE Outreach International. Here is their mission statement: *"LIFE Outreach International is a Christian organization dedicated to sharing the transforming truth of God's love in word and deed. The ministry encourages the support of missions and relief programs in areas of need throughout the world. Utilizing the tremendous potential of broadcast media to fulfill the mission, LIFE Outreach inspires believers to share the promise of life and hope with others."* To learn more about Water for LIFE and their ministry, go to <http://lifetoday.org>

Calling all Volunteers!
Nominating Committee needs YOU!



Contact Vicky Parker, 239-219-4537
Committee: Vicky Parker, Kathy Giardina, Eileen Hartley, Mary Ann Bedell

Please take a moment to pray about the role you can play in our CCW. **We currently need a President and a Vice President, or it can be Co-Presidents.** Are you willing and able to contribute to the CCW with your talents? All Commission officers will be open for the 2026-2028 term. Commissions: Spirituality, Leadership, Service, Membership, Historian, Nominating Committee, E-Communications, Hospitality. We will also need a Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian. Lots of wonderful roles for everyone! The Nominating Committee thanks you!!

SKD CCW Commission Reports - 2025

Spiritual Advisor, Rose Talbot-Babey
Spirituality Chair, Ellen Stock



Ave Maria University Trip

We left SKD after 9 am Mass on Tuesday, January 14. A great way to start off the New Year! First stop was the beautiful Ave Maria Oratory, the Catholic

Church; second stop was the Mother Teresa Museum, one of three in the world; and the last stop was the Gift Shop. Beautiful day with our sisters. Thank you, Ellen, for a well-coordinated field trip. When's the next one???

Membership, Mary Ann Bedell



Mary Ann Invites everyone to put their ideas and suggestions into the Membership Box. It will be available at all General Membership Meetings.

Scholarships are now available. Applications can be picked up in the Parish office, Faith Formation RE office, and in the Narthex.

Starting in February, Mary Ann is opening the Scholarship Committee to all interested. She is looking for 6-8 women to review the scholarship applications at a meeting scheduled for March 18th. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February general meeting.

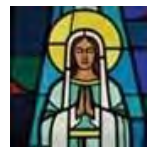
Hospitality, Judy Curtis



Judy thanks those who have volunteered to sponsor lunch at our General Membership Meetings.

February Sponsors: Pat Crowder, Joann Piacente, and Vicky Parker.

Respect Life, Maria Maddalena



Our mission is to pray at Planned Parenthood @ Ft. Myers, every Thursday at Noon. We will also pray the Rosary for Life every 13th of the month @ our Chapel. In addition, we will collect diapers, wipes, etc., for Community Pregnancy Clinics.

The CEO of Community Pregnancy Clinics, Scott Baier, will be our speaker at the February 6th General Membership Meeting. He will share with us CPCI's work with women who choose life for their unborn children.

Historian, Linda Conti-Gould



Linda is wrapping up the SKD CCW Directory of photos of each of our members. Please send Linda your photo or see her at the next General

Membership Meeting to have your photo taken.

E-Communications, Kathy Giardina



Kathy reports that the Fashion Show flyer, featured on page 1 of this newsletter, has been distributed to many media outlets. Please help by sharing and promoting within your circle of friends.



Our Circle of Prayer

We pray for our CCW sisters and their families, especially:

Our sisters that serve the homebound -
 Pat Crowder, Joanne Piacente, Eddie Williams

Our sisters in mourning -
 Lynne Curr, Debra Kearns

Honoring our Sisters



January 15, 2025
Elaine Kearns



January 4, 2025
Philly Christopherson