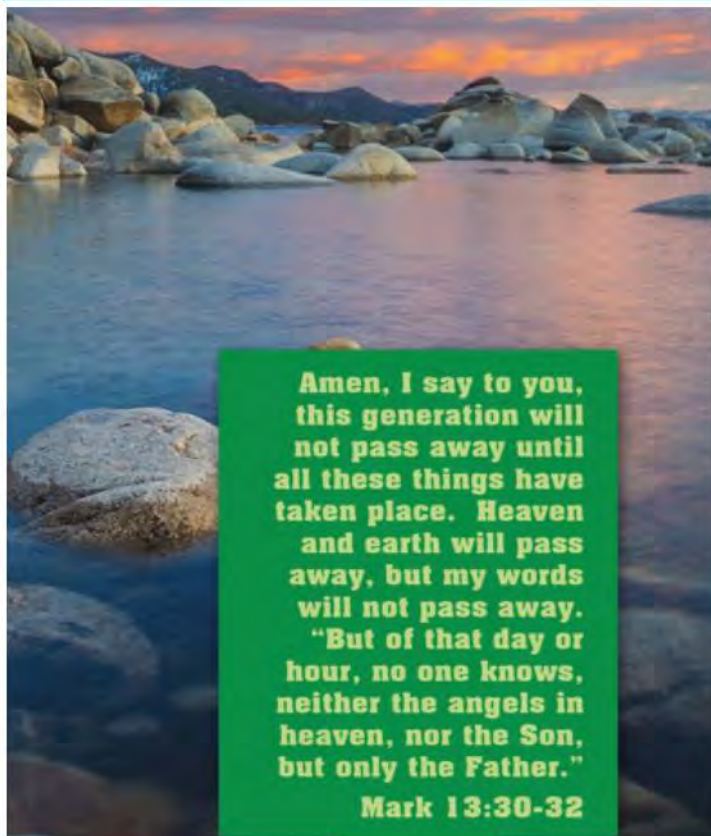


Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

1922 SW 20th Avenue / Cape Coral, Florida 33991
Telephone: (239) 283-9501 / Website: www.drexelcc.org
Email: office@drexelcc.org



Amen, I say to you,
this generation will
not pass away until
all these things have
taken place. Heaven
and earth will pass
away, but my words
will not pass away.
"But of that day or
hour, no one knows,
neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father."
Mark 13:30-32

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.

MARRIAGE: 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Registration forms are in the church, parish office and on the parish website.

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 Mass

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

First Fridays of the Month—After 9:00 am Mass
and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

November 17, 2024

PARISH VISION

Saint Katharine Drexel is a welcoming,
Christ-centered family,
Nourished through the Sacraments,
And chosen, anointed and sent by the Holy Spirit
To grow in holiness and build the Kingdom of God.

PARISH MISSION

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, and service,
to build the Kingdom of God.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL FLOCKNOTE

Join our Parish Flocknote. To sign up and receive our email or events and parish information, please go to drexelcc.flocknote.com.

SKD 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)

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.

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

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

"Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits."
 —Saint Philip Neri

Thank you for your Generosity!

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

Stewardship November 10, 2024

Offertory: \$13,101.39

Online Giving: \$6,910.87

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$33,485.50

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$254,905.00

Payments to Date: \$234,004.04

Visit parish website: www.drexelcc.org
 and click on the Online Giving link!

