

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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The Assumption of the
**Blessed
Virgin
Mary**

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 10, 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,
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

Pastor—Father Ricky Varner (varner@drexelcc.org)
Administrative Assistant—Alba Gibbons (office@drexelcc.org)
Receptionist—Jason Bleers (jason@drexelcc.org)
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DRE—Rose Marie Talbot-Babey (rose@drexelcc.org)
Director of Music—Jonathan Barney (jonathan@drexelcc.org)
Director of Youth—Aileen Vasquez (aileen@drexelcc.org)
Maintenance—Ernie Sierocinski (ernie@drexelcc.org)
Housekeeping—Gilma Avalos (gilma@drexelcc.org), Martha Mendoza (martha@drexelcc.org)

FINANCE COUNCIL

Victor Balaj, Peter Barrett, Sr., Tom Feig, Kathleen Houghton, Kathy Scott, 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

Visit 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 August 03, 2025

Offertory: \$10,809.25

Online Giving: \$8,301.87

Maintenance Fund Year to Date: \$27,806.63

Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$204,254.27

Payments to Date: \$168,312.82

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and click on the Online Giving link!

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 11:

6:30 pm AA Meetings (FFE)
7:00 pm Augustinians Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12:

6:00 pm Theology of the Body (FFE)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13:

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 14:

11:00 am SKD Pro Life Commission (Library)
7:30 pm Bible Class (FFW)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15: OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Table of Plenty (Hall)
6:00 pm Face Time-Youth Group (FFE)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16:

8:30 am Marian Group-Spanish (Hall)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17:

10:30 am Parent Meeting (Hall)
1:30 pm K of C Ladies Auxiliary Membership Drive (Hall)

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

Maintenance Fund Scan to donate



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, August 11: Saint Claire, Virgin

9:00 am ✝ Theresa Dizazzo

Tuesday, August 12: Weekday

9:00 am ✝ Crystal Koch

Wednesday, August 13: Weekday

9:00 am ✝ David Kurth

Thursday, August 14: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

9:00 am ✝ Frances Heuer

Friday, August 15: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 am ✝ Pedro Ezekiel Arias

6:30 pm ✝ Rebecca Dowling

Saturday, August 16: Weekday

9:00 am ✝ Nicole Disomene

4:00 pm ✝ William Grange

Sunday, August 17: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am ✝ Robert Plumb

10:30 am ✝ Salvatore & Antonietta Buono

12:30 pm SKD Parishioners

Week of: August 10, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Thanksgiving of

Sookradge Family

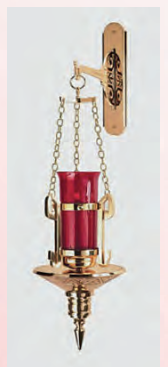
By Rose Rampersad

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Deceased Members K of C

By K of C Council #11177



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

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 Leo's prayer Intention for August 2025: For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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



August 02, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome Our New Parish Director of Music!

We are excited to once again introduce our new Parish Director of Music, Jonathan Barney, who has already begun to make a wonderful impact in our worship services. As he leads us in this new chapter of our music ministry, we encourage everyone to offer him your prayers and support. With his leadership, our music program will evolve, bringing fresh sounds to our liturgies. Additionally, we will soon be offering opportunities for cantors, musicians, as well as a scholarship program. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved in this beautiful ministry!

New Parish Security Video Surveillance Active!

In our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all who come to worship, we are pleased to announce that new security video surveillance has been installed across the entire church campus, including both interior and exterior buildings. This system became operational on July 1, 2025. We hope this measure provides peace of mind for all our parishioners and visitors. So, when you sit in the pew this Sunday, don't forget to smile—you're on candid camera!

-Father Ricky Varner

THE WORD IN OUR LIVES: DEATH HAS NO POWER OVER HER

Have you ever wondered about how Mary's family and friends would have reacted to her passing? Have you ever thought about how the early Christians would have noticed right away that there was no tomb for the Mother of their Lord and Savior? The final resting place of one who had given birth to the Son of God would have been highly venerated, and would be a frequented pilgrimage site to this day. Yet it does not exist. There is no tomb, no headstone, no sign marking the place where her body is buried in the Holy Land.

Today we celebrate the Blessed Mother's passing from this earthly life to the heavenly one, yet without passing through death. God surely would have wanted to call her to Himself in a most gentle and loving way. Just like she held Him in her arms as a sleeping babe, He now held her close as he carried her into eternity.

This feast reminds us once again that death is the result of sin. If the fall of man would not have happened, we would most likely all still be basking in the Garden of Eden. What sorrow it brings to have to wait for all the beauty, joy and peace that awaits us on the other side! What a tragedy that because of our sin we first must die!

May we ask for Mary's intercession in a special way on her special day today. May we invoke her name to help us flee from sin and run into the arms of our loving Savior. Amen.

