

# Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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## JOY

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit*



*Third Sunday of Advent  
— December 15, 2024*



And The Word was made Flesh and dwelt  
among us... Hail Mary full of grace The  
Lord is with Thee..

## SKD PARISH STAFF

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**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.

## 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](mailto: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.

**JOIN OUR PARISH FLOCKNOTE:** To sign up and receive our email or events and parish information, please go to [drexelcc.flocknote.com](http://drexelcc.flocknote.com).

## 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.





**SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS****MONDAY, DECEMBER 16:**

5:00 pm Children Choir (Church)  
 6:00 pm Alpha Holy Spirit (Library)  
 6:30 pm AA Meeting (FFE)  
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (FFW)  
 7:00 pm Bell Choir and Adults (Church)  
 7:00 pm Holy Redeemer (FFE)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17:****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:**

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)  
 11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)  
 6:00 pm Youth Group—HS (FFE)  
 7:00 pm TOPS (FFW)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19:**

11:00 am CCW Bunco (Hall)  
 7:00 pm Bible Class (FFW)  
 7:00 pm TMIY (Hall)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20:****Parish Office Closed**

9:00 am Table of Plenty (Hall)  
 10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)  
 6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)

**Maintenance Fund***Scan to donate***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](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org)**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Prayers for Eternal Life**

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

*Please pray for the souls of:**Marty Mesch**Priscilla Kilayko**Marie Jeanne Martin**Thank you for your Generosity!*

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

**Stewardship December 8, 2024****Offertory: \$15,011.76****Online Giving: \$6,882.87****Maintenance Fund to Date: \$45,316.91****Catholic Faith Appeal 2024****Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00****Pledged to Date: \$265,189.00****Payments to Date: \$250,747.20**

Visit parish website: [www.drexelcc.org](http://www.drexelcc.org)  
 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 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](mailto:rose@drexelcc.org)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 16: Advent Weekday

9:00 am † Vincent J. Kozel

### Tuesday, December 17: Advent Weekday

9:00 am † Tony Gamble

### Wednesday, December 18: Advent Weekday

9:00 am Valeriano Lim

6:30 pm Jose Luis Colon

### Thursday, December 19: Advent Weekday

9:00 am † Jim Monarchio

### Friday, December 20: Advent Weekday

9:00 am † Helen Varner and Blaine Varner

### Saturday, December 21: Saint Peter Canisius, Priest

9:00 am † Fred Perone

4:00 pm † Lou Fernandez

### Sunday, December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am SKD Parishioners

10:30 am † Michael and Betty Magdon

12:30 pm † Cynthia and Austin Nina

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

-Saint Irenaeus

## Week of: December 15, 2024

### SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Josephina Alvarez**

By Noemi A. Mescallado

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### Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

**Joan Reichenbach**

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.**



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Spiritual Director:  
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Group Leader:  
**Jeff Nicholson,**  
SKD Parishioner

**INFORMATION SESSIONS in the Parish Hall:**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025 @ 6:30 pm**

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**ADVENT INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS:**



**Wednesdays—December 18**

After 9:00 am Mass in Adoration Chapel  
6:00 pm Confessions before 6:30 pm Mass

**Fridays—December 20**

After 9:00 am Mass in Adoration Chapel  
6:00 pm Family Holy Hour with Confessions

**Saturdays December 21**

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

**December 24—*Christmas Eve***

**[1/2 Hour Sacred Music before each Mass]**

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm—Confessions  
4:00 pm—Children's Mass  
6:00 pm—Mass  
12 Midnight—Mass

**December 25—*Christmas Day***

**[1/2 Hour Sacred Music before each Mass]**

8:30 am—Mass  
10:30 am—Mass  
12:30 pm—Mass



**December 31—*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***

4:00 pm—Vigil Mass

**January 1—*Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God***

9:00 am—Mass

***HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!***





**Thanks to everyone who participated in the Feed My Starving Children Feeding Tree.**



Please drop off any remaining donations in our donation globe outside in the narthex.

Your Feeding Tree donations will fund 16,562 meals of our goal of over 180,000 meals.

Mark your calendar for **February 16-18, 2025** for our eighth annual MobilePack.

If anyone is interested in helping our core team plan and/or staff the event, please contact Barth Wolf at (920)621-6097 or [bjwolf816@gmail.com](mailto:bjwolf816@gmail.com). We can use your help and would love to have you join us!



**SKD K of C Ladies Auxiliary  
ANNUAL HIGH TEA**

**WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025**

**TIME: 1:30 - 4:30**

**WHERE: SKD Parish Hall**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Children (12 and under)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **MONTH 4- Developing Baby -- "I had a dream!" Spiritual Adoption Program**

Well, your little spiritually adopted baby now weighs six ounces. She has finger-nails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. This month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is!



