

Daily Parish Communication

November 5, 2022

Good Morning All,

First Saturday Mass at 9:30 Free will donation will be collected for charity - St. Clare's Home in Travelers Rest.

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale this morning at the Jockey Lot 8:00 - 1:00.

New items in the Narthex:

~Annual Church Calendars have arrived for 2023!

~Advent Candles and Advent Candle Rings \$10 each - Advent begins on November 27th

~Advent "Chocolate" Calendars for Children - two choices \$10

TIME CHANGE TONIGHT - EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP! SET YOUR CLOCKS FOR SUNDAY MASS!

1. Today's Readings: [Saturday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Next in our list of popes is Pope St. Callistus I whose memorial was on October 14th. Following St. Callistus is Pope St. Urban I. We don't have a lot of information about him. His burial place has also been a subject of controversy.

3. Quote of the Day:

More on the Holy Souls in Purgatory:

~"The suffering souls endure dreadful torments, but they are resigned to the will of God and are happy to suffer indefinitely in order to become holy. Nevertheless, we can and should pray that their sufferings may be minimised and their joy increased while they are awaiting the moment of their liberation and of their entry into eternal glory. The prayers, penances and good works which we offer on their behalf are a great consolation to them and draw God's blessing on ourselves." *Excerpt from a book by a spiritual writer named Father Alberione posted by Antonio Cardinal Bacci: Meditations For Each Day*

Pope St. Callistus I, Pray for Us!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Pope St. Urban I

Much of Urban's life is shrouded in mystery, leading to many myths and misconceptions. Despite the lack of sources, he is the first pope whose reign can be definitely dated. Two prominent sources exist for Urban's pontificate: Eusebius's history of the early Church and an inscription in the *Coemeterium Callisti* that names the Pope. Urban ascended to the papacy in 222, the year of Emperor Elagabalus's assassination, and served during the reign of Alexander Severus. It is believed that Urban's pontificate took place during a peaceful time for Christians in the Empire since Severus did not promote the persecution of Christianity.

It is believed that the schismatic Hippolytus was still leading a rival Christian congregation in Rome and that he published the *Philosophumena*, an attack on Urban's predecessor, Callixtus I. Urban is said to have maintained the hostile policy of Callixtus when dealing with the schismatic party.

Due to the relative freedoms the Christian community had during Severus's reign, the Church in Rome grew, which led to the belief that Urban was a skilled converter. A papal decree concerning the donations of the faithful at Mass is attributed to Pope Urban:

The gifts of the faithful that are offered to the Lord can only be used for ecclesiastical purposes, for the common good of the Christian community, and for the poor; for they are the consecrated gifts of the faithful, the atonement offering of sinners, and the patrimony of the needy.

It was believed that Urban was buried in the Coemeterium Praetextati where a tomb was inscribed with his name. However, when excavating the Catacomb of Callixtus Italian archaeologist Giovanni de Rossi uncovered the lid of a sarcophagus which suggested that Urban was in fact buried there. De Rossi also found a list of martyrs and confessors who were buried at St. Callistus's, which contained Urban's

name. De Rossi therefore concluded that the Urban buried in the Coemetarium Praetextati was another bishop and Pope Urban was located in Catacomb of St. Callistus. While many historians accept this opinion, doubt remains since Pope Sixtus III's list of saints buried in St. Callistus's Catacomb does not include Urban in the succession of popes but rather in a list of foreign bishops. Therefore, it is possible that Pope Urban is indeed buried in the Coemetarium Praetextati.

Urban is a saint of the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. His relic is located in Hungary in the Monok Roman Catholic Church. In 1773, Pope Clement XIV donated it to the Andrassy family.

Source: catholic.org

Diocese of Charleston

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Tuesday & Thursday
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
First Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
First Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Religious Education

K5 - Confirmation
Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Church Hours

Monday - Friday
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Office Hours

1303 McLees Rd. Anderson
Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m. - Noon



NOVEMBER 6, 2022

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out ‘Lord,’ the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.” - Lk 20:37-38

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MISSION

We the people of God at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School, acknowledge the mission of Holy Mother Church as seeking the salvation of souls by making disciples of all nations – teaching them all that Jesus Christ has commanded. (Mt. 28:19-20)

Welcome Newcomers! Registration forms are available in the Narthex of the church or online at www.sjccs.net.