—Tami Urcia

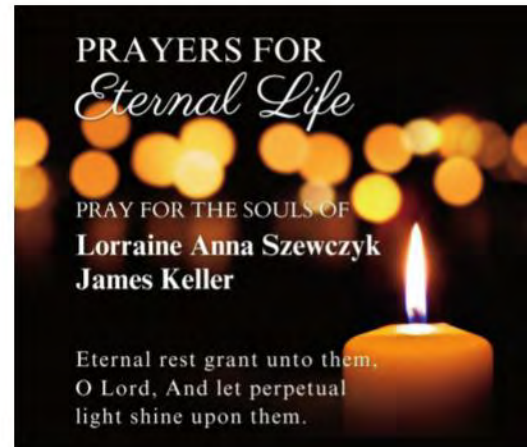
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: GOD WRITES STRAIGHT WITH CROOKED LINES

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

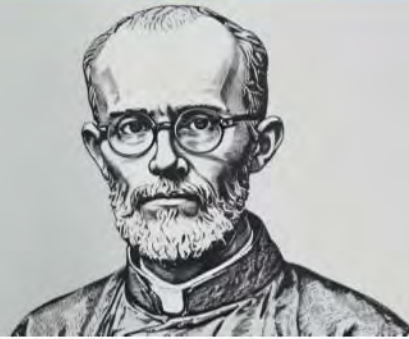
Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

—James Field



Saint Maximilian Kolbe



AUGUST 14

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE (1894-1941)

Perhaps most well known for his martyrdom in a concentration camp where he offered to die in place of a father with a family, his story of sainthood began much earlier. He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in his native Poland at a young age and was ordained a priest at 24. He founded The Militia of the Immaculata to fight evil through the positive witness of a holy life. He also began a magazine to spread the good

news and it eventually reached one million subscribers. All that he did was driven by his devotion to the Blessed Mother, for it was she who appeared to him holding in her hands one white and one red crown, asking him if he would like to have purity or martyrdom. He chose both and lived out his days dedicated to her and her son, until he died by starvation and lethal injection to save another man's life. Although we may not be called to

physically die for another, there are many ways we can die to ourselves each day in love and service to others. Let us follow the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and be willing to lose our lives that we might find eternal life in heaven.

—Tami Urcia


CATECHISTS NEEDED




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

Prayerfully consider sharing your faith by being a Catechist (Pre-K - Confirmation Prep) for the upcoming 2025-2026 year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
ROSE TALBOT-BABEY:

 rose@drexelcc.org

 239-283-0525

MATTHEW 19:14

Let the *children*
come to me.





Wine & Cheese

Membership Drive



LADIES OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL!

Have you been considering becoming a bit more active in our parish but aren't quite sure what you want to do? The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary invites you to explore a new opportunity at our upcoming Wine and Cheese Membership Drive.

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

We hope to see you there! For questions, contact Judy Ketteler at 816-809-2227.



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13
SEPTEMBER



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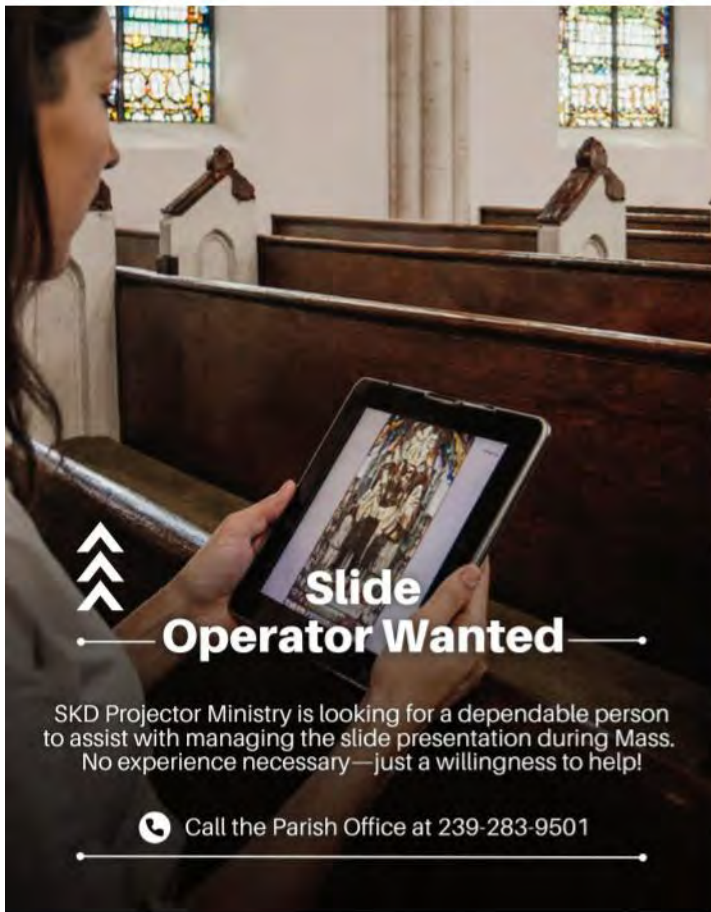
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Clare and Francis

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The Assumption of Mary

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ROSARY

For Life

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest, from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.
—Saint John Vianney

AUG 13th | 12PM

THE CHAPEL

PLEASE JOIN THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY IN FATIMA. THE INTENTION WILL BE FOR RESPECT FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.

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Mass
INTENTION

We will offer the Mass on the first Saturday of each month for your loved ones. Their names will be included in the bulletin. The donation for a yearly Mass intention is \$70.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
239-283-9501 (PRESS 8)

2025

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“Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord...” (Prov 19:17)

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Lk 12:34

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