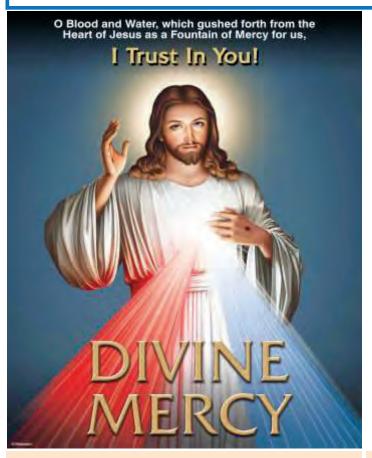
# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

1922 SW 20th Avenue / Cape Coral, Florida 33991 Telephone: (239) 283-9501 / Website: <a href="www.drexelcc.org">www.drexelcc.org</a>

Email: office@drexelcc.org



## 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
Saturdays—After 9:00 am Morning Mass
and from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**First Fridays of the Month** after 9:00 am Mass, and from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm or by appointment

## **FAITH FORMATION**

239) 283-0525 or email rose@drexelcc.org

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday – 8:30 am 4:30 pm Tuesday – 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

**APRIL 7, 2024** 

# SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**BAPTISM:** 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 rose@drexelcc.org. Baptisms are scheduled after consultation with a priest.

<u>MARRIAGE</u>: 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.

<u>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:</u> Are you going for a surgery? Do you need The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Please see the priest after any Mass or call the parish office.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you'd like a priest to visit you with the sacraments, please call the parish office.

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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, ands service, to build the Kingdom of God.

<u>NEW PARISHIONERS:</u> Registration forms are available in the church narthex, parish office and the parish website.

<u>PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL</u>: If you are in a local hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL FLOCKNOTE: Join Flocknote, our online community. To sign up and receive our email or events and parish information, please go to <a href="mailto:drexelcc.flocknote.com">drexelcc.flocknote.com</a>

### PARISH STAFF

Pastor — Father Ricky Varner (varner@drexelcc.org)

Administrative Assistant — Alba Gibbons (office@drexelcc.org)

Business Manager—Frank Newcomb (frank@drexelcc.org)

DRE—Rose Marie Talbot-Babey (rose@drexelcc.org)

**Director of Music**—John Hudak (hudak@drexelcc.org)

**Director of Youth** — Aileen Vasquez (aileen@drexelcc.org)

Maintenance—Ernie Sierocinski (ernie@drexelcc.org)

Housekeeping—Gilma Avalos (gilma@drexelcc.org)

**Housekeeping** — Terry Gastauer (gastauer@drexelcc.org)

### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

Victor Balaj, Peter Barrett, Sr., Steven Cozza, Tom Feig, Kathleen Houghton, Steve Ketteler, Mark Pennington, Steve Shaw, and Phaedra Weiler.

### **JEREMIAH TEAM**

Father Ricky Varner, Timothy Altieri, Peter Barrett, Ken Caserio, Renee Marazon, Anne McCormick, Michelle Plakosh, and Sandy

# Your Contribution towards the Catholic Faith Appeal...

is a witness of living Gospel more intentionally by supporting works of Mercy and Charities. Among the programs sustained by **CFA** are evangelization initiatives, education for both Children and adults in Faith, formation of future priests, and aid for religious sisters who serve those in need. CFA also includes funding houses for the homeless, seniors, as well as mothers and their children. Your support is deeply appreciated!

# SKD PARISH CALENDAR- MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

7:00 pm Lay Augustinians (FFW)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9** 

6:00 PM Alpha Courses

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10** 

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)

10:00 am Walking w/Purpose (FFE)

10:00 am Mom's Group (FFE)11:00 am Bible Study (FFW)

6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)

6:30 pm TOPS (FFW)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11** 

10:00 am CCW membership (FFW)

11:30 am Pro-Life Commission

7:00 pm TMIY (Hall)

7:00 pm Walking w/Purpose (FFE)

7:30 pm Bible Study (FFW)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

7:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13** 

12:00 am Rosary for Life (Chapel)

SUNDAY, April 14

9:00 am Religious Education Classes

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Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal will continue to make a difference in the lives of others!

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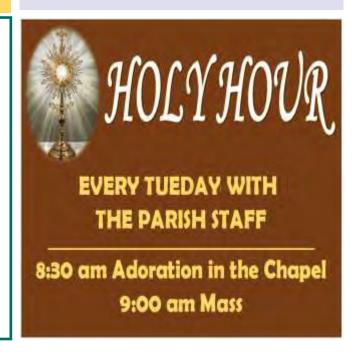
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**Catholic Faith Appeal 2024** 

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Visit parish website: <a href="www.drexelcc.org">www.drexelcc.org</a>
and click on the Online Giving link!



