

St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women

November 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: November 5, 2026
Mass: 9:00 am
Meeting: 10:00 – 12:00 pm
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Type: Potluck – Bring a Dish!!!



Nominating Committee – FFE Library
Tuesday, November 10, 10 a -11 a

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

Bunco: Parish Hall
Thursday, November 20, 2026
Parish Hall 11 am – 2 pm
Meets every third Thursday of the month.

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



Christmas Dinner Party

Date: Sunday, December 6th
Time: 2 pm – 6 pm, Dinner at 4 pm
Place: Parish Hall
Cost: $35
Prize: Best Festive Outfit (be creative!)
Gift: $20 gift for Gift Exchange
Bring: Alcoholic Beverage of choice

Checks are payable to St. Katharine Drexel, with CCW Christmas Party in the memo of the check. *Tickets will go on sale at the November 5th CCW General Membership Meeting.* Once you buy the ticket, please indicate your meal choice.

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Kat: donahuestephen005@gmail.com

First Meeting of the Nominating Committee. . .



Ellen Stock

This commission meets to nominate members for the Board of Directors and Commission. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary Ann Bedell or myself. Everyone should prayerfully consider serving on the Board or Commissions.

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Time: 10 am – 11 am
Place: Faith Formation East, Library

We appreciate your consideration – thank you. *Ellen Stock*

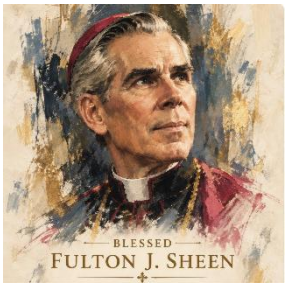


SKD CCW General Meeting:
Thursday, December 3, 2026
Parish Hall: 10 am – 1 pm

CCW Christmas Party – Parish Hall
Sunday, December 6, 2026

Bunco: Parish Hall 11 am – 2 pm

SKD CCW Board Meeting:
Faith Formation Building West
Tuesday, December 29, 2026



Fulton J. Sheen: Evangelizing Through the New Technology

When Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979) was beatified on September 24, 2026, the Church recognized a man who understood something remarkably well for his time: if you want to reach people with the Gospel, meet them where they are. For Blessed Sheen, that place was television. His groundbreaking program, *Life Is Worth Living*, began in 1952. At its height, an estimated 30 million people watched each week -- Catholics, Protestants, Jews, believers, skeptics and people simply searching for meaning. In 1953, he won an Emmy for Most Outstanding Television Personality; more than 8,000 letters a week poured in for him from viewers. Many shared how his words had brought them closer to God. Archbishop Sheen understood that television could carry the Gospel into millions of homes and embraced that prospect. We celebrated St. Carlo Acutis last month; Archbishop Sheen was a forerunner decades before him in using new technology to reach people for Jesus Christ. Different technology, different generation, the same mission: use the tools of your time to bring people to Christ. And today, we are standing in the doorway to the age of AI. Perhaps the lesson from both Blessed Sheen and St. Carlo is not to fear new technology, but to use it as a tool to reach people where they are. For more information - Biography of Blessed Fulton J. Sheen *~sc*



Maddy DeBlois

CCW Holiday Bazaar



Vicky Parker



Join us for a wonderful Holiday Bazaar



Roxana Nicholson

Membership

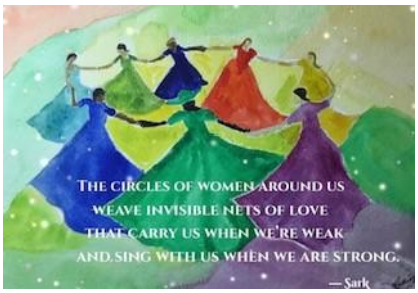


Don't Miss the Holiday Bazaar!

Dear CCW Sisters:

We are looking forward to seeing you in the coming weeks. Our Council is working hard planning and preparing for the upcoming one-day Holiday Bazaar on November 14. We hope for a large crowd to come and enjoy quiches and baked goods, baked by our members, and all the crafts being offered. There are more than 24 vendors participating this year. Also, membership dues were requested at the first two meetings. In addition, those who have not yet paid received dues requests by mail. So far, we have sent 47 reminders; 25 of our members very kindly respond with their dues. Thank you!

Roxana Nicholson & Lynn Curr



Prayers for Our Sisters in Christ…

In the span of 19 days, we lost two of our sisters in Christ: Pauline Wylie and Peggy Thomas. Both women practiced their faith by putting it into action. For Pauline, it meant years of participation in CCW, most recently with the Fall Bazaar on the Jewelry Table. For Peggy, her passion was the Box of Joy, through which she enabled children around the world to receive Christmas gifts, especially the joy of Jesus. Peggy also served CCW in the role of chairwoman of several commissions, including President. Both women were essential parts of our sisterhood - we will remember them and their legacy. As Catholics, we believe death is not the end, but the passing into eternal life with Jesus. As we remember them with love, we hold Judy Curtis in our hearts following the loss of her husband, Doug. May Our Lady bring comfort to those who grieve, strength to those who suffer, and peace to all who need God's loving presence. *~sc*

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Ann Young

Hospitality



Judy Curtis

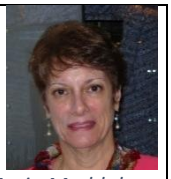
The November General Meeting is Potluck this month. And, we have a theme! Join us at the meeting with a Fall Potluck. Bring your delicious food so we can share it with our wonderful company!! Fall is in the air……





Respect Life:

Maria Maddalena, 239-540-7096



Maria Maddalena

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

Praying at Planned Parenthood, Fort Myers – every Thursday – Noon to 2PM

Rosary for Life – SKD Church – Friday, November 13th at Noon

Diaper Drive (size 4, 5 and 6) + wipes/ shampoo/lotion– weekend of Nov. 14-15

Service

Box of Joy Report

With the men doing the heavy lifting packing cartons to ship to Cross Catholic, we sorted and packed boxes adding rosaries and the Miraculous Medal to each. We made record time and were done by 11:30 am! All in all, we shipped 606 boxes which will go to children around the globe who will learn about the Joy of Jesus and the wonder of Christmas.



Stephen Donahue, Ken Slavik, Ken Yacavone; not pictured, Christopher Stock



Kat Donahue, Father Ricky, Robin Eliuk



Christine Eliuk, Marlene Poirier, Kim Slavik, Anna Yacavone, Ellen Stock, Sandy Caldwell



Kat Donahue



Peggy Thomas

Thank you Volunteers !!!!





Father Ricky!!!!!

Bishop Emilio made several appointments to the Presbyteral Council and Office of Education. Our wonderful Father Ricky was appointed as:

- Bishop-appointed Representative to the Presbyteral Council
- Associate Chaplain to Bishop Verot High School in Ft. Myers *(corrected town)* effective 10/26/26