



St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women ***September 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).



SKD CCW General Membership Meeting

Day: Thursday
Date: September 3, 2026
Mass: 9:00 am
Meeting: 10:00 – 12:00 pm
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Type: **Catered Lunch**



Yay! Time for Meeting
Join us!



Box of Joy: September 10, 2026
Parish Hall, 9 am – 4 pm, Assemble Boxes

Bunco:
Thursday, September 17, 2026
Parish Hall 11 am – 2 pm
Meets every third Thursday of the month.

SKD CCW Board Meeting:
Thursday, September 24, 2026
Faith Formation Building West
Meets 4th Thursday of each month



The Box of Joy Schedule for 2026
As you know, Kat Donahue will be leading the Box of Joy drive this year. Please help her continue the success of Box of Joy.



Volunteer to help at our events!

September 5, 6	Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements
September 10	Assemble Boxes, Parish Hall, 9 a – 4 p
September 12 & 13, 19 & 20	Distribute Boxes
September 26 & 27	Collect Boxes
October 3 & 4	Collect Boxes
October 5	Pack Boxes, Parish Hall, 9 a – 4 p



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **9:00 am** – Holy Mass with the Rite of Anointing
- **9:45 am** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - Blessing of the new Saint Carlo Acutis statue
 - Litany of the Saints and Veneration of the Relics
 - Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Confessions available)
- **Throughout the Day** – Holy Hours led by Saint Katharine Drexel Parish ministries and apostolates
- **6:00 pm** – SKD Family Holy Hour
 - Litany of the Saints and Veneration of the Relics
 - Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Confessions available)

6:45 pm – Benediction, Solemn Blessing, and Dismissal

October

CCW General Membership Meeting:
Thursday, October 1, 2026
Parish Hall: 10 am – 1 pm

Bunco:
Thursday, October 15, 2026
Parish Hall 11 am – 2 pm

SKD CCW Board Meeting:
Thursday, October 29, 2026
Faith Formation Building West, 10 a – 12 p

Mary & Me:
Saturday, October 10, 2026
Parish Hall, from 9:30 am – 12 Noon

St. Carlo Acutis – Veneration SKD
Holy Hour, 1 – 2 pm led by Ellen Stock
Monday, October 12, Starting with 9 am Mass

Fall Bazaar Collections:
Between Faith Formation Buildings
October 27 & October 30



Lillian Wald

Women Who Shaped America

Visiting Nurses and Care That Comes Home

At a time when medical care was limited or inaccessible for working families, a new model of healthcare began to take shape in the homes of New York City. Nurse Lillian Wald, along with Mary



Mary Brewster

Brewster, founded what would become the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. This organization was built on a simple but powerful idea: healthcare should not be limited to those who can reach a hospital. Instead, trained nurses would go directly into homes, especially in poor and immigrant neighborhoods, to provide medical care, education, and support. Along with training families how to care for themselves and preventing disease, they brought comfort and reassurance at times when medical systems were limited or inaccessible. Their work reflected an interfaith spirit. Wald and Brewster helped the sick in their neighborhood regardless of religion or ability to pay, and Henry Street itself was founded as a nonsectarian institution serving a heavily Catholic and Jewish immigrant population. Today's visiting nurse programs, hospice care, and community health services all reflect this early innovation. It remains a powerful example of how women helped reshape healthcare by bringing compassion and practical care directly to where people lived. ~SC



Ellen Stock Presents

2026 – 2027
Board of Directors

President	Mary Ann Bedell
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Membership	Roxana Nicholson, Lynne Curr
e-Communications Service	Kathy Giardina Peggy Thomas, Kat Donahue
Nominating Hospitality	Ellen Stock Judy Curtis, Ann Young
Historian	Barbara Gianelli, Robin & Julie Eliuk



From the President Mary Ann Bedell

Welcome back to the 2026–2027 season, my friends! It has been anything but a quiet CCW summer. We bridged the quietness of the summer by holding the Islander Shopping Experience and First Watch luncheon. The Board also held a Fall Bazaar Emergency Meeting. These moments of fellowship and friendship grew out of real challenges to our mission of service and leadership, and I'm grateful for how our members rose to meet them. Moving into the new season, my goal as your President is twofold. First, I'd like to encourage members to look beyond SKD CCW and more actively participate in the Diocese of Venice CCW, whether that's a Zoom meeting, their annual conference, or their annual retreat. Each of these experiences is top-notch. Second, I'd like to see more of us take part in our parish activities: the Respect Life Rosary Call, the Ladies Auxiliary Baby Shower, and the Ladies Auxiliary High Tea, to name a few. It's all there for us as Catholic women of faith; let's take advantage of it!



From the President-Elect: Ellen Stock

Welcome to all new members! We have another exciting year planned for us to grow in our faith and charitable works. It is important for us to balance out Martha and Mary duties. Our gifts of service are only supported by our spiritual efforts. We are here to assist the membership with these goals in mind. Please continue to discern your commitment to serve at our various fundraising events and on our committees. I am looking forward to another wonderful year!



From the Parliamentarian Maddy DeBlois

My thoughts and wishes for the new year include a few ideas for our meetings. We want everyone to hear what is being discussed. So, please:

1. Stand when you speak to the group or have a question for one of our speakers.
2. If you are making a motion or seconding a motion, please identify yourself and stand.
3. I love how our group naturally talks together, but can we control the chatter during the meetings?



Membership Roxana Nicholson



Dear CCW Sisters –
Welcome to our new CCW season – it's here!! I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting. We welcome Lynne Curr to Membership as she graciously accepted the role of Co-Chair for this year. Don't forget that I will be collecting Membership Dues (only \$15!!) at this meeting. Please bring them with you to the meeting and I will collect them so you are set for the rest of the season. The CCW has many activities planned which we hope you will join. We can't run without volunteers, after all.

Membership Dues are \$15
Low Rate, Great Benefits!!!



Judy Curtis & Ann Young

Our General Meetings are starting up this month. Let's talk lunch. For the beginning and ending of our season, September & May, we will provide a catered lunch. Think of it like bookends. In between, from October through April, each meeting will be a Potluck. Just remember, you don't need to feed all 30 of us; just bring a dish for 3-4. If everyone does that, we will have more than enough food.

Thanks to you, last year we enjoyed delicious lunches and plenty of food. We hope this year will be the same!



Hospitality

RESPECT LIFE



Maria Maddalena
239-540-7096

Our mission is foster respect for human life from conception to natural death.

- Praying at Planned Parenthood Fort Myers. Every Thursday – Noon to 2 pm
- Rosary for Life: SKD Church – Sunday, September 13th at Noon
- Diaper Drive: Weekend of September 19-20. We need (size 4, 5 and 6) + wipes + shampoo

Thank you for your contributions in prayer and in diapers. We appreciate you!

September 23rd to November 1st

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

Join Us!

KICK OFF EVENT!

HEAR A **PRO-LIFE STORY** YOU'VE NEVER HEARD BEFORE!

A VERY SPECIAL SPEAKER will share an incredible *pro-life story*. You won't want to miss this!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 6:00 PM

SIDEWALK OUTSIDE PLANNED PARENTHOOD
6418 Commerce Park Dr.
Fort Myers

Rain or Shine We'll Be There!
Bring a lawn chair, water & umbrella (just in case!)

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DIAPER DRIVE FOR PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS
PLEASE BRING DONATION SIZES 3-4-5-6