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18:

6:30 pm AA Meeting (FFE)
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (FFW)
 6:30 pm Holy Redeemers (Library)
 6:30 pm Bell Choir (Church)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19:

6:30 pm Cantors (Church)
 6:30 pm Prayer Team Formation (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)
 10:00 am Walking with Purpose (FFE)
 11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)
 5:30 pm Children Choir (Church)
 6:00 pm Youth Group—HS (FFE)
 7:00 pm TOPS (FFW)
 7:00 pm Adult Choirs (Church)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21:

10:00 am Bunco (Hall)
 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
 5:30 pm Alpha Core Team (FFW)
 7:00 pm Bible Class (FFW)
 7:00 pm TMIY (Hall)
 7:00 pm Walking with Purpose (FFE)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

10:30 am Legion of Mary (FFW)
 6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)
 7:00 pm Cursillo/Ultreya (FFW)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23:

9:00 am Charism Retreat (Hall)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24:

9:30 am Religious Ed Classes (FFB)
 2:00 pm Pets Blessing

Maintenance Fund
Scan to donate



Give Online

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 Practice of Spiritual Direction*)

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

Saint Katharine Drexel Church

Is equipped with a Hearing Loop Assistive Listening System.

Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to **T** (Telephone).



Saint Katharine Drexel parish has a Formed subscription. To set up your FREE account visit www.Formed.org/signup and select SKD parish.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 18: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
9:00 am †Catherine Thayer

Tuesday, November 19: Weekday
9:00 am † Vincent Tomminelli

Wednesday, November 20: Weekday
9:00 am †Charles Garra

Thursday, November 21: Presentation of Virgin Mary
9:00 am †Nancy Eckenrod

Friday, November 22: St. Cecilia Virgin and Martyr
9:00 am †John and Anna Dooley

Saturday, November 23: St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr
9:00 am †Eileen Isabella
4:00 pm †Sylvia Boucher

Sunday, November 24: Christ the King
8:30 am SKD parishioners
10:30 am In Thanksgiving for all blessings
12:30 pm †Jean T. Bouthillette

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

-Saint Irenaeus

Week of: November 17, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

James Stayoch

By Bob and Alice Hofer

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Dennis Delikat

By Bob and Alice Hofer



The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.
Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.

THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST



You Are Invited!
Saint Katharine Drexel Church
Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28th
9:45 am to 12:00 Noon
in the Parish Hall



RSVP on the Parish Website
 or call the Parish Office.

In Search of Buried Treasure Charism Retreat



- ♦ Inspiring Talks
- ♦ Prayer and Meditation
- ♦ Engaging Group Activities
- ♦ Spiritual Growth
- ♦ Uncover and Learn About Your Charisms
- ♦ Discover How God Uses Your Charisms to

Saturday
November 23, 2024
10:00 am to 3:30 pm
SKD Parish Hall

See the SKD Bulletin-Website or Scan this Code



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November 2024

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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



**** Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time ****

November 17, 2024

Dear Saint Katharine Drexel Parishioners:

As another fiscal year has ended, we are filled with gratitude for all that we have accomplished together, and I want to take a moment to share the financial health of our parish with you. Your continued generosity and commitment to the vision-mission of SKD parish have made this year a true blessing. With the assistance of the Parish Finance Council, this report serves to inform you of our financial standing, the projects we've completed, and the upcoming work still ahead.

The Finance Council reviews the parish finances quarterly and we have filed these reports with the Diocese of Venice, on time, as required. It is especially important to note the following: Church income (revenue) for the fiscal year totaled \$1,463,816.00 which was an increase of \$55,543.00 compared to last year. Expenses for the fiscal year totaled \$1,649,611.00, an increase of \$23,102.00. We experienced higher expenses due to an increase in parish insurance, personnel, utilities, maintenance of our buildings, and ministry and liturgical supplies. Please review the financial charts posted on the parish website and in the parish bulletin.

SKD parish relies on every family, both year-around and seasonal, for your generous contributions to support not only SKD parish but also the Catholic Faith Appeal. For those families who have already contributed to the Catholic Faith Appeal, I thank you. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

As a parish, we have not yet met the assessment goal of \$241,000.00 for the Catholic Faith Appeal. To date, the parish has collected only \$233,494.00 and pledges to date of \$254,895.00. We are close, but we are short of the goal by \$7,505.00. **Did you know:** of the 4,692 registered families only 395 families contributed to the Catholic Faith Appeal. For those who have not yet contributed, please consider making a sacrificial gift. Let the words of Saint Paul speak to you as they speak to me, *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7). All gifts are appreciated.

