



St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women
February 2026

The St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women is an affiliate of the Diocese of Venice Council of Catholic Women (VDCCW) and the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW). The NCCW is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO) and is an affiliate of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



**St. Katharine Drexel
 Council of Catholic Women
 General Membership Meeting**

General Membership Meeting
 Thursday, February 5, 2026
 Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month

Place: Parish Hall

Mass: 9:00 am

Time: 10 am – 12 pm

Lunch: 12 pm - 1 pm

Potluck – Bring a Dish!

Speaker: Christina Hollingsworth of the Gallery

“Dementia and Assisted Living vs Full Care”



Fashion Show – Parish Hall
 Set up – 2/6/26 – 10 am to 3 pm
 Show: Saturday, February 7, 2026,
 10:30 am – 3 pm

Bunco: Parish Hall 11 am – 2 pm
 Meets every third Thursday of the month.
 Thursday, February 19, 2026

SKD CCW Board Meeting:
 Faith Formation Building West
 Thursday, February 26, 2026
 10 a – 12 Noon

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DRESS FOR LOVE 2026 FASHION SHOW

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TICKETS
A CHANCE AT ONE OF THREE TOP PRIZES

\$ CASH PRIZE OF \$500
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\$ MONEY TREE - FEATURING \$200 WORTH OF SCRATCH-OFF TICKETS

1 TICKET \$10.00 ♥ 3 TICKETS \$20.00

ON SALE AT ALL MASSES
JAN. 24TH & 25TH AND JANUARY 31ST & FEBRUARY 1ST

WINNERS DRAWN ON FEB 7TH 2026 AT THE SHOW- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SKD CCW SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER VARIOUS CHARITIES

Fashion Show

Co-Chairs Eileen Sadlo & Rowena Suarez

The Fashion Show is truly a team effort! It comes together beautifully because so many volunteers pitch in—helping with tables, creating artistic favors, writing name cards, setting up the jewelry table, arranging table groupings, coordinating food, and collaborating with Anthony’s to showcase the trendiest and most elegant fashions. As one

of our biggest fundraisers and most enjoyable events of the year, the Fashion Show wouldn’t be possible without our dedicated volunteers—and we are so grateful for every helping hand. We need your support again this year!

Please consider volunteering to help with setup on Friday, February 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Fashion Show itself will take place on Saturday, February 7th, and is expected to draw approximately 250 attendees. The jewelry table will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon.

With our members serving as models and an exciting array of fashions on display, it promises to be a fun and memorable event for everyone involved.

Dressing for Love has never been more fun!!



General Membership Meeting, Parish Hall
Thursday, March 5, 2026

10 am – 12 pm, **Potluck Lunch** 12 pm - 1 pm

SKD CCW Board Meeting, FF West
Thursday, March 26, 2026

10 am – 12 pm

Bunco: Parish Hall

Thursday, March 19, 2026

11 am – 2 pm – Bring a dish!



Hospitality Corner
Co-Chairwomen
Judy Curtis, Ann Young

We are enjoying the wonderful potluck lunches at our General Membership Meetings—thank you! If you wish to drop off food before the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the Parish Hall opens at 8:00 a.m. Ann and Judy will be there to store items in the refrigerator or warmer. Please note that we cannot cook food, only keep it warm. Thank you for your creativity and thoughtfulness!



Membership

Membership Corner – Roxana Nicholson, Chairwoman
CCW Membership Dues Reminder

Roxana Nicholson reminds us that CCW membership dues are collected at the first two General Membership meetings of the year, held in September and October. Please submit your dues directly to me, the Membership Chair, at one of those meetings.

If you are unable to attend either meeting, you may mail your dues to the parish. Please do not place dues in the collection basket, as they will not reach the CCW. Likewise, do not give dues to the parish office, as they will be deposited into the general weekly collection.

Checks should be made payable to St. Katharine Drexel. In the memo line, please write “SKD CCW Membership” so your payment is directed to the correct ministry. You may either pay in person at the September or October General Membership Meeting or mail your dues to:

Saint Katharine Drexel
Attention: CCW Membership
1922 SW 20th Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33991
Annual Dues: \$15 (September–May, one season)

Charity Feature - Guardian Angels, Special Populations

<https://myspecialpops.org/>

The Guardian Angels for Special Populations is a volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization supporting the Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center in Cape Coral, Florida.



Founded in 1996 by parents of program participants, the organization was created to provide resources not covered by the City of Cape Coral's budget.

Today, Guardian Angels raises funds, provides volunteers, and promotes community awareness of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Every dollar donated helps make a real difference—supporting scholarships, accessible buses and vans, program equipment, facility improvements, free lunches, and an elevated garden supplying fresh herbs and vegetables. Donations also help staff volunteers and special events, ensuring the center can continue to provide enriching programs for all participants. When CCW gives to the Guardian Angels, we help provide life-changing programs and opportunities for individuals with special needs.



E-Communications Corner – Kathy Giardina, Chairwoman

To keep you safe from scams and phishing emails, especially from fake companies, we're sending most Council of Catholic Women communications through Flocknote. The exception is the SKD CCW Newsletter which Sandy Caldwell will send to you securely. I'll also send some through my personal email, but it's always safer to go through Flocknote. No worries, when I send out emails, your addresses are always hidden to keep your privacy safe.

Please let Kathy know if you don't get any emails from the SKD Council of Catholic Women from this account staroflife4003@aol.com or Flocknote.

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RESPECT
LIFE

Maria Maddalena,
239-540-7096



Prayer - Planned Parenthood
Every Thursday starting at Noon.
Ft. Myers

Rosary for Life – SKD Chapel -
Friday, February 13, 2026 @ Noon

Diaper Drive –
Weekend of Feb. 21-22, 2026
(size 4, 5 + 6) + wipes + shampoo



The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland, recently concluded a 50th anniversary commemoration of her canonization while also launching a yearlong America250 initiative exploring her life in post-Revolutionary War America and the lasting impact of the

religious communities she founded.

Born (1774) into a prominent New York Episcopalian family, Elizabeth Ann Bayley married William Magee Seton in 1794 and enjoyed the comfortable life of a wealthy socialite and mother—briefly. The 1799 bankruptcy of her husband's business and his death in 1803 radically altered her life. She entered full communion with the Catholic Church in 1805, beginning a courageous and pioneering journey that would shape American Catholicism. As Mother Seton, she founded the first U.S. community for religious women, the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, and laid the groundwork for Catholic education in America.

In addition to the shrine's regular programming, special events in the coming year include a new exhibit, *Do the Good: The Sisters Who Shaped America* (opening March 19); America250 events and pilgrimages; the *Saints on Their Way* initiative highlighting Americans on the path to canonization; and a Seton Shrine endowment opportunity. ~ OSV News, January 13, 2026

Approaching America's 250th anniversary, we are reminded through St. Elizabeth Ann Seton that Catholic faith, service, and education have been woven into the fabric of our nation since its founding.



Maritza Nixon - *We want to thank and welcome Maritza Nixon to the Membership Commission.. She has agreed to be a co-chair with Roxana Nicholson for the rest of the year.*

Rowena Suarez – *We also want to thank Rowena Suarez for stepping up to co-chair the Fashion Show with Eileen Sadlo.*

If you know if members who have stepped up and taking the plunge into helping the CCW, we want to know! Please drop me a email with the name of the person and volunteer role. Thank you!! I will place it in the next newsletter. You can reach me at caldwesa@outlook.com . – Sandy