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Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
Weekly Collection of October 30, 2022:	
Received in Office	\$ 8,552.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 2,015.00
	\$ 10,567.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 67.00
Second Collection of October 30, 2022:	
Parish Charity	\$ 850.00
Next Week's Second Envelope Collection:	
11/01 - All Saints Day (Holy Day)	
11/02 - All Souls Day	
11/13 - School Scholarship	
WeShare Online Collection for October 2022:	
Building Fund	\$ 179.30
Church Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Parish School Support (SOS)	\$ 1,300.00
Parish Charity	\$ 200.00
Mission Sunday- Propagation of the Faith	\$ 110.00
	\$ 1,889.30

Thank you for your support & generosity!

ONLINE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS

Look for the **GIVING** button on our website:
www.sjccs.net. Click on GIVING and follow the link to our parish "WeShare" page for regular contributions, second collections, and special event donations!

REMEMBER: FR. GILLESPIE WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER,* EVER SOLICIT FUNDS OR GIFT CARDS THROUGH EMAILS, TEXTS, OR VOICEMAIL. If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 864-225-5341. * NEVER means NEVER, EVER

Bulletin Deadlines

11/27/2022	12/04/2022	12/11/2022
Materials due 11/13	Materials due 11/20	Materials due 11/27

Please submit all announcements in an editable Word or Publisher document. Remember to include: Who, What, Where, Why, When. E-Mail announcements to weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net

Mass Intentions

11/05 FIRST SATURDAY– Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30 AM Priest's Intentions
 Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

5:00 PM (Vigil) +William H. Elias rb Wayne & Dorothy Elias
 *See Sunday Readings

11/06 SUNDAY - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM People of the Parish
11:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory rb Mytych Family
 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38

11/07 MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass
 Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

11/08 TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30PM +Bertha Fowler rb Davis Family
 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

11/09 WEDNESDAY - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8:30AM +Faung Wong-Chin rb Sophie Wong
 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

11/10 THURSDAY - St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
5:30 PM Bradley Logan Clardy rb Bell Family
 Philm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

11/11 FRIDAY - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
8:30AM - +Thomas Price rb Jack Bacsenko
 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

11/13 SUNDAY - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM (Vigil) Special Intentions rb Dot Bismack
8:30AM People of the Parish
11:00AM +Kevin Barry Skelly rb Shirley Skelly
 Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you are ill or about to be hospitalized for surgery and wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office to make an appointment before hospitalization: 864-225-5341 or info@sjccs.net

In the event of an emergency, please call the parish office: 864-225-5341.

After hours & weekend emergencies – please press 1 when prompted.

Pray for the Sick

November 6: Joan Aragona, Ray & Ruth Hamel, Joan Hope, Leif Hope, Fr. Ignatius, Frann Melanaski, Lucille Pekarik, and Alison Henderson.

October 30: Angelo Aragona, Dot Bismack, Betty Briggs, Ronald Derosa, Lorenzo Di Portio, Joe Graziano, Frank Harper, Beatrice Runnion, and Janis Zeglen.

October 23: Don Black, David Burrell, George Chastain, Brillah Evelyn Edwards, Billy Ellison, Kimley Hughes, Pat Jourdan, James Kuenzle, Frank Lavoy, Debbie Lollis, Mary Beth McCarty, John McKee & Family, Chris Roll, and Denise Wallace.

Names will remain on prayer list for 3 weeks. To add a name or to maintain a name contact the parish office.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Joseph Bonacci, Parishioner
 Husband of Carol Bonacci, Parishioner

*May the faithful departed be aided by our prayers.
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

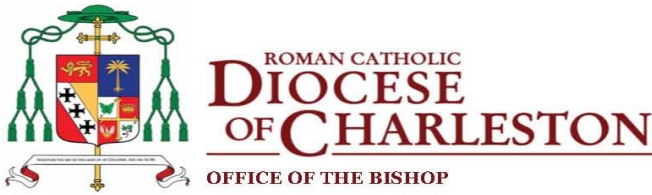
SAT	NOV 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K of C Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Jockey Lot • First Saturday Mass, 9:30 AM • Confessions, 3:15-4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	NOV 06	<p>“FALL BACK”- Daylight Saving Time Ends, 2:00 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Bible Study, 9:45 AM, Office • RCIA, 9:45-10:45 AM, Hall • No Religious Education • First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:30-3:00 PM • Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM, Church
MON	NOV 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy Scouts, 6:30 PM, Hall
TUE	NOV 08	<p>VOTE! Polling Hours 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary’s Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM, Church • Rosary Guild, 12:30-2:00 PM, OFFICE • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00-7:00 PM • Faith & Reason Class, 6:30-7:30 PM, Hall
WED	NOV 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM • Confessions, 9:15-10:15 AM • Catholicism for Dummies, 1:30-3:00 PM, Office • First Communion Parent’s Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM, Hall • Choir, 7:00-8:30 PM, Church
THU	NOV 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Decorating Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM, Office • Mass, 5:30 PM
FRI	NOV 11	<p>Veteran’s Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15-10:15 AM • Bible Study, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Office
SAT	NOV 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K of C Yard Sale, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Jockey Lot • Holiday Craft Fair, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Hall • Confessions, 3:15-4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM • Angel Tree 2022 Begins following Mass (Ends Dec. 4th)
SUN	NOV 13	<p>Happy Birthday Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Bible Study, 9:45-10:45 AM, Office • RCIA, 9:45 - 10:45 AM, Hall • Religious Education, 9:45-10:45 AM, School • Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM, Church

See our Calendar at www.sjccs.net for a full schedule of weekly and monthly events.



218 Praying Days to Pentecost! Come Holy Spirit!

Pray the Rosary Everyday!~ Fr. Gillespie

Pastor's Corner

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are provided many opportunities to remember the blessings in our lives. From our faith to our communities and country, we thank God for each of the gifts He has given us.

We, as Catholics and citizens, have the ability to vote and engage in civic life. It is a blessing that we can actively live our faith and a moral obligation to vote for those that defend the right to practice it.

As Americans prepare to step into the voting booth in early November, it is important to recognize, especially as Christians, that we do not only belong to a specific party — we are Catholic first. We belong to God who has made us one family in faith. We have responsibilities to our nation and communities to seek the common good of all people and promote dialogue in a world of differences.

It is imperative that we reflect on key principles as we seek to form our consciences before casting a ballot. We must weigh each candidate's stance on the moral hierarchy of issues rooted in Church teaching. Our political cause as Catholics is the defense and dignity of human life. We must elect lawmakers who uphold and promote the common good, reject intrinsically evil acts, and protect the weak, underserved, and vulnerable.

Catholics are called to proclaim the name of Christ Jesus the Lord to the world. While we work to prevent all acts that contradict or fail to recognize the God-given rights of every person, our votes must uphold the dignity of life from conception to natural death.

We do not vote from social pressure or selfishness, but from a well-formed conscience in light of the Church's teaching; we vote for love of one another which flows from God, the creator and giver of life.

May the Lord bless you and your families this Thanksgiving. Let us pray for our state and nation as we seek the intercession of the patroness of South Carolina, Our Lady of Joyful Hope.

In Christ's Love,

Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

For more information about voting as a Catholic from our Bishop visit sjccs.net and read this message and the Catholic Voter Guide (English and Spanish)

RCIA - November 6 the RCIA subject will be Jesus Christ - The Word Made Flesh - God Became Man. How/Why did the Son of God become man? How do we explain the Incarnation? We will meet in the Parish Hall from 9:45-10:45 AM. All parishioners are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Jerry West at 773-682-0569.



ST. JOSEPH'S HOLY FAMILY GROUP IS SPONSORING A

Holiday Craft Fair

NOVEMBER 12, 2022

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM IN FATHER FRIEND HALL

RAIN OR SHINE

Over 17 tables worth of crafts including religious items, papercrafts, woodcrafts, pottery, jewelry, stained glass and much more. Come out and support your fellow parishioners while picking up handmade gifts for the holidays. Cash friendly.

ST. JOSEPH ROSARY GUILD

We will be meeting on November 8, at 12:30 PM in the parish office to continue our mission of making and distributing rosaries, locally in our parishes in the States and abroad.

Come join us and help us spread the gospel through Mary's call to Pray the Rosary every day.

For more information or questions call Lucy at 392-1291 or email lucymlaub@gmail.com

SOCKS FOR SAINTS

The Secular Franciscans of Anderson are sponsoring a project to help those less fortunate in our Anderson area.

The project, "Socks for Saints" will start November 1st and continue through December 15th.. Members of the Fraternity will collect donations of new and gently used socks, scarves, gloves, stocking caps, and rain ponchos, The donations will be distributed at the Soup Kitchen, Clean Start, and the food pantry.

A collection box is located in St. Joseph Church's Narthex. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

For information contact the project coordinator, Martha Comberrel: socksforsaints@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL



Angel Tree Gifting Event

NOVEMBER 12, 2022

THRU

DECEMBER 4, 2022

GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

DEC 5-9, 2022



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

PRESENTS

STEVE RAY



NOVEMBER 30, 2022 • 7:00 PM

DEFENDING THE EUCHARIST: YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Steve clearly explains the Biblical basis for the Eucharist. With his customary style of humor and hard-hitting facts, Steve will help you understand and defend the Blessed Sacrament.

FREE EVENT • BRING A FRIEND
RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED

Calling all interior designers! A committee is being formed to assist with decorating the church for the Advent/Christmas and Easter seasons. If you are interested, please contact Diane Yuravich at dkyurri@yahoo.com. First meeting **Thursday, November 10th at 10:00 AM** in the Parish Office. Men and women are welcome! Share your talents!

ADVENT YOUNG MOM'S RETREAT

Young Moms! This is an Advent Retreat for you! Taking some time away to spend with Our Lord in the beauty of nature and in the company of other moms can be one of the best things you can do for not only yourself, but also your family. This simple, short retreat is tailored for the busy mom who'd like some time away to pray, reflect, engage in friendly conversations, and be pampered just a little. It takes place Friday evening, Dec. 2 until Saturday evening, Dec. 3 at Heart Ridge Catholic Retreat Center in Sunset, SC. Nursing infants are welcome.

See www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MomsRetreat for more info.

FORMED - WATCH - NOVEMBER 6, 2022

BLESSED DUNS SCOTUS:

Defender of the Immaculate Conception



A Franciscan priest and theologian, Bl. Duns Scotus debated against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, defending Mary's Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Bl. Duns Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.

SIGN UP ~ IT'S FREE! ~

Create a New Account

Find your Parish or Organization

Find your parish by location or zip code (Ex. St Rose of Lima Denver CO or 12345)

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Father, Son and Holy Spirit
direct and protect,
guide and provide,
inspire and set on fire
my heart for Love of
You and my neighbor
in all things.
Amen.

Want to Strengthen your marriage?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Weekend Marriage Retreat

Jan 27-29, 2023

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC

<https://scmarriagematters.org/>
or call 803-810-9602.

Post Abortion Healing (Completely Confidential & Free)

Rachel's Vineyard
Office of Family Life

Christy Brown, 803-554-6088

CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES (Recommended by Fr. Gillespie):

Listen:

Kresta in the Afternoon ~ Search: kresta in the afternoon (ave maria radio)

Catholic Radio in South Carolina ~ Free App (Apple App Store/Google Play Store) Search: "MediaTrix" and look for the blue rose with a pristine white background.

Catholic Current w/ Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ ~ Search: The Catholic Current

Read:

Magnificat (Mass and Articles) ~ Magnificat Subscribe **To subscribe by telephone** call 1-866-273-5215

Magnifikid (Mass and Articles for Children) ~ search MagnifiKid

Watch:

The Chosen ~ Search **The Chosen TV Series ...look for the APP**

Mass/Movies/Catholic Programs on EWTN ~ Search EWTN.com



Attention All Veterans Please RSVP

SJCS would like to honor all our veterans on
Friday, November 11th

Please join us for 8:30am
Mass and a presentation
immediately to follow
in Fr. Friend Hall.



RSVP to Kathy Massey at 864-760-1619 or
email kathy.massey@sjccs.net.
Please include your branch of service.



One Day of Giving

November 29, 2022

#GIVECATHOLIC



SJCCS Umbrellas Now
On Sale In The School
Office. Only \$25.
Hurry, Limited Supply!



Support Our Veterans!



After all masses on November 5th & 6th the
2nd Grade will be collecting donations for
our veterans. All proceeds will benefit
Vets Helping Vets

www.vetshelpingvetsanderson.com

With each donation, you will receive a
poppy flower made by a St. Joseph Catholic
School student!

Safe Environment Program ~ St. Joseph Church & