



St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women

September 2025

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).



St. Katharine Drexel Council of Catholic Women General Membership Meeting

First General Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2025

Place: Parish Hall
Mass Time: 9:00 am
Meeting Time: 10 am – 12:00 pm
Lunch: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm



Bring \$15 Membership Dues
Contact: Roxana Nicholson
414-306-2076



Box of Joy: Peggy Thomas, 239-229-7550

- 9/6, 7 – Announce, Bulletin, Pulpit
- 9/8 – Assemble boxes, Parish Hall from 9 am – 4 pm
- 9/13, 14, 20, 21 – Distribute boxes
- 9/27, 9/28 – Collect boxes

Bunco: Parish Hall 11 am – 2 pm

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Meets every third Thursday of the month.

SKD CCW Board Meeting: FF, West

Thursday, September 25, 2025, 10 am

Meets last Thursday of the month.



A Message from our President, Mary Ann Bedell

After serving the SKD CCW as your Treasurer for many years, I am privileged and honored to be your President for the 2025-2026 season. My primary goal as your President is to create an atmosphere where longstanding members meet newer members in a spirit of fellowship and friendship, all united under same religious beliefs, all valued and appreciated no matter their level of CCW participation.

My next goal is to keep an "eye open" to all new avenues of Leadership, Spirituality and Service while supporting all the existing projects and activities. My last goal as your new President is to encourage more participation in the agenda of the Diocese of Venice.



A Message from our President-Elect, Ellen Stock

I am married with four children and four granddaughters. Spirituality, family, health, learning, and service are very important to me. I would like to see our membership grow in those specific areas by the fostering of the atmosphere of sisterhood within SKD CCW. I would like to provide an atmosphere where all members feel welcome. All members should feel comfortable voicing their opinions for considerations.

One of our goals is to increase membership participation in our activities. I also believe our process for considering donations is a matter of prioritizing our parish, our community, and our values. I look forward to a productive and fun year ahead!

CALLING ALL VENDORS & ARTISANS RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

2025 SKD CCW FALL BAZAAR

Setup, 10/31; November 1, 2

The SKD CCW Fall Bazaar, one of our major fundraisers so we can give to our charities, is not until November 1 & 2, but Pat Crowder is accepting applications for vendors now. Please contact Pat at 239-573-8318, or via email on patforlife2721@msn.com to reserve your six-foot table or for more details on being a vendor for our wonderful Bazaar!



Cape Coral Caring Center



Eileen Sadlo reports that the Cape Coral Caring Center held their back-to-school event for local

children on August 6, 2025. It included backpacks, school supplies & our donation of new underwear & socks.

See our Charity Feature focusing on the Cape Coral Caring Center in the October Newsletter.



Venice Diocese CCW



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This is a new series featuring the connections we have with the whole of the Council of Catholic Women. Each month, I will feature a level of CCW that we belong to so you are aware of the many layers of our organization. One level above us is the Venice Diocese Council of Catholic Women. What do we know about them?

VDCCW Motto - Trust – Surrender – Believe - Receive

The Venice Diocese of Catholic Women promotes additional aspects of the CCW beside our own. As you will notice, they also have an office for Human Trafficking (Mary Snow) and Religious Vocations Fund (Cornelia Zanetti). Their annual, open-to-all events will be featured in this newsletter so you can plan to join them. The first, however, does not occur until February, Catholic Days at the Capital, in Tallahassee.

Katie Morris is working with her team to revise the “homepage” for VDCCW -- so stay tuned for an updated URL so you can see for yourself what is happening at the VDCCW!

RESPECT
LIFE



September Happenings, Maria Maddalena, 239-540-7096

Rosary for Life	Sat., 9/13, Noon, SKD Chapel
Planned Parenthood	Ft. Myers - Every Thursday, 12 p to 2 p
Fall 40 Days for Life	9/24-11/2, 12 p
Diaper Drive	9/20-9/21



HOSPITALITY

General Membership Meetings will have a new twist this year. The September and May meetings will be catered, no need for volunteers to bring food. Starting this year, the Board approved the request from Judy Curtis & Ann Young of Hospitality to hold a potluck lunch every third meeting. That works out to be:

September – Catered
October – Potluck
November – Volunteer
December – Volunteer
January – Potluck
February – Volunteer
March – Volunteer
April – Potluck
May – Catered

On the Potluck months, please bring a dish to share. You don't need to feed the whole crowd, just a dish of something good would be fine. If everyone brings something, we will have more than enough food. We usually estimate 30 members at the meetings.

Sign-Up Sheet @ September Meeting

Judy Curtis & Ann Young will have a signup sheet at this month's meeting for the Volunteer Sponsors – those who are willing to buy or make food for the lunch – for November, December, February, and March.

Charity Feature



Box of Joy – Cross Catholic Outreach

Box of Joy® gifts are Christmas gifts sent to children in developing countries like Haiti, Malawi and the Dominican Republic. Filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and *The Story of Jesus*, these gifts represent Christ's love.

Your donation will demonstrate Christ's compassion to a child who may have never before received a Christmas gift. They state that 32 countries have been served, 269 projects supported, 5.63% expenses used for overhead costs (leaving 94.37% for program services), \$397.5 million total aid.

781,730 boxes of joy have been distributed to date!