Finally, special recognition needs to be given to Finance Council members for their dedication to SKD parish. Steve Ketteler (Chairperson), Victor Balaj, Peter Barrett, Phaedra Weiler, Tom Feig, Kathleen Houghton, Mark Pennington, and Steve Shaw. These people do so much work "crunching the numbers" and ensuring that the parish remains financially solvent. Should you have any questions about this report, or the parish finances in general, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Finance Council members.

We have so much to be grateful for! Thank you for your generosity, your participation in the parish family, and most importantly, your prayers. Your stewardship through tithing enables us to continue the good work for the kingdom of God. May his glory and choicest blessings be upon you.

-Father Ricky



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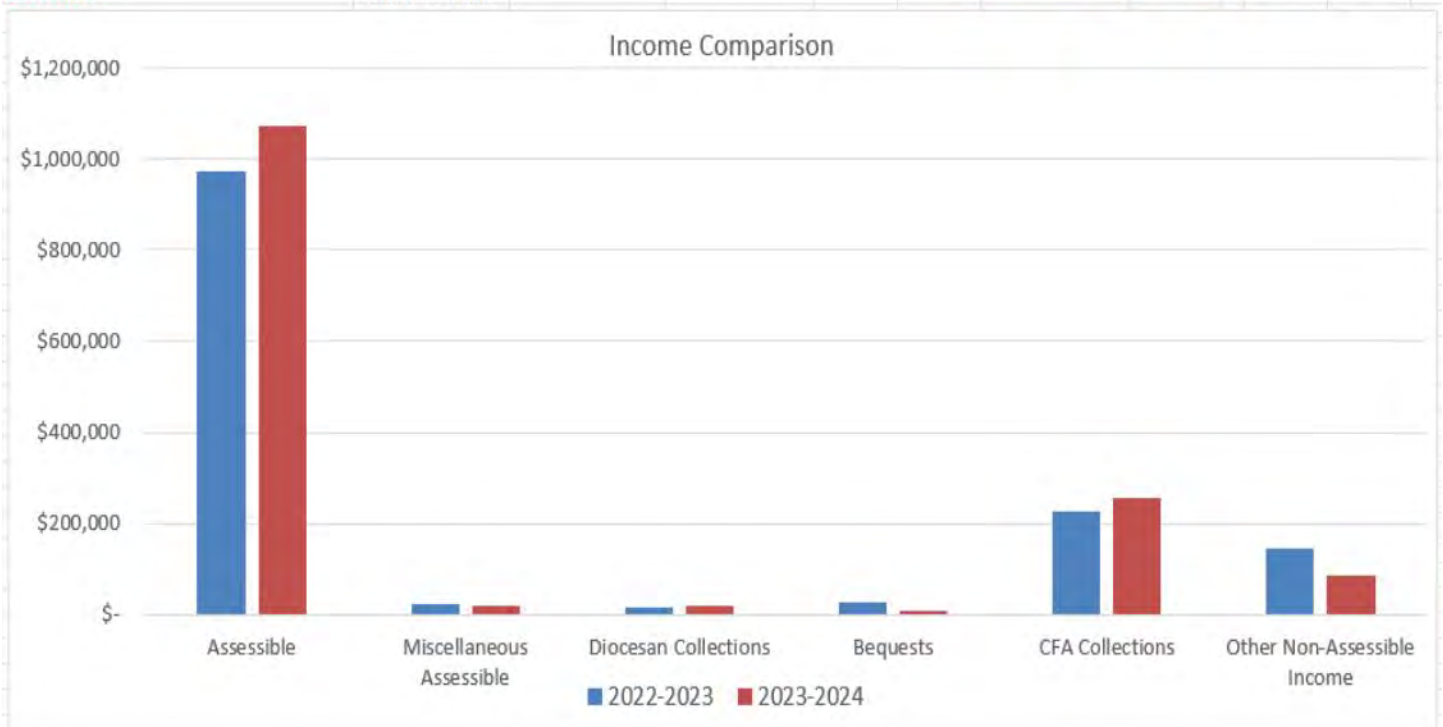
Income Statement Comparison for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Other Non-Assessible Income (includes Rectory, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, etal)

