



St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women ***October 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: October 1, 2026

Mass: 9:00 am

Meeting: 10:00 – 12:00 pm

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Type: Potluck- Bring a Dish!

Speaker: Ellen Stock

Topic: Explanation of Holy Hour
for St. Carlo Acutis Feast Day



On the fence? Come to Meeting!



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

Box of Joy
October 3, 4 – Collect Boxes
October 5 – Pack Boxes, Parish Hall 9 a – 4 p

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

St. Carlo Acutis – Veneration SKD
Monday, October 12, Starting with 9 am Mass

CCW Holy Hour, SKD Church
Monday, October 12, 1 – 2 pm
Please wear your Blue CCW Scarves

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

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

Please join us
CCW's annual

Mary and Me

morning conference

Speaker~Rose Talbot-Babey
Saint Katharine Drexel
Director of Religious Education

*"Do what ever
He tells you"*

Saturday, Oct 10th
9:30 AM ~ 12:00 PM
Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM

**Saint Katharine Drexel
Parish Hall
1922 SW 20th Ave
Cape Coral, FL**




Respect Life:
Maria
Maddalena,
239-540-7096



Our mission is to 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 – Tuesday, October 13th, at Noon
- Diaper Drive: Weekend of October 17-18. We need (size 4, 5 and 6) + wipes + shampoo

We appreciate all of your contributions.
Thank you!



Lady Mary Jane

Women in America

The YWCA and Women Building Strong Communities

As American cities expanded in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, many young women moved to urban areas for work, often facing isolation and limited support systems. In response, women created organizations to help other women find safety, opportunity, and community. Emma Robarts and Lady Mary Jane Kinnaird were the women in England who established housing and support for young working women in London and the *Prayer Union for Young Women* during the 1850s. She helped begin the *Prayer Union for Young Women* in England in the 1850s, focusing on spiritual support and safe community for working women. Their efforts merged into the broader Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) movement in Britain and spread to the United States as local women's groups adapted it into housing, job training, and community support centers in cities. Local YWCA chapters became important centers of community life. They provided childcare, language classes, employment assistance, and safe gathering spaces. For many women, especially those new to a city or country, the YWCA offered stability and connection. The organization also became a platform for civic engagement and leadership, giving women opportunities to organize, serve, and advocate for their communities. Today, the YWCA continues its mission across the country, carrying forward a long tradition of women helping women build strong, connected communities. ~SC





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)

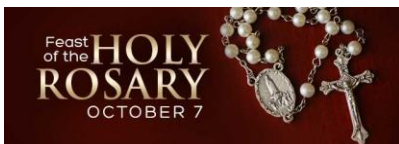
6:45 pm – Benediction, Solemn Blessing, and Dismissal

We celebrate the Feast of St. Carlo Acutis on October 12th, Ellen Stock, our President-Elect, tells us more about him:



St. Carlo Acutis was only 15 when he passed away from a short battle with leukemia. He lived a life striving for closeness to God and the Blessed Mother. Although his parents only went to Mass occasionally, Carlo went daily when possible. It was his example and teachings that transformed his family into having a true relationship with Jesus. He loved technology, reading the Gospels, his pets, and sports. St. Carlo also loved the Eucharist and, using that technology, compiled a webpage of Eucharistic worldwide miracles. He visited the homeless near the church and fed them. He always greeted the poor and lonely in town. St. Carlo was mystically visited by several saints during his life, made prophecies about the future, and countless miracles have been attributed to his intercession since his death.

St. Carlo is a model for CCW women in every way, in his service to others, his love of our Catholic faith, and his rich prayer life. He reminds us that we all have a mission to spread the love of Christ, no matter our age.



October is the Month of the Rosary....

As we pray the rosary this month, please take time to join the Council in holding up prayers for our CCW sisters who are experiencing sickness, hardship, or hard decisions, as well as the families and caregivers who walk beside them. May Our Lady, who stood by her Son to the end, comfort them. Jesus is Emmanuel, God who is always with us. May they all rest in God's peace and feel the warmth and prayers of our sisterhood. ~sc



SKD CCW General Meeting:
Thursday, November 5, 2026
Parish Hall: 10 am – 1 pm

CCW Holiday Bazaar – Parish Hall
Saturday, November 14 – 9 a – 6 p

Bunco: Parish Hall
Thursday, November 19 – 11 a – 2 p

SKD CCW Board Meeting:
Faith Formation Building West
Tuesday, November 24, 2026



Roxana
Nicholson

Dues by 10/31/26



We hope to see you at our October meeting. As you know, we are collecting dues throughout October with a deadline for dues by October 31st. Please give me your dues at the October General Meeting on October 1st. If you are unable to attend that meeting, you can mail your dues to Saint Katharine Drexel. The annual fee is only \$15 for a whole year! If you mail them, dues are payable to St. Katharine Drexel. In memo of your check, please add SKD CCW Membership so your check will be directed to the right ministry. You can mail your dues to: Saint Katharine Drexel, Attention Membership CCW, 1922 SW 20th Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991.

**CCW
Holiday Bazaar**
Saturday, November 14th - 9:00am to 6:00pm
SKD Parish Hall

We are accepting donations for our Collectibles and Home Boutique booth. Items need to be in like new condition with a value of at least \$15.00.

Collections will be outside the Faith Formation buildings from 10:00am to 12:00 noon ...
Tuesday, October 27th Tuesday, November 3rd
Friday, October 30th Friday, November 6th

Questions? Contact Maddy @ (207) 754-2215
or email mmedeblois@gmail.com



From our President
Mary Ann Bedell

I truly appreciate all the get well cards and prayers that you've sent my way. We are a sisterhood and I want to thank you for caring.

