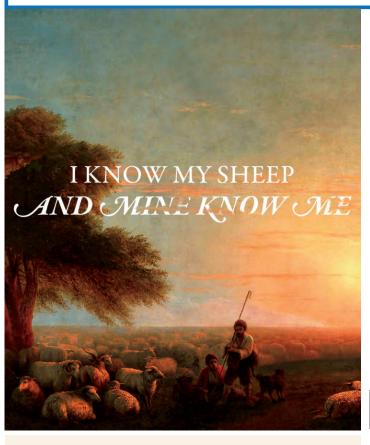
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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 homebound or in the hospital? Do you need The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Please call the parish office for more information.

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 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

May 11, 2025

PARISH VISION

Saint Katharine Drexel is a welcoming,
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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)

Receptionist—Jason Bleers (jason@drexelcc.org)

Business Manager—Frank Newcomb (frank@drexelcc.org)

DRE—Rose Marie Talbot-Babey (rose@drexelcc.org)

Director of Music—To be determined

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., Tom Feig, Kathleen Houghton, Kathy Scott, Mark Pennington, Ed Puisis, and Phaedra Weiler.

JEREMIAH TEAM

Father Ricky Varner, Timothy Altieri, Peter Barrett, Ken Caserio, Renee Marazon, Anne McCormick.

"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

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL ENDOWMENT FUND

See Parish Website to Donate

The Fund supports a Catholic legacy, aiding schools, poor parishes, capital investments, and major expenses at St. Katharine Drexel.

Thank you for your Generosity!

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

Stewardship May 4, 2025

Offertory: \$11,836.93 Online Giving: \$7,306.87

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$83,689.30

Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$159,408.00 Payments to Date: \$100,431.26

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

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 12:

6:30 pm AA Meetings (FFE)

7:00 pm Augustinians Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, MAY 13:

12:00 pm Rosary for Life (Church)

5:45 pm TOPS (FFW)

6:00 pm Alpha Connect (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

11:00 am Bible Class (FFW) 6:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

THURSDAY, MAY 15:

11:00 am CCW Bunco (Hall)

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)

6:30 pm TMIY (FFE)

7:30 pm Bible Class (FFW)

FRIDAY, MAY 16:

9:00 am Table of Plenty (Hall) 10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW) 6:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

SATURDAY, MAY 17:

8:00 am Prayer Team Ministry (Hall)5:15 pm Hibernians—Recruitment (Church)

6:30 pm ARK Young Adult (FFE)

SUNDAY, MAY 18:

9:30 am Hibernians—Recruitment (Church)

"Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the Church will blossom." —Saint John Paul II

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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, May 12: Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

Tuesday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday, May 14: Saint Matthias, Apostle

Thursday, May 15: Easter Weekday

Friday, May 16: Easter Weekday

9:00 am
⊕ Eileen Isabella

Saturday, May 17: Easter Weekday

9:00 am † Tina Candiano Carmelo

4:00 pm Sandra Jewell

Sunday, May 18: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 am Pablo Perez

10:30 am SKD Parishioners

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

> > -Saint Irenaeus

Week of: May 11, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Mr. Philip

By Margaret Gallagher

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Thanksgiving for

Marie T. Duchatellier

By Williams 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

AA Mondays at 6:30 pm FFE contact phillyid@att.net

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 Anthony

Rivera at: arofficial23@outlook.com

Bible Study: Wednesdays 11:00 am and Thursdays 7:30 pm. Call

Russ at: (239) 728-1912.

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

Anthony Rivera at: arofficial23@outlook.com

Council of Catholic Women: Meets First Thursdays September to May. Contact Mary Ann Bedell at: (239) 458-2778 or email at: brumary77@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 Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

or email at: office@drexelcc.org

Hospitality: Call Virginia Hinspeter at: (239) 410-7653

Knights of Columbus: First Monday, 6:30 pm. Contact Bob Snyder at: 239-321-9012 or www.SKDgrandknight

11177@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 Furderer at: (239) 691-2233.

Legion of Mary: Contact JoAnn Piacente at: (239)

258-0666.

Music Ministry: To be determined.

Prayer Network: Call Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

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.

St. Katharine Drexel Endowment Fund: Contact Tom Feig

at <u>feigtom@gmail.com</u> or call (618) 322-3632.

Secular Franciscans: Second Saturday, 9:30 am.

Contact Doug Elliott at: (585) 370-6178.

Sons of Saint Joseph: Mike Vasquez at: qyllr@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 (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm) Middle school: 1st and 3rd Fridays. (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Pope Francis prayer Intention for May 2025: For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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

REFLECTION: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A LOT OF NERVE

This week we see the disciples turn away from their persecutors and begin preaching to the Gentiles. Even though they are thrown out of town, they still are filled with joy (Acts 13:50–52). Rejected by their own people, they are happy that the pagans not only listen to them, but also spread the word of the Lord. What I find interesting is that the disciples' joy comes from their failure to convert the Jewish leaders in Antioch. If those Jews had become believers and had not rejected Paul and Barnabas, the disciples probably would never have thought to preach to non-Jews about Jesus.

I think that failure to convert their own people allowed them to see how God's power was working for them. That's why their joy was so great. They were not just congratulating themselves on how well they were preaching. No, they saw how God was doing the real work. That took the pressure off of them. They could stop worrying about every word of their preaching, wondering if they looked holy enough to impress people, or afraid that someone might make fun of them (or do a background check: "Isn't that Saul, who used to persecute Jesus' followers? He's got a lot of nerve thinking he could now be one of them."). None of that mattered, because they knew that the Spirit was leading them, as our second reading says, "to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:17). They knew they were in God's hands, as we heard in the Gospel (John 10:28).

Can we be like those disciples? Instead of getting angry at frustrations, can we see them as an opportunity to experience God's grace? Do we let our failures get us down, or do we let God bring us through them, teaching us to rely on the Lord? When people reject us, do we give up, or do we trust God to help them? Are we ashamed of our past sins, or grateful for God's forgiveness? Of course, the disciples didn't go around looking for ways to suffer. But they did look for ways to share their great news that Jesus is risen from the dead. Let us ask the Lord to send us the Spirit to show us how we can spread that same news.

Tom Schmidt

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FEB 28 · 7PM · ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

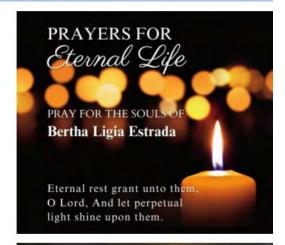
All Cape Coral/Pine Island Cursillistas are invited to join us for the final Ultreya of the season on Friday, February 28, 2025, at St. Katharine Drexel, in the Faith Formation Building WEST (1922 SW 20th Ave). We'll gather at 7:00 PM for the Stations of the Cross, followed by our meeting at 7:30 PM. Please bring a snack to share.

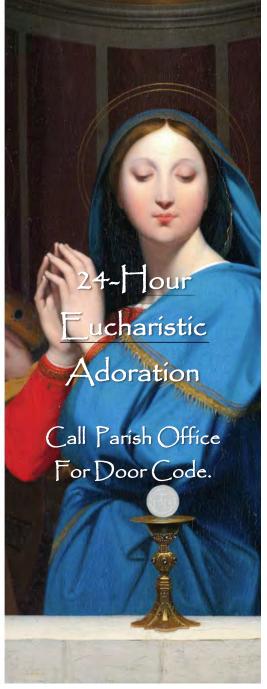


HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, BEVERLY WRIGHT!

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF FAITH AND LOVE

With joyful hearts, we join in celebrating Beverly Wright's 100th birthday on May 17! Beverly has been a cherished member of our parish community, and her life stands as a beautiful witness to faith, kindness, and perseverance. Happy Birthday, Beverly!





Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church

Easter Concert

This year's concert centers on songs based on the creation story, the sacraments, and the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit. Notice a similarity? They are all gifts to us from God in which this concert gives thanks for during this Easter Season! The music also promotes faith, hope, and trust in our Heavenly Father! Please come join us and spend some time in musical prayer with the Lord.

Sunday, May 25th from 12:00 – 1:15pm 12175 Stringfellow Road

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St. Katharine Drexel Irishmen! Discover Your Irish Heritage



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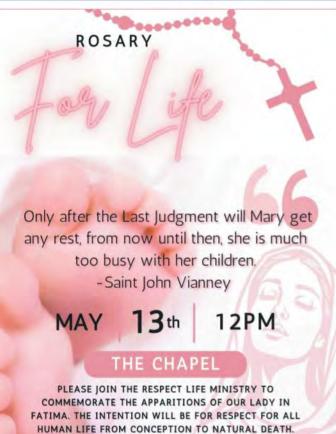
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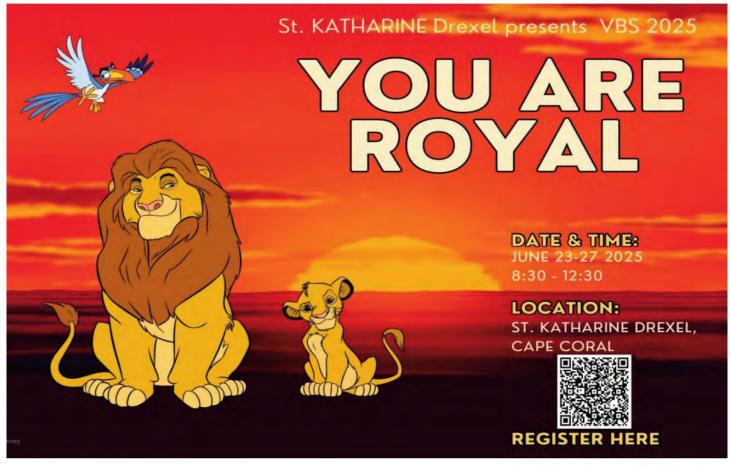
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June 8-13

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\$60 per student Grades 1-6: 9am - 3pm Grades 7-12: 6:30 - 8:45p

Join us on Sunday, June 8 at 5pm for our KICK OFF EVENT!

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Pilgrimage to

MEDJUGORJE



Note Disclaimer: The pilgrimage trip to Medjugorje is an event organized by and operated by 206 Tours who will be responsible for the event. The pilgrimage is not an event sponsored by or endorsed by the Diocese of Venice or by Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. While Father Ricky Varner will be attending this pilgrimage, neither he nor the Diocese is responsible for any of the arrangements. This pilgrimage represents travel to destinations outside of the United States. Participants must make their own travel arrangements; should familiarize themselves with the destination(s); and must make their own decisions on the safety and security of the travel arrangements provided by the pilgrimage Operator. The role of the parish in helping promote the trip should not be deemed as an endorsement or a representation of any kind as to the travel arrangements.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SPIRITUAL BABY SHOWER A SUCCESS!

SKD ProLife commission would like to thank all the ministries, parishioners and youth group of our Parish for helping make our spiritual baby shower a huge success. We had a wonderful speaker from Aspire Pregnancy Center and food and desserts generously made and donated by members of our ministries and the support of the Parishioners with their generous donations of presents for this "spiritual baby". Thank you all and God bless.







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