# 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 Pra ce of Spiritual Dir

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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# Bell Ringers Needed!

The SKD Music Ministry is looking for 2-3 additional bell ringers for the 2024-2025 season which begins in August.

As the BELL CHOIR is entering it's 3rd year since its inception we are looking for members who are able to READ music notations and rhythms.

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If you have rung in a bell choir and/or can read music you are most welcome to stop down by the Music Ministry in the Church ANY Sunday and have a chat with our Music Director. An informational brochure is available in the Narthex on the counter for more details about the bell choir OR you may contact me at the Parish Office 20239.283.9501. Thanks...

John SC Hudak, Director of Music

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# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, April 8: The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 am t Lucy McKeever

Tuesday, April 9: **Easter Weekday** 

9:00 am Ben Smith

Wednesday, April 10: Easter Weekday

9:00 am † D. Carino & Anita Batungbacal

Thursday, April 11: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and M.

9:00 am t Arno and Helen Strecker

Friday, April 12: **Easter Weekday** 9:00 am t Rinehart W. Bost

Saturday, April 13: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

9:00 am Barbara Collins

4:00 pm Richard Dirmyer

Sunday, April 14: **Third Sunday of Easter** 

8:30 am SKD Parishioners

10:30 am John P. & Margaret Hudak

12:30 am Margie Smith

"Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world."

-Saint Irenaeus

# Week of: April 7, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Ramon D. Mescallado

By Noemi A. Mescallado

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* A doration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Dr. Douglas Smith** 

By Margaret Gallagher

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

**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: Third Tuesday at: 6:30 pm, Email Kerri

Houghton at: kahoughton1998@gmail.com

**Bereavement Schedule:** First Friday at 5:30 pm and third Monday at 2:00 pm. Contact Carrie Daniels at: (239) 770-

1510 or carriebereavement@hotmail.com

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays 11:00 am and Thursdays 7:30 pm.

Call Russ at: (239) 574-0020.

Embrace Grace-Mom & Dad Support Groups: Contact

Rose Talbot-Babey at: rose@drexelcc.org

Church Decorators: Contact Donna Frys at: (239) 540-7568.

Children's Rosary: 2nd Saturday of Month, Contact

Gina Moreno at: gmdibagno@gmail.com

**Council of Catholic Women**: Meets First Thursdays

September to May. Contact Vicky Parker at: (239) 219-4537

or email at: parker0496@yahoo.com

Cursillo/Ultreya: Vicki Minervini: vickiminervini@gmail.com

Gift Shop: Open Sundays 9:30 am to 11:45 am.

**Holy Spirit group:** First Thursday at 6:30 pm Hall. Contact Renee Marazon at: renee@marazon.com

Homebound Ministry: Contact Debbie Eppinger at: (330) 716

-3108 or at: buhlcm2@gmail.com

Hospitality: Call Virginia Hinspeter at: (239) 283-3880.

Knights of Columbus: First Monday, 6:30 pm. Contact Lazaro Miel at: <a href="www.kofc11177.org">www.kofc11177.org</a> or <a href="miell@bellsouth.net">miell@bellsouth.net</a>

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary:** 

Contact Lizzy Paredes at: (239) 233-9050 or lizzy@lpins.org

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 Patricia Crowder at: (239) 573-8318.

Mom's Group: Bethany Normoyle at: (239)980-6537 or

brnormoyle@gmail.com

Music Ministry: Bell Choir, Cantors, Children's Choir,

Contemporary Choir, Traditional Choir.
Contact: John Hudak at: hudak@drexelcc.org

Prayer Network: Call Jean Triplett at: (239) 699-2624

**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: Jeanine Pennington-Chairperson

Contact at: **SKDprolife@gmail.com** 

Redeemer Associates: Fourth Mondays at: 6:30 pm. Contact

Barbara M. at: bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com

Respect Life: Email Maria at: RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com

Rosary: After Weekday Mass and Sundays at: 12:00 Noon.

Secular Franciscans: Second Saturday, 9:30 am.

Contact Doug Elliott at: (585) 370-6178.

