

St. Katharine Drexel Church



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday Masses	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 Noon
Weekday Masses	(Mon.- Fri.) 7:00 am

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2011



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*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

– John 1:5

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve
Sat., December 31 - 4:00 pm

New Year's Day
Sun., January 1 - 8:30 & 10:30 am, 12 noon



Catholics Returning Home

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home," beginning Tues., Dec. 27, 7 pm, parish hall. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, invite them to join us. Call Jane DiPaola, 573-8766.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

Boy Scouts Thank You

St. Katharine Drexel Boy Scout Troop #517 thanks you for your support and wishes you a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Sunday Coffee Social

There will not be a Sunday Coffee Social on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

St. Katharine Drexel Choir CD

St. Katharine Drexel Choir CD available in the gift shop.

Second MOMS Retreat

Mother's of Ministry Sharing is offering a second On the Journey Retreat Series for all women this January 8th, 4 to 7 pm, in the parish hall. We look forward to women of all ages and experiences to enrich this retreat which is entitled "Emptying your Cup: Finding Peace Through Letting Go." Space is limited so reserve your spot. Email Courtney La Mar lamarfamily@embarqmail.com or call (H) 283-4979; (C) 464-3244 or email Carrie Daniels at Cdaniels332@embarqmail.com; or call (H) 458-8422; or (C) 770-1510. The \$15 fee can be made out to St. Katharine Drexel and covers supplies for the participants. Child care will be available. Please let us know if needed.

Over 50's singles

Sun., Jan. 8 - 3 pm - Cultural Park Theater - "Barefoot in the Park" - \$12 RSVP ASAP.

Wed., April 4 - Barbara B. Mann "Wicked" \$94.01 - Need 10 more, open to anyone.

Contact Betty: 540-2551

Bereavement Support Group

Bereavement Support Group will meet Mon., Jan. 9 at 7 pm (instead of Jan. 2) and Mon., Jan. 16 at 2 pm.

Religious Education

Sunday Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:30 am Mass: Grades 1 - 2 only (sacristy)

10:30 am Mass: Grades 1 - 2 only (sacristy) and Grades 3 - 5 only (choir room)

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is to help school age children understand the Gospel message. They work with age appropriate material and are guided by a catechist.

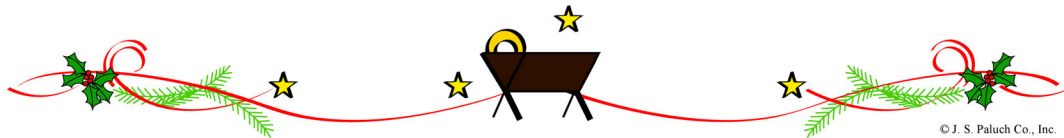
Nursery - 10:30 am Mass: Newborn - Pre K (parish hall)

Outreach Ministry

Lifeline Family Center Wish List - baby wipes, baby food - Stage 1, baby feeding bowl, Formula - Similac Advance (powdered), waterproof lap pads, Diaper Genii Refills (any size), double stroller, divided snack cups, small jars or tubes of Vaseline, notebook paper (college ruled) 3-ring binders, nail polish, nail polish remover, hair accessories & brushes, baby girl hair accessories (bows, bands). **Major Needs** - "Starter Car" (must run), \$3,000 for in-house curriculum.

K of C Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus Council 11177 is conducting a scholarship competition during the month of December. The Joshua Johnson Memorial Scholarship will provide assistance for a graduating high school senior who is planning to continue to study in any accredited university or college. Applications for the scholarship can be accessed through the parish website and limited copies of the application are available in the parish office. The deadline to submit the application and all supporting materials is December 31. If you have questions, you can call Jerry Hart at 772-1154.



Our Kindergarten Religious Ed Class!

The CCD Kindergarten class recently made presents for their parents, sang Christmas Carols for their parents and then they said the Lord's Prayer for them.



Bulletin Board

Altar Servers: Call Tom at 458-2843.

Bereavement Support Group: 1st Mon., 7 pm & 3rd Mon., 2 pm, Formation bldg. *Next: Jan. 9 & Jan. 16.*

Boy Scouts: Meet every Tues. Call Brian Eberz 471-7547.

Brownies: Contact Janice at JKovacs8000@gmail.com or Kathy at 878-9343 or KathySiwarski@hotmail.com.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Thurs., Formation Bldg., 7:30 pm.

Church Environmental Committee: 283-9501.

Council of Catholic Women: Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month, starting Sept. 13. Call Bonnie 863-991-1254.

Cursillo/Ultreya: 4th Fri., 7:30 pm. Donna 540-7568.

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st & 3rd Fridays. Call 283-9501.

Fr. Christopher Gaynor Assembly #2115 K of C: 4th Tues., 7 pm.

Healing Prayer: 2nd Wed., parish hall, 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Call Judy 839-4190.