Income:	2022-2023	2023-2024
Assessible	\$ 973,533	\$ 1,074,914
Miscellaneous Assessible	\$ 21,062	\$ 17,422
Diocesan Collections	\$ 16,226	\$ 18,977
Bequests	\$ 25,095	\$ 8,937
CFA Collections	\$ 227,432	\$ 257,550
Other Non-Assessible Income	\$ 144,925	\$ 86,016
TOTAL:	\$ 1,408,273	\$ 1,463,816

Assessible

Non-Assessible



Total income is up from the prior year mostly due to increased offertory donations. We had higher non-assessible income due to the CFA Collections.

Assessable includes:

Offertory / Holy Days

Gifts and Donations

Church Societies

Rectory Rent

Interest on Checking

Votive lights/candles

Non-Assessable includes:

DoV Collections

CFA received at DoV

Religious Education

Youth Group

Interest on savings

Refunds / Reimbursements

Stole fees

Poor Box

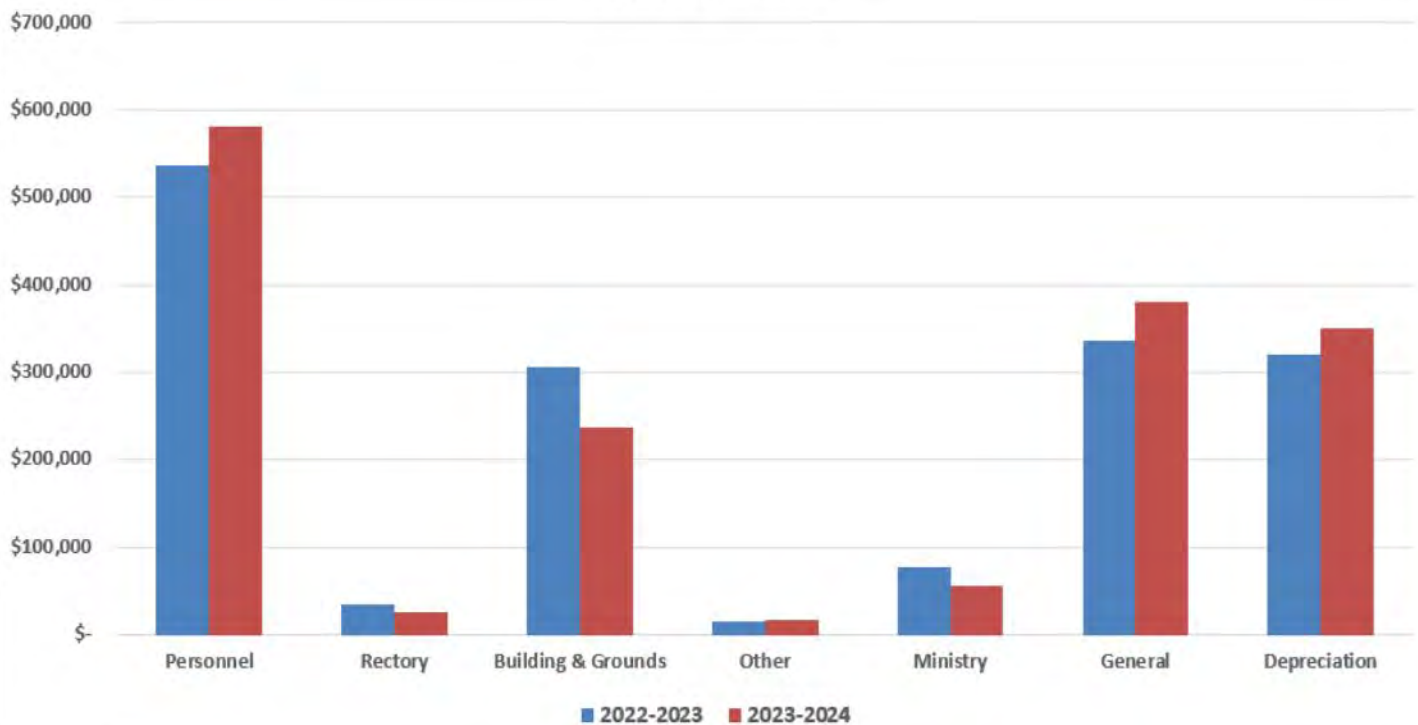
time talent treasure

...embracing God's investment strategy

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

Expenses:	2022-2023	2023-2024
Personnel	\$ 537,086	\$ 581,328
Rectory	\$ 35,547	\$ 25,785
Building & Grounds	\$ 305,737	\$ 237,805
Other	\$ 14,632	\$ 16,659
Ministry	\$ 77,708	\$ 56,496
General	\$ 335,433	\$ 380,662
Depreciation	\$ 320,366	\$ 350,876
TOTAL:	\$ 1,626,509	\$ 1,649,611

Expense Comparison



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

We experienced higher expenses in FY 23-24 due to increased personnel expenses (\$44K [salaries, retirement, Pay Roll taxes, Extra Clergy]), the rectory expenses were lower, but self-insurance costs increased \$42K, Ministry down (\$21K [youth down, music down, religious education up]), general up (\$52K DoV Collections up \$2K, CFA assessment up \$23K, office [new computers, licenses, IT services 14K]), and depreciation up \$30K. Though we reported as a loss, depreciation is not a cash expenditure so our cash position is strong.

General expenses include:

DoV (CFA) Assessment Expenses	School Tuition Expenses
DoV Collections	Office Expenses
Mission Co-op	Stewardship Expenses
Support to Catholic Entities (Catholic Charities and Bishop Verot High School)	Miscellaneous
