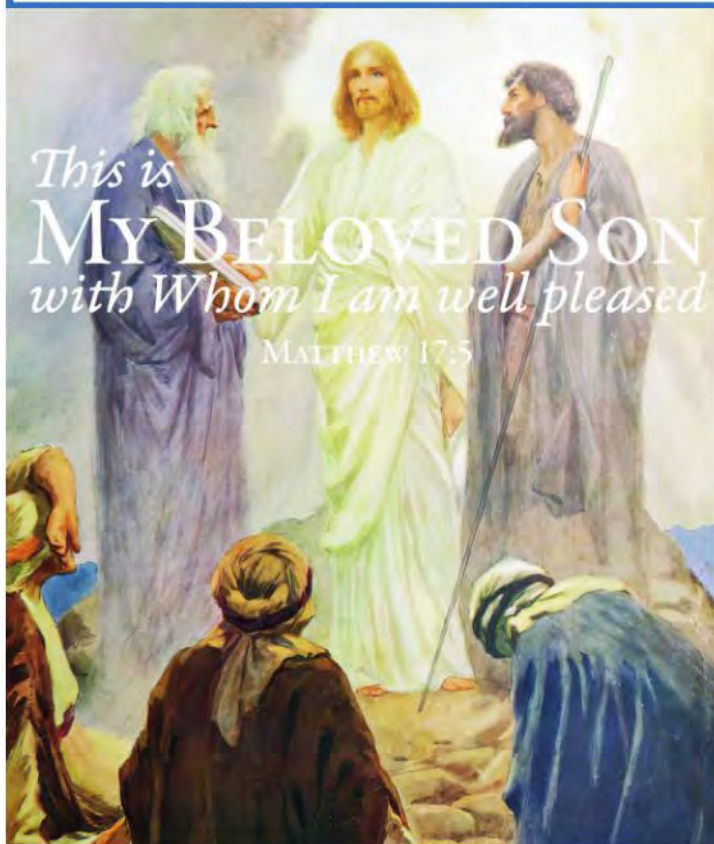


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MASS SCHEDULE

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, Wednesday, Thursday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday—8:30 am to 12:00 pm

August 03, 2025

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.

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,
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Who are committed to prayer, learning, and service,
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SKD PARISH STAFF

Pastor—Father Ricky Varner (varner@drexelcc.org)
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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

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Offertory: \$10,501.52

Online Giving: \$6,693.87

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$114,865.30

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Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00

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Payments to Date: \$166,472.82

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SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 04:

6:30 pm AA Meetings (FFE)
 7:00 pm K of C Meeting (FFW)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 05:

6:00 pm Alpha Connect (Hall)
 6:00 pm Theology of the Body (FFE)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 06:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)
 11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)
 6:00 pm TOPS (FFW)
 6:00 pm Upper Room Youth Group (FFE)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 07:

6:30 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group (Hall)
 7:30 pm Bible Class (FFW)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 08:

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 09:

7:45 am Cursillo (FFE)
 8:30 am Franciscan Meeting (FFW)
 6:30 pm ARK Young Adult (FFE)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10:

9:30 am Catechist Meeting (Hall)

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

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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.

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Monday, August 04: Saint John Vianney, Priest

9:00 am ✝ Lawrence Manzione

Tuesday, August 05: Weekday

9:00 am ✝ Rita Mulligan

Wednesday, August 06: The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am ✝ Rosemarie Nardi

Thursday, August 07: Weekday

9:00 am Patricia Dirmyer

Friday, August 08: Saint Dominic, Priest

9:00 am ✝ Helen and Blaine Varner

Saturday, August 09: Weekday

9:00 am ✝ Elaine Audry Jane

4:00 pm ✝ Edward and Mary Sookradge

Sunday, August 10: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am ✝ Eddie Sheridan

10:30 am SKD Parishioners

12:30 pm ✝ Samantha Call

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

-Saint Irenaeus

Week of: August 03, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

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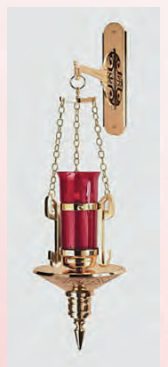
By Bernadine Mihalek

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

John Candelori, Jr.

By John Sr. and Peggy Candelori



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 delacy3@gmail.com

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: Second and Fourth Saturdays 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 Mike Sushil at: 239-560-2454

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: Contact Alice Hofer at: alicehof3@gmail.com

Lay Augustinians Every 2nd, 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm. Call Russ Summerton at: (239) 574-0020.

Lectors: Contact Laura Funderer at: (239) 691-2233.

Legion of Mary: Contact JoAnn Piacente at: (239) 258-0666.

Music Ministry: Contact Jonathan Barney at: jonathan@drexelcc.org

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 Donna Frys at: dmfrys2@aol.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 feigtom@gmail.com 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: gyllr@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

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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 Leo's prayer Intention for July 2025: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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

THE WORD IN OUR LIVES:

ROBBING A BANK

The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth in the way we attain it. How does that happen? I can give an obvious answer such as robbing a bank. Instead, do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can “have the things I couldn’t afford when I was young”? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. We begin to see Christ in others, for as Paul says, “Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11).