High School Youth Group: Meets Sundays at 1 pm. Email hsyouthgroup.skd@gmail.com.

Holy Redeemer Associates: 1st Thurs., parish hall, 5:45 pm. Call Joan 283-2680.

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm.

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: 1st Mondays, 7:30 pm, parish hall. Call Cecilia Schwartz 898-9542 or email celiainparadise@aol.com.

Lay Apostles: 3rd Mondays, 7:15 pm. Call Judy 282-8286. *Next mtg: Jan. 16. No December meeting.*

Middle School Youth Group: every 2nd Friday, 7-9. Email Karen @ K.zullo@live.com.

Mission Outreach: Call Adele 239-839-5489 or go to <http://saintkatharinedrexelparish.org/Mission-Outreach-Ministry.html>.

Music Ministry: Call Don Sansone at 242-7275.

Over 50 Singles: Call Betty 540-2551.

Parish Council: Third Wed., 7:30 pm. Fran Patterson, President, fran60@comcast.net, 540-7116.

Prayer Network: Call Sandy 458-1755.

Religious Articles: Sold after Masses on weekends.

Religious Education: Call Teri 283-0525.

Respect Life: Call Maria Maddalena 540-7096.

Respite Care: Call Dolores 772-2606.

Rosary: Every Thurs. & Friday after 7 am Mass.

Secular Franciscans: 2nd Sat., 9 am, Formation Bldg. Call Marguerite Schaeffer, 540-9480.

Small Faith Communities: Call office at 283-9501.

Social Committee: Call Ed & Del Johnson at 772-4275.



Last Week

Offertory - info unavailable - bulletin published early

Catholic Faith Appeal 2011

Goal: 169,000.00

Total Paid So Far: 181,785.07

Parish Office Staff

Pastor - Rev. John F. Deary, OSA
Deacon - Rev. Deacon Richard Spiro
Director of Religious Education - Teri Idler
Assistant Dir. of Religious Education - Patty Wilson
Bookkeeper/Receptionist - Jeanne Burkett
Parish Secretary - Colleen Spiro

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon.- Fri. 9 to 5.

Parish Council Members

Ken Abler, Ken Caserio, Tammy Cousin, Ramon Mescallado, Fran Patterson, Hank Pellegrino, Michelle Pescatrice, Lourdes Sansone, Peggy Sierocinski

Baptisms: Please obtain a baptism registration form from a greeter at weekend Masses. Return completed form to church on weekend or parish office during the week. Baptisms will be scheduled only after consultation with priest or deacon. Please allow at least a month after returning completed form.

Confessions: 3:30 pm Saturdays or by appointment.

Hearing Devices for Mass: Available in the sacristy.

Mass Intentions: Masses are available for 2012. You may call or come to the parish office, M-F, 9 am to 5 pm. There is a limit of 2 weekend Masses per family.

Registration: Parish registration forms are available in the lobby and also on our website. You can turn it in to a greeter at a weekend Mass or bring to the office during the week.

Bulletin Guidelines: Deadline for bulletin articles is noon on Mondays. Holiday weeks usually have earlier deadlines. Please submit written article for the bulletin. You may email or fax or bring it to the office in person.

Coffee Social: Held between the 8:30 & 10:30 am Sunday Masses. Baked goods donated by Publix Veteran's Pkwy. Your free will donations allow us to purchase the coffee and other supplies. Thank you for your generosity.

Lost & Found: Have you lost your glasses or book or rosary beads? Check the cabinet at the info counter for your lost items.

Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/skdchurch>

Mass Intentions

Mon., December 26, 7:00 am -

Florence Barrett
Requested by Elaine & Debbie Kearns

Tues., December 27, 7:00 am -

George & Anna Siedlecki
Requested by Dolores Philippe

Wed., December 28, 7:00 am -

Barbara Klezar
Requested by Mom & Dad

Thurs., December 29, 7:00 am -

Parish Community

Fri., December 30, 7:00 am -

Markley Family
Requested by Kurt & Jeannene Balogh

Sat., December 31, 4:00 pm -

Joseph Sudol
Requested by Anthony Salerno

Sun., January 1, 8:30 am -

Karen L. Satterfield
Requested by Steve & Ann Friga

Sun., January 1, 10:30 am -

Paul, Christine & Patrick Foley
Requested by Pete & Jule Foley

Sun., January 1, 12:00 noon -

Rose Madia
Requested by the Ruggieros

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration every 1st & 3rd Friday, 7:30 am
Friday to 9 am Saturday morning. Benediction 7 pm
Friday and 9 am Saturday. Next: Jan 6 & 7.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Mondays, 10 am & Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Formation Bldg.

Small Faith Communities

No meetings this week

Secular Franciscans

Come and join us the second Saturday of each month in the Formation building at 9 am. Share with us how St. Francis profoundly changed the world with his message of peace and his concern for the poor.

