Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

<u>BAPTISM</u>: 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 <u>rose@drexelcc.org</u>. 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 inform n.

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

September 14, 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.

"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 September 07, 2025

Offertory: \$11,091.28 Online Giving: \$8,175.37

Maintenance Fund Year to Date: \$33298.32

Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$225,527.27 Payments to Date: \$196,777.19

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

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

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

6:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting (FFW)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:

6:00 pm Alpha Connect (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

10:00 am Walking with Purpose (FFE)

6:00 pm TOPS (FFW)

6:00 pm Upper Room Youth Group (FFE)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

11:00 am CCW Bunco (Hall)

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)

6:00 pm TMIY (FFE)

7:00 pm Walking with Purpose (FFE)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

9:00 am Table of Plenty (Hall) 10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

6:00 pm Face Time Youth Group (FEE)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

3:30 pm CCW Box of Joy Distribution (Church)3:30 pm Poochapalooza Registration (Church)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

9:30 am CCW Box of Joy Distribution (Church)
9:30 am Poochapalooza Registration (Church)
9:30 am Religious Ed. Classes (FFE)
11:30 am Confirmation Class es Youth (FFE)
1:30 pm Religious Ed. Kick off Picnic (Hall)

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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, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday, September 16: Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cypian, Bishop

Saturday, September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Sunday, September 21: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN OR-DINARY TIME

8:30 am 🕆 Jimmy Tarabocchia

12:30 pm SKD Parishioners

Week of: September 14, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Bob Brown

By Josette Campo

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Carol Adkins

By Debbie Eppinger

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 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: To Be Determined.

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: 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

Men's Faith Fellowship: Men of Christ/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 September 2025: For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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



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August 27, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the violent conflict in Gaza continues, a grave humanitarian crisis is unfolding, with many Christians and innocent people struggling to survive. With this devastating situation in mind, I write to you in appeal for our brothers and sisters in need in the midst of these destructive events.

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has expressed his concern with the situation, saying, "I am following with great concern the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, where the civilian population is suffering from severe hunger and remains exposed to violence and death." Our Catholic Faith calls each of us to care for those in need, and, at this time in particular, for those who are suffering in the wake of this ongoing tragedy.

Recognizing the need of those who have been so severely impacted by the conflict in the region, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Dioceses throughout the country to take up a special collection to assist with humanitarian aid in Gaza. Within the Diocese of Venice, the collection will be taken on the weekend of **September 20-21, 2025**

Your generosity and your prayers for the people of Gaza are deeply appreciated. May Almighty God bless you and your families. Please continue to pray for peace throughout the world, particularly in the middle east.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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- · How the freedom of the Holy Spirit is unleashed by true humility.
- · A Lenten journey battling the darkness of the seven deadly sins through the counteracting light of seven saints.

SPEAKERS:

























PROGRAM INFORMATION

Every Thursday (except for Holidays) Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church (In the Parish Hall-unless otherwise stated)

SCHEDULE

7:00 pm-7:15 pm-Food 7:15 pm-7:30 pm-Prayer/Gospel 7:30 pm-8:00 pm-Video/Presentation 8:00 pm-8:30 pm-Small Groups 8:30 pm-8:45 pm.-Closing

REGISTRATION

Registration is Free. Scan the QR Code to Register. For more information reach out to Timothy Altieri at Timothy.Altieri@AltieriLawFirm.com



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THURSDAY, OCT 30	12 Noon to 3 PM

Come, join us and save a baby or 2 or 3 or more

Contact: Maria @ RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com



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Learn how to help abortion-vulnerable mothers CHOOSE LIFE using the peaceful, prayerful, proven method of Sidewalk Advocates for Life

Saturday, September 20th from 9am-2pm Ave Maria University Saturday, November 8th from 9am-2pm St. John XXIII Catholic Church, Fort Myers

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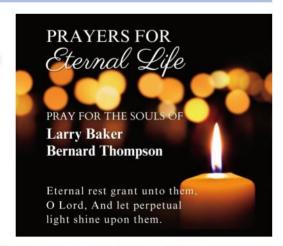
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once again inviting all of SKD to participate in the Box of Joy outreach where we bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas and planting Seeds of Hope through the Gospel.

- Parishioners and family's box or boxes will be taken home on the weekends of September 13th, 14th & 20th, 21st
- Boxes returned the following weekends September 27th, 25th & October 4th, 5th
- CCW Members will distribute and collect the boxes in the church vestibule.
- Completed boxes can be dropped off at the church hall on weekdays until 11:00 AM

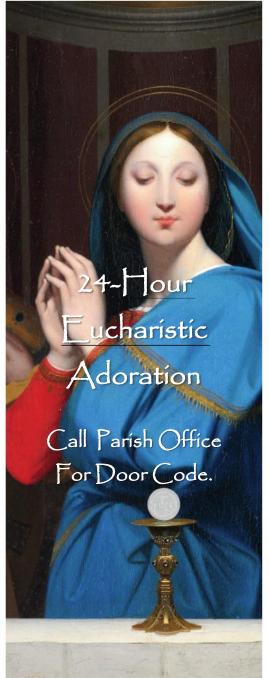
DO NOT DROP OFF Boxes at church office or Faithformation Building.

Deadline for returning your packed Box Of Joy gift is Sunday October 5th

NO boxes accepted after Deadline!

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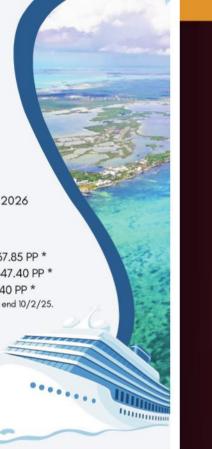
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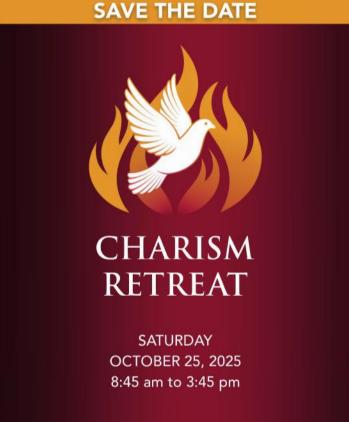


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IN THE PARISH HALL

SKD Ladies Auxiliary presents

Poochapalooza!

Saturday September 27, 10:00-2:00 SKD Parking Lot - Rain Date, October 25

All are welcome to join in the Poochapalooza fun whether you are bringing a pup, your kids or just joining in the festivities!

- Food Trucks
- Pet Vendors
- Contests (Best Dressed, Funniest Costume, Best Pet Tricks)
- Adoptable Dogs (Cape Coral Animal Shelter)

Bring your chairs and your shade and enjoy the day with your fellow parishioners, neighbors and community while supporting our Cape Coral Animal Shelter!

Contests are limited to 25 dogs and owners must complete registration, provide proof of current vaccinations and include a \$10 fee + can of puppy food.

* Dog owners responsible for pets at all times. Dogs must be on a leash.

For questions and more information, please contact Kathy Donahue at katdonahue2017@gmail.com





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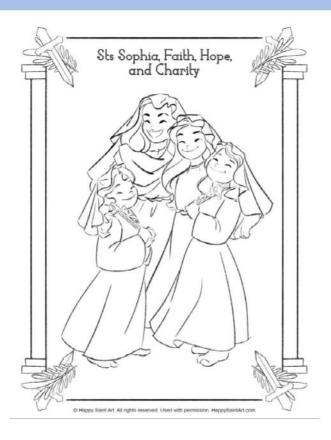
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