Isaiah 49:1 ~ "Before birth the Lord called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name."



# Meat Raffle Fundraiser

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**

**2pm - 4pm**

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**



**Anniversary Blessings**  
**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish**  
*Offers Blessings and Congratulations to it's*  
*Couples Celebrating their Anniversary*

*Americo and Yvonne Rosato*  
*65 Years*  
*December 12, 2024*



*Mr. and Mrs Kent Monnin*  
*10 Years*  
*December 2, 2024*



Would you like to include your Anniversary in our bulletin? Please send your information to [bulletin@drexelcc.org](mailto:bulletin@drexelcc.org).

**Join us as we celebrate**  
**The Annual Celebration of**  
**"The Feast of Santo Niño"**



**At the Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church**  
1922 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Cape Coral, FL 33991  
January 12, 2025 Sunday. Mass at 4:00 PM followed by  
a Potluck Reception at the the Parish Hall.  
Mass Celebrant: Father Ananda Anki Reddy  
You may bring your Santo Niño & Mother Mary statues  
and children for blessing.

Contacts: Jun & Cherrie Santiago 239-540-2634; 732-470-6740  
Vivian Mischel. 239-458-9169 Rose Creus. 239-240-5555  
Juan Cordero. 239-989-9310

*Pope Francis prayer Intention for December 2024 - For pilgrims of hope*  
*We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ*  
*in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*

#### 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







***Saint Katharine Drexel Gift Shop***

***Gifts for the Soul***

Shop for Christmas Gifts, prayer cards, household decorations, etc.  
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**Volunteers Needed!**

Please consider volunteering for two (2) hours a month.  
For more information call Theresa Bickford at (239) 209-2402  
or email the parish office at [office@drexelcc.org](mailto:office@drexelcc.org)

***Venetian Ball '25***

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Parish Life Center  
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
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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




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**HOLY HOUR**

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



## Third Sunday of Advent Not Ready? No Problem!

While Advent is a beautiful time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, we often get so caught up in all the things we do to pre-



pare for Christmas that we forget Advent all together. The readings remind us that in spite of the stress we may feel thinking about how close Christmas is, we are called to rejoice for the Lord is near.

The stress we feel may be from fear: Fear that I won't get the shopping done by Christmas, fear that people won't like the gifts I

bought, or fear that I forgot someone that should be on my list. But did you ever notice how much easier it is when you have someone to shop with you, or write the Christmas cards, or decorate the tree? "Shout for joy...fear not!" says the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading. (Zeph 3:14) He tells us the Lord is not coming to punish us for waiting till the last minute to put up the tree. The prophet says the Lord is in our midst, we are not alone. "He has turned away your enemies" (Zeph 3:15), enemies like fear, doubts, and loneliness.

And as if that wasn't good enough, he says that the Lord rejoices over us! How many times have you wondered if you could ask the Lord for help? Zephaniah reminds us that the Lord is happy to help. And St. Paul says the same thing in the second reading: "Have no anxiety at all...make your requests known to God." (Phil 4:6) That is where Advent comes in. We can look forward to the Lord's presence in our lives. We can be confident of his love for us. That is why faith and hope are central to the theme of Advent. Our faith in God's love for us gives us hope that he will support us in our weakness and fill us with the joy he has over us. *Tom Schmidt*



# JOY



## Pray for Our Military

ENS Nicholas Brasacchio USN  
SPC Joe Cecil USA  
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Maj Michael J. Clifford ARNG  
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PV2 Alexander Smith USA  
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SN Andrew Tank USN  
CPT Christopher Turley USA  
SGT Madison Valdivia USA  
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LT. Robert C. Volski USN  
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AB Zachary Wheeler USAF  
ENS Alex Wowk USN

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# Join the Choirs After Christmas!

SKD is blest with 5 groups that together form our Parish Music Ministry!

We have a CHILDREN'S CHOIR for all kids in grades 2-8! (*Sings 2x a month*)

We have our 10:30am TRADITIONAL ADULT CHOIR (*4-Part Harmonies*)

We have our 12:30pm CONTEMPORARY ADULT CHOIR (*3 Part Harmonies*)

We have our INSTRUMENTALISTS: Guitars, Flutes, Clarinet, Mandolin, etc.

We have our HANDBELL CHOIR of 39 English Handbells.

If you are regularly participating in SUNDAY Mass why not share your musical talents with the parish and join us from JANUARY - MAY 2025?

Besides Sunday Ministry we will be also be preparing for Lent, Easter and our Holy Week Concert "*Moses, The Burning Within*" Friday, April 11 @ 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups please contact our Director of Music, John Hudak @ 239.283.9501 before the end of the year! We have room for you! Just sign up!!!

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