—Tom Schmidt

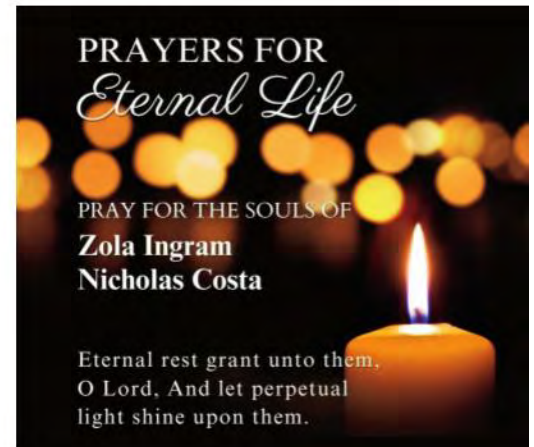
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:

GOD ANSWERS OUR CALL FOR HELP

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, “But we’ve always done it this way,” you are on very thin ice indeed!

—James Field





AUGUST 09

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942)

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the Autobiography

of Saint Teresa of Ávila, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "That is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could

imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

—Peter Scagnelli

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Help lead the children of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish to Jesus by joining our Religious Education team!

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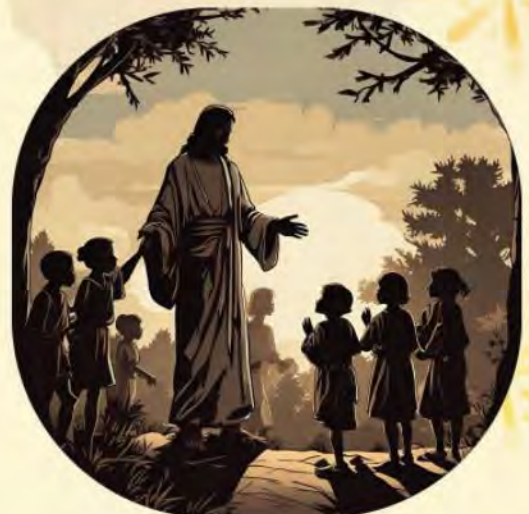
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Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a glass of wine, a complimentary hand massage, and a paraffin wax treatment while learning more about who we are and what we do. Membership is open to all ladies of the parish.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, August 17th
- **Time:** Come and go anytime between 1:30-3:30 PM
- **Location:** Parish Hall

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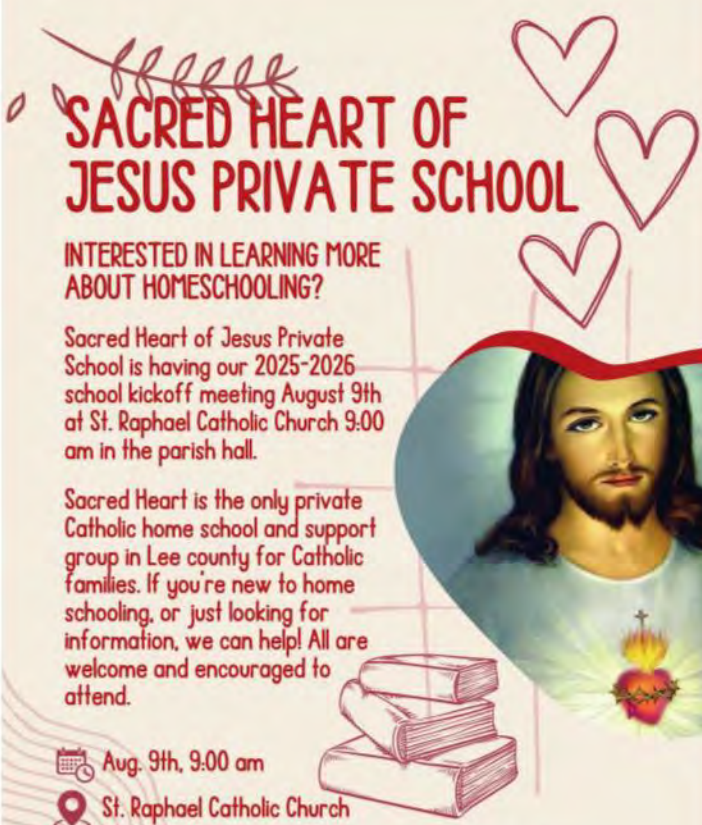
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Sacred Heart is the only private Catholic home school and support group in Lee county for Catholic families. If you're new to home schooling, or just looking for information, we can help! All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

 Aug. 9th, 9:00 am
 St. Raphael Catholic Church

For any questions email: SHJPSforms@gmail.com



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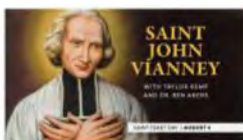
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Jim Burrows



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