Support paid to Diocesan Parishes (Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Paul Parishes)	



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

	June 30, 2024
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1001-1A · Checking - Busey	118,798.53
Total 1002 · Petty Cash	104.50
1020 · DOV Regular Savings	559,559.15
Total Checking/Savings	631,184.23
Total Other Current Assets	287,204.83
Total Current Assets	967,260.08
Total Fixed Assets	3,812,533.59
TOTAL ASSETS	4,779,793.67
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	73,757.72
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3010 - Retained Earnings	4,892,596.63
Net Income	-186,560.68
Total Equity	4,706,035.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,779,793.67



Prayers for Eternal Life

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Please pray for the souls of:

John Wenz

Bishop Joseph Cistone



Blessing Of Pets

NEXT SUNDAY
November 24 * 2 pm
 In the Faith Formation
 Parking Lot!

In our second reading from Hebrews, we see that when Jesus allowed himself to be crucified he was actually being a priest, offering himself for the sins of the world. After giving his life for us, he takes his place as God's equal. He is now the eternal Priest, so all clergy since the time of Jesus are visible signs of that priesthood. When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus' sacrifice is there. We are present at his death and resurrection, without needing a flux capacitor or a time warp. His sacrifice is an eternal one, redeeming all past and future sins. So if you have come back to church after being absent for years, God has already offered you forgiveness. The Eucharist also reminds us that Jesus is present in glory, with us always, sharing his priesthood with all the baptized. We can show God's mercy by forgiving each other. Since Jesus lives in us, we offer our lives as sacrifice for sins. Does that mean we are supposed to seek ways to suffer? No, it means the suffering we cannot avoid can become our offering to God, a way to take up our cross as Jesus did, and a way to experience God's power in our weakness.

At the Eucharist, we pray with the priest, "that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God..." All the sacrifices we make, from accepting serious illness, to giving up something for Lent, are ways we take part in the priesthood of Christ. *Tom Schmidt*



Knights of Columbus Wreaths Across America Sponsorship 2024

"The Fourth Degree Knights are involved with "Wreaths Across America." This program is meant to Remember, Honor and Teach about our Veterans. *Please see Form with QR Code in bulletin and located in narthex* The wreaths are \$17.00 each, but for every 2 purchased we get a 3rd one FREE!

There are more than 5,000 Veterans buried at The Coral Ridge Cemetery, Cape Coral. The goal is to place a wreath on each grave." Please contact Robert Homa for more information at (239)955-2149.



Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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



Paul and Pat Charbonneau
55 Years
November 15, 2024



Craig and Jackie Carpenter
61 Years
November 30, 2024

Would you like to include your Anniversary in our bulletin?
Please send your information to bulletin@drexelcc.org.

SIMBANG GABI 2024

The Filipino-American Association of Southwest Florida (FAASWF), a 501c(3) Corporation, cordially invites you to attend the **SIMBANG GABI** on **December 15, 2024**, Sunday, starting with a **Mass** at 4 pm at the Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church at 1922 SW 20th Ave, Cape Coral, FL 33991. The Mass will be followed by a **Potluck Reception** at the Parish Hall.

This **SIMBANG GABI** is a long-treasured Philippine Christmas tradition that was originally a series of 'dawn masses' for nine consecutive days before Christmas Day. Here in Cape Coral, we modified this tradition into only one day focused on the original objective of the celebration.

For information, you may contact:

Jeanne Isberto (239)747-4568
Rose Creus (239) 440-5555
Juan Cordero (239) 989-9310
Jun Santiago (239) 540-2634

HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday
with the parish staff
8:30 am Adoration
in the SKD Chapel
9:00 am Mass



Simbang Gabi

December 15, 2024



Music in the Mass

Presentation of the Gifts... Immediately following the **Universal Prayers** (the petitions) we move into the **Liturgy of the Eucharist** which begins with the Presentation of the Gifts.

Saint Augustine was impressed by a fifth-century procession of gifts in Rome in which the faithful brought from their own homes things from their kitchen tables. Augustine called this an “admirable exchange” — for their gifts God gave back Jesus. The prayer over the gifts from the sixth day in the octave of Christmas uses Augustine’s language: “Lord, receive our gifts in this wonderful exchange: from all You have given us we bring You these gifts, and in return, You give us yourself..”

Here we are in November, the month we, as Americans celebrate Thanksgiving. Many of us will be joining family and friends for dinner on this civic holiday. For the host, it’s a **LOT** of prep work. After buying my first home (2002) I somehow got “elected” to have the family Thanksgiving dinner at my house. Which meant cleaning the house (**before AND after cause I’m a clean freak**), setting up the dining table, preparing all the main foods and getting ready for guests. Then of course when everyone leaves it’s KP/Clean-up duty. Exhausting! Since moving to Florida, the past four years I have evaded being the host (**although I miss it**) and even though dinner isn’t at my house I always make sure to bring something to share be it food or spirits when invited to someone else’s home. “**Giving** and “**Thanks**” just seem to go hand in hand... even St. Francis’ Prayer ends a verse with “*in giving of ourselves we receive...*”

Every Mass the simple offering of BREAD and WINE is shared for the **Holy Mass**. The word **Eucharist** literally means **THANKSGIVING!** This act of offering gifts begins the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Procession of the Gifts is accompanied by the Offertory Chant. This may be a chant or hymn sung by the assembly. It is also permissible that the **CHOIR** may offer a choral selection. If the choir is to offer a hymn or choral piece it **generally** is reflective in nature as to help the assembled delve deeper into the Eucharistic celebration and scripture of that Mass. Many times if I choose a “choral anthem” it is meant to even augment and highlight the words of the Gospel proclaimed by the Priest at that particular Mass. The music is to continue at least until the gifts are placed on the Altar. I generally will continue the music until the Priest has finished washing his hands and is prepared to continue with Prayer over the offerings going into the Eucharistic Prayer.