**Sons of Saint Joseph**: Mike Vasquez at: <a href="mailto:gyllr@me.com">gyllr@me.com</a></a> **Spiritual Direction**: Rose Marie Talbot-Babey email at:

Rose@drexelcc.org

SKD Family Life: Contact Rose at: <a href="mailto:skdfamily@gmail.com">skdfamily@gmail.com</a>

Table of Plenty Food Pantry: Contact Ron Curr at: (239) 281-8833 or Kathy at: (239) 770-3551

TMIY -Timothy J. Altieri, Esq. (239) 810-1093 Email: timothy.altieri@altierilawfirm.com

**TOPS:** Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Contact

Wanda Butrim at: wjbutrim@outlook.com

**TOPS:** Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Contact

Debbie Baker at: (937) 626-6247

Vocations: Call Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

Welcoming Committee: Contact Judy Ketteler at: (816) 809-2227 or at: <a href="mailto:judydesch@gmail.com">judydesch@gmail.com</a>

Wedding Coordinator: Karen at: karenrn1008@gmail.com

Women Bible Study- Walking with Purpose: Connie Orr

Francesca E. (239) 565-8969 or (239) 600-0470

Youth Group: Aileen Vasquez Email: <a href="mailto:aileen@drexelcc.org">aileen@drexelcc.org</a> High school: 1st & 3rd Fridays & Every Wed (6 pm to 8:30 pm) Middle school: 1st and 3rd Fridays. (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

**Pope Francis prayer inten** on for April 2024: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**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

# Ladies of Saint Katharine Drexel!

Have you been considering becoming a bit more ve in the our parish but are not quite sure what you want to do?



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hos Wine & Cheese Membership drive. Sip wine and enjoy a complimentary hand massage and para n wax treatment while learning more about the group.

If you are not currently a member, please join us in the parish hall for the open house event on Sunday April 28th, Come and go any between 1:30-3:30.

We hope to see you there!

Membership is open to all ladies of the parish. For questions, contact Judy Ke eler 816-809-2227.



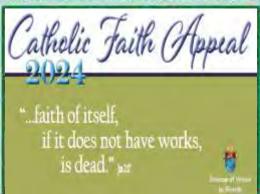
What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist?

It is God who, as our Savior, offers himself each day for us to His Father's justice. If you are in difficulties and sorrows, He will comfort and relieve you. If you are sick, He will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit Heaven. If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war upon you, He will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory. If you are poor, He will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity. Let us open the door of His sacred and adorable Heart, and be wrapped about for an instant by the flames of His love, and we shall see what a God who loves us can do. O my God, who shall be able to comprehend?" -St. John Vianney



These faith communities provide the chance for individuals to grow and serve as a source of spiritual support. Your partnership provides assistance for parishes and missions located in financially challenged areas.

The Diocese's Hispanic and Haitian Apostolates are important initiatives that evidence the Church's recognition and commitment to serving and supporting diverse popula-



tions throughout Southwest Florida.

These apostolates seek to address the spiritual, educational, social, and material needs of these communities, while at the same time promoting their well-being, inte-

gration, and empowerment within the larger Church and society. This is accomplished through Liturgical celebrations, cultural events, support groups and initiatives aimed to address the distinctive challenges faced. Unique contributions of multi-cultural populations make these local parishes truly vibrant communities.

The Diocese is blessed to celebrate Mass in 8 languages on any given Sunday.

# RESPECT LIFE

Eternal Father. Source of all mercy and love, out of love for us you sent your Son, and willed that blood and water flow from his side to cleanse us of sin and restore lost innocence.

Hear the cry of each woman who mourns the loss of her child to abortion. Forgive her sin, restore her to your grace, and still the terror of her heart with a peace beyond all understanding. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all tenderness and our Mother, strengthen her faith in you. Give her the consolation to believe that her child is now living in the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who conquered sin and death, and who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

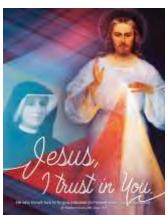
one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine

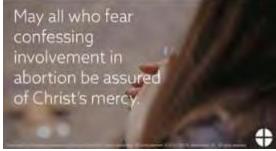
Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

> —St. Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005

Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man.



- Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli address, March 30, 2008



"It is a lesson we all need—to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path." -St. Katharine Drexel

Be Blessed and Encouraged at our next Magnificat breakfast for women, Saturday,



May 11, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the Crown Plaza Fort Myers Gulf Coast, formerly Holiday Inn Airport.

