Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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Email: office@drexelcc.org



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 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, 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 17, 2025

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)

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

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.

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Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025

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SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL ENDOWMENT FUND

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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 10, 2025

Offertory: \$11,055.13 Online Giving: \$6,964.87

Maintenance Fund Year to Date: \$29,772.63

Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$204,964.27 Payments to Date: \$168,312.82

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

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 18:

6:30 pm AA Meetings (FFE)

6:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting (FFW)

7:00 pm K of C Meeting (FFW)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19:

6:00 pm Charish Core Team (FFW) 6:00 pm Theology of the Body (FFE)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20:

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 21:

11:00 am CCW Bunco (Hall) 7:30 pm Bible Class (FFW)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22: OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23:

6:30 pm ARK Young Adult (FFE)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24:

9:30 am OCIA (FFW)

9:30 pm Parent Meeting—Sacrament (Hall)

"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, August 18: Weekday

Tuesday, August 19: Saint John Eudes, Priest

Wednesday, August 20: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, August 21: Saint Pius X, Pope

9:00 am
⊕ Larry Mitchell

Friday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 23: Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

4:00 pm SKD Parishioners

Sunday, August 24: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Week of: August 17, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Dan and Frank Frys

By Donna Frys

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Deceased Members CCW

By SKD CCW

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

ancenois@gman.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: 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 <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 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

THE WORD IN OUR LIVES:

HOW MUCH?

How much is good enough? How do we know when we've been generous or faithful enough to please the Lord—or done enough to avoid sin?

While God isn't tallying our every deed on a scoreboard, Scripture reminds us that we will face judgment. Today's second reading challenges us: "In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood."

So, how do we respond when we sin? Do we give in so often that our conscience barely stirs? Do we immediately regret it and seek forgiveness? Do we rush to confession—or let sins pile up until the burden becomes unbearable?

Jesus revealed to St. Faustina the deep pain sin causes His Sacred Heart. If we truly believed this, sin would repulse us. In the Divine Mercy Novena, He pleads: "Bring to me all mankind, especially sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me" (Diary of St. Faustina).

Let us take these words to heart. Turn away from sin, and instead become people of love, joy, and truth. Let us set the world ablaze with the fire of God's love! (see today's Gospel).

—Tami Urcia

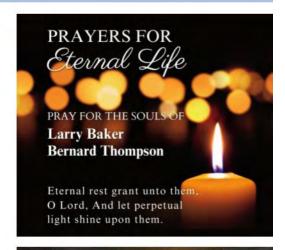
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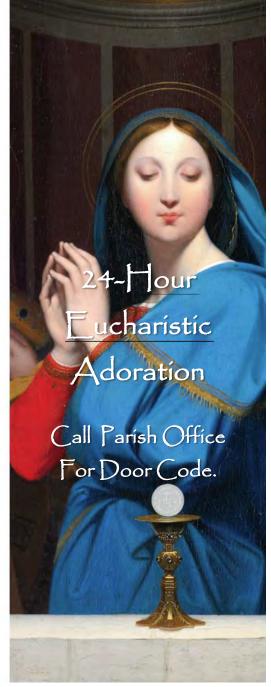
GOD WRITES STRAIGHT WITH CROOKED LINES

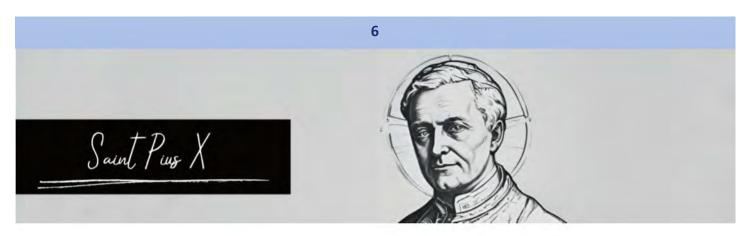
Long ago, signet rings were essential to the wardrobe of influential people. Letters and documents were sealed with hot wax, into which a signet ring was pressed to confirm authenticity. For popes, beginning in the 13th century, public documents were sealed not with wax but with hot lead. These lead seals were called bullae, giving rise to the term "papal bulls."

Given its importance, the signet ring became part of a pope's inauguration. Known as the Pescatorio, or "Ring of the Fisherman," it symbolizes the pope's link to St. Peter and his role in continuing the apostolic mission of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842, it functioned as an actual signet. Today, each new pope receives a custom gold ring bearing a design of St. Peter fishing and the pope's Latin name. It is worn on the fourth finger of the right hand. A tradition that still continues is for people meeting the pope to kiss the Pescatorio in respect for his teaching authority—a custom that no longer applies to bishops. Another lasting ritual is the destruction of the ring upon the pope's death. Originally intended to prevent forgeries of final documents, this symbolic act still marks the end of a papal ministry.

-James Field







AUGUST 21

SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914)

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing sim- ceived Communion for fear of unplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely re-

worthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—"I bless peace, not war!"—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed "Christian" Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

—Peter Scagnelli

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:**



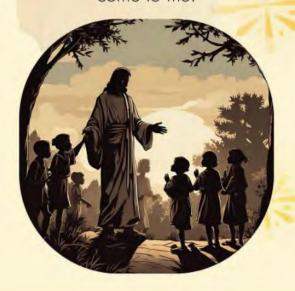
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MATTHEW 19:14

come to me.













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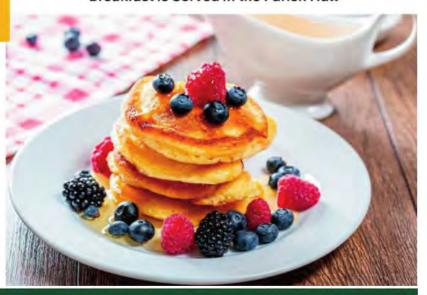
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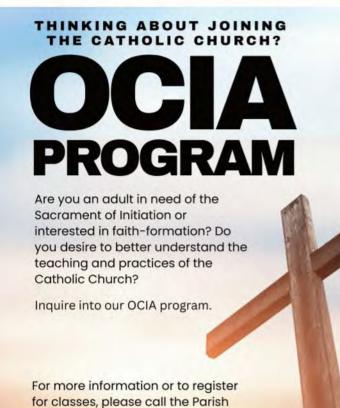
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Week of August 17, 2025



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The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Ep. 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis as he explores Mary's special role—her Immaculate Conception, title as Ark of the New Covenant, and coronation as Queen of Heaven!

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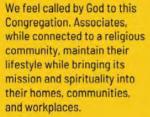




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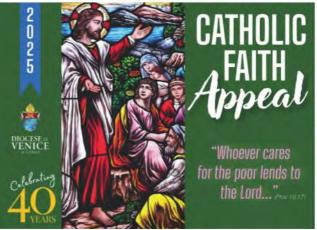
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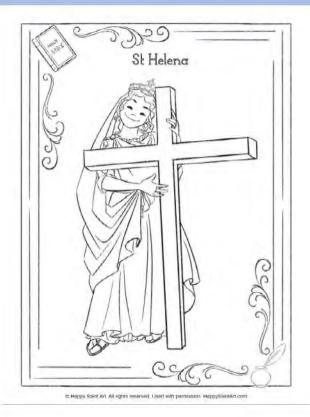




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