Love

*Let those who never loved before, love now:
Let those who always loved, love the more. – Anonymous*

Altar Servers

Sat., December 31, 4:00 pm -

Katherine Garratt, Andres Palacio, RJ Tejada

Sun., January 1, 8:30 am -

Kerry Waldron, Dakota Friga, Brandon Sweigert

Sun., January 1, 10:30 am -

Paige Santiago, Ryan Carreiro, Emily Sansone

Sun., January 1, 12 noon -

Daniel & Matthew Foster, Richard Horvath

Coming Up

December 26 - Office closed

December 27 - Catholics Return Home series starts

December 31 - New Year's Eve Party, 9 pm to 1 am

January 2 - Office Closed

Bible Study

No meetings this week.

Lay Augustinians

Join us every 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday, Formation bldg.,
7:30 pm to 9 pm, to pray together, read and discuss St.
Augustine's life and teachings and share in a friendship
rooted in the love of Christ. Next mtg: **December 28.**

Healing Prayer

The healing prayer ministry is rooted in scripture and helps people experience God's healing love, by providing them an opportunity to be listened to and prayed with under confidential circumstances.

If you desire prayer for any physical, emotional or spiritual needs, come to parish hall the 2nd Wed. of the month, between 7:30 pm & 9 pm. Prayer room is room on the right, with sign saying Prayer Room. Appointments have preference. Call Judy at 839-4190. Next: **January 11.**

Welcome New Members

Welcome to:

Charles & Janet Call, Louis Hughes, Andrew Linette,
Patricia Pye

Holy Redeemer Associates

If you are searching for something more in your spiritual life, please come join us the first Thursday of the month at 5:45 pm in the parish hall as we read and discuss the charisms and values of the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer and learn how to incorporate them into our daily lives. For more information, please call Joan at 283-2680.

Around the Community & Diocese

Word of Life - "A culture of *life*, not death.... This *vision* our creator planted in the depth of every human person, as part of our normative law: that *life* is sacred; that, once God breathes it into us, it lasts forever; that to take innocent *life* is so inimical to a righteous society that its protection is mandated in the very middle of the ten commandments; that the more innocent and fragile the more it begs protection; that, indeed, to protect *life* is the most noble of vocations. - *Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 10/3/10*

Happily Married Couples - next Marriage Encounter weekend is February 10-12 in Fort Myers. For more info, email swflwwme@yahoo.com, call 239-458- 8205 or visit www.wwme.org.

Prayer Walk for Life in Port Charlotte - Show your support for the sanctity of human life! Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane for the celebration of the Mass at 8:30 am at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Port Charlotte on Tuesday, January 17 in dedication to the unborn. Following Mass, participants are invited to process ½ mile to the abortion center on Olean Boulevard to pray the rosary for an end to abortion. Questions? Call Dan at 941-627-5502 or Jeanne at 941-441-1101. See the flier at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

Catholic/Jewish Dialogue "Differences in Religious Practices" - This 2012 Program will feature sessions addressing how Catholics and Jews practice their faiths. Sessions are January 8 at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island and February 5 at St. Williams Catholic Church Ministry Center in Naples. Presenters are Rabbi Edward Maline and Rev. Robert Kantor. For info or to RSVP, call St. Agnes Parish in Naples 239-592-4205.

Catholic Days at the Capitol - January 9 deadline to register for the 3-day bus trip to Tallahassee for Catholic Days at the Capitol. Join Catholics from the Diocese and the state to pray for our elected officials and share with legislators Catholic views on proposed legislation. Call 941-441-1101 or visit www.flacathconf.org.

Natural Family Planning - Do you want to strengthen your relationship with your spouse? You are invited to learn about Natural Family Planning. 3 Saturday classes: January 7, February 4, and March 3, 2 pm to 5 pm, St. Raphael Parish, Lehigh Acres. Scholarships available. Visit www.ccli.org or call Jeff & Lisa Stalnaker 239-303-9257.

Blessed Edmund Rice School for Pastoral Ministry - The Rice School is accepting enrollment for the Spring 2012 formation classes. Courses last approximately 15 weeks (late Jan-May). Evening classes are held in local parishes. For further information including cost, schedules and scholarships available, please call the Rice School, 941-766-7334 or www.riceschool.org.

"Quo Vadis" Discernment Group - Father Cory Mayer, the Director of Vocations, Diocese of Venice in Florida, is hosting a special group meeting for men that may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The meetings will be held at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 2157 Cleveland Ave, Ft. Myers, from 7 pm - 8:15 pm. Information regarding dates to follow shortly. The meeting will include spending time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as discussion with other men who are discerning God's will in their life. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information, please call 941-484-9543.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions, December 2011

Offered in solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI

Peace among All Peoples. That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

Children and Youth. That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

Website for Pope Benedict's monthly prayer intentions:

<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/english2011.html>

Children's reflections on the Pope's intentions:

<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/reflectionsChildren.html>