As a music director I will also listen to words of the **Homily** given by the priest and even if a hymn is already been planned I *sometimes* will literally change that song so as to re-emphasize and augment a strong message or theme from the words of the Homily.

As we near Thanksgiving Day let us be thankful for all the “**gifts**” in our lives especially the gift of Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharistic Feast we are invited to each Sunday.

John SC Hudak

Director of Music

“The Rosary is a long chain that links Heaven and Earth... the Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty.”

-Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Pray for Our Military

ENS Nicholas Brasacchio USN
SPC Joe Cecil USA
A1C Matthew J. Clarke USAF
Lt. Col. Zachary Robert Clarke USAF
Maj Michael J. Clifford ARNG
SFC Steven J Cole USA
1LT Brent Cox, III, USA
Maj Hayes M. Cozza USMC
Capt. Santino E. Cozza USAF
AM3 Jayden Curr USN
A1C Hunter Daly, USAF
ENS Tyler Dunnagan USN
PVT Zachary Dunnagan USA
Sgt Evan Fancher USMC
AB Hannah Fenske USAF
Maj Shaun Floersch USAF
Lt. Col. James Hannigan USA
SN Hannah Hayes USCG
1st Lt. H. Matthew Hernandez USMC
Capt. Jesse Hudson USA
Capt. David J. Jacobs USAF
SSgt. Richard K. Jones USAF
Capt Armand Kalugdan USA
PVT Kole Kalisch USA
SSgt Kole J. Koontz USAF
Maj Joseph M. LaPointe USA
SGT James Losh USA
MSgt. Brian Lynn USMC
SSgt Jonathan Mamott USAF
SGT Michael Mercer, Jr. USA
LCpl Mark Moreno, USMC
RCT Anthony J. Muriel USA
SFC Juan Carlos Ortiz-Lopez USA
LT. David Orlowski USN
PV2 Joseph Patton USA
SPC Kobey Payne USA
GySgt Paul L. Perez USMC
SGT Alexander Private, USA
TSgt Taylor M. Purvis USAF
Lt Col Tim Ravas, USAF
Lt Col Christopher Richardella USMC
Capt Patrick Riley USA
CPL Gabriel J. Roesler USMC
PFC Robert Theodore Rosso USMC
SPC Ilana I. Ruiz USA
LT. Dean N. Rye USN
AB Kelsey Santini USAF
CPL Anthony Saracino, Jr. USMC
SGT Nicholas Sbarra USA
PFC Steven Stotler USA
SGT Aaron J Semnara USMC
ENS Seaman Jeremy Sheppard USN
PV2 Alexzander Smith USA
1SG Maverick Sutton USA
SN Andrew Tank USN
CPT Christopher Turley USA
SGT Madison Valdivia USA
TSgt Erika Velasco USAF
LT. Robert C. Volski USN
CPT Garrett Wadsworth USA
SPC William A. Wallace USANG
AB Zachary Wheeler USAF
ENS Alex Wowk USN
Email to bulletin@drexelcc.org



PRAISE BE TO GOD – WE WERE VICTORIOUS!

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to those who joined the ranks of battle to defeat Amendment 4. You all played a vital role in our miraculous victory! Whether you assisted from home, prayed and fasted, attended special prayer events at SKD, painted tarps, posted signs or battled in the front lines, handing out voting guides at the precincts, you were critical to our success! I can't thank you enough for your willingness to unite in this fight for babies and moms!!

As you know, this battle is far from over. We must continue to support moms in their need and to work towards the day when there will be no abortions. Please continue to get involved and **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!!** May God bless us in our continued efforts!

Michele Eskritt at (715) 630-6942 or eskritt@gmail.com



SO
THANKFUL,
So Blessed

In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the "Blessed Sacrament." Be assiduous in the prayer adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering. *-Pope Benedict XVI*



Meat Raffle Fundraiser

Save the date!