Our speaker, Fernande Benjamin, was born in Canada, where rural life proved very challenging, especially after the death of her mother when she was only five. Her child-hood was influenced by her devout Catholic father and step-mother. Her first

three years of education were conducted in French. At age eight, Fernande immigrated to the United States, unable to speak a word of English. Although she was in third grade in Canada, when she enrolled in classes taught by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit Congregation, she was placed in first grade to learn English. Please send a \$26 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Margaret Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919. Your mail request must be postmarked by May 3 or make online reservations until Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets/. For more information, contact Margaret Mengle, 239-826-7475.

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# PREGNANT?

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Explore your options and find the help you need here.



# These are the closest pregnancy help centers:

Community Pregnancy Clinic 239-689-1543 Fort Myers 239-262-6381 Naples www.communitypregnancyclinic.com

Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida 239-990-8186 Fort Myers 239-280-5523 Naples - www.prcnaples.org

Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center, Fort Myers 239-433-1929 - www.pregnancyfortmyers.com

# Closest maternity/after-birth home:

Thrive, Cape Coral, 239-242-7238 www.ThriveSWFL.org





Diocese of Venice Respect Life Office dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife





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Saint Katharine Drexel Respect Life **Ministry Vigil Hours** 

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Thursdays at Noon

### WHERE

Outside Planned Parenthood 6418 Commerce Park Drive, Fort Myers

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For info, Email Rita at: skd\_prayers\_for\_military@yahoo.com



# **Marriage Struggling?**

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, no matter how bad it may be... Retrouvaille can help,

as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program in Tampa begins May 17-19, 2024. For more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, or call (727) 343-6701. *Not counseling or group therapy*. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.



# **Rosary for Life**

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary - call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from thy lips: never suffer it to leave thy heart." St. Bernard.

Please join the Respect Life Ministry on Saturday, April 13th at 12 Noon in our beautiful Chapel to commemorate the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

The intention will be for Respect for all Human Life from conception to natural death. Any questions please email Maria at: <a href="mailto:RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com">RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com</a>.

# Anniversary Blessings

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

Offers Blessings and Congratulations to it's Couples Celebrating their Anniversary

Robert and Mary DeLlorto



60 years April 18, 2024

Would you like to include your Anniversary in our bull

Please send your inform to <u>bulle @drexelcc.org</u>.





Cursillo English Speaking Ultreya - All CAPE CORAL/PINE ISLAND Cursillista's are invited to attend our Ultreya on Friday, April 26, 2024 at St Katharine Drexel, in the Faith Formation Bldg. *West 1922 SW 20th Ave.* We gather at 7:00 for Stations of the Cross and meeting begins at 7:30. Bring a snack to share.



# In Search of Buried Treasures Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Hall

This Easter Season is the perfect time to prepare for Pentecost by searching for buried treasures, God's gifts, that are in you and in all of us.

Just as those in the upper room experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you too will experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit as you search for God's graces in your life, called charisms.

You are Invited To

Uncover your charisms! Learn about your charisms! Discover how you bless others when you use your charisms! and Experience how others bless you when they use their charisms!

REGISTER no later than April 12, 2024
Visit www.drexelcc.org, Scan this qr code

# **Hospitality Ministry**

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you like to make people feel welcome and included?

The SKD Hospitality Minister could use your smile and friendliness to greet and welcome all who walk through our doors to worship. We are looking for those who feel called to this ministry to join this us. Hospitality Ministers are needed to serve our parish at the Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM Masses.

For more information, please contact Virginia Hinspeter at firstdreamteam@yahoo.com.

# Saint Katharine Drexel Gift Shop Inspirational Gifts of Faith

Shop for traditional Catholic First Communion items, prayer cards, household decorations and rosaries etc. Open after all Weekend Masses.

# **Volunteers Needed!**

Please consider volunteering just 2 hours a month. Please call *Theresa Bickford at (239) 209-2402.* 

### **Diocesan Information - 11**



# The Importance of Catholic Higher Education – by Mark Middendorf

Come and join us in fellowship on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at St. John XXIII parish center! Our speaker will be Mark Middendorf, President of Ave Maria University and Founder of Lighthouse Catholic Media (LCM). He merged LCM with the Augustine Institute in 2015 and worked for the Institute as Executive Vice President for Mission Expansion. There, he launched and expanded the Formed platform. In 2022, he was selected to be the fourth president of Ave Maria University. Please join us as Mark speaks on, The *Importance of Catholic Higher Education.* 

Faith & Ale is a Catholic Men's group. The program begins at 6 PM with pizza and refreshments for a \$10 donation and concludes at 8 PM. Reservations are required – please register online at www.faithandale.com

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