Saturday, January 11, 2025
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Simply come into the Restaurant, grab a table and the fun begins.

Raffles are \$1—\$2 a chance which puts you in the drawing for many different types of meats or fish.

The wheel is spun and if it lands on your number you win!

Event Held At...

Burnt Store Tavern

3015 SW Pine Island Road



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you or a loved one has a problem with drinking, you've come to the right place. **Alcoholics Anonymous** is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from alcoholism.

A.A. website: www.leecountyaa.org.

If for some reason you needed to contact the local A.A. Intergroup in Fort Myers: email leeintergroup@gmail.com or call (239) 275 5111.

CCW—Saint Andrew Christmas Lunch

Tuesday December 3, 2024

Cape Bar & Restaurant
4524 Vincennes in Cape Coral

Doors open at 11:30 AM

Lunch served at 12:30

Cost: \$30

Everyone is invited

Please join us for a celebration and friendship. This is a good time to invite your friends, neighbors and relatives.

Please make checks made out to:

Saint Andrew Council of Catholic Women

(On memo line please write your choice of ribs, chicken, or fish.)

Please contact Peggy at 239-829-0171 with any questions.



Venetian Ball '25

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Parish Life Center
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
Bonita Springs, Florida

Delight in an elegant evening of cocktails, stories of perseverance and hope, dinner, auction, and dancing.

Proceeds will benefit programming
in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties.

6 p.m. Cocktails - 7 p.m. Dinner
Tickets are \$250 per person



For information please contact
call 239.342.1620,
email venetianball@ccdov.org
or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

The **Diocese of Venice** has been made aware that parishioners continue to receive text-email messages from people pretending to be clergy – including **Bishop Frank J. Dewane** or **Parish- staff**, requesting donations in the form of gift cards and-or wire transfers.

It is **Diocesan policy** that **neither the Bishop, nor priests or staff request donations** in the form of gift cards, PayPal, MoneyGram, etc. Without this awareness, some have responded to the spoofed messages, with consequences, including loss of funds. The best defense against this sort of scam is to raise awareness in the community and not respond or open any attachments. There is an established process in place on how parishioners can make donations and participate in the life of the Diocese-Parish.

If you receive such a SCAM text or email, please immediately contact the Diocese of Venice at (941) 484-9543.



SKD Youth Presents A Uniquely Catholic Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser

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THANK YOU!

On behalf of the **entire** SKD Music Ministry we can't say **THANK YOU** enough for supporting our **3rd Annual** Pasta Dinner last Saturday!

We hope everyone enjoyed their dinner at our "Italian Experience" and hope to see you again next year...each year we are so happy to see more folks joining us!

The proceeds help us to purchase music for Mass, our Christmas Concert on **Friday, December 6 @7pm** and our upcoming Holy Week Concert on **Friday, April 11, 2025 @7pm**

A very special thanks to **Jonie Durante, the owner of PAPA JOE's on Cape Coral Parkway**, for donating all the salad to us!

Thanks again so much and we hope you our music continues to speak to the heart of your prayers at Mass!

Thanks!!!

Christmas Concert

Friday, December 6 * 7pm

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Our FREE-Will Offering Concert will feature our Adult Bell Choir, Children's Choir, Contemporary Choir & Traditional Choir!

Come enjoy an evening of Sacred Christmas Music as well as Holiday Favorites with our community in our Church!

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In order to be eligible for a Sponsor Certificate at SKD a candidate must affirm that:

- ❖ You are a Catholic Christian, who is registered and is a participating member of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.
- ❖ You support SKD financially by On line giving or weekly envelope.
- ❖ You have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.
- ❖ You regularly participate and attend weekly Sunday Mass and give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus by regularly receiving Him in Holy Communion.
- ❖ You are living my Christian vocation either as a single person, a religious or a clergyman, or am married and my marriage is valid, being married in the Catholic Church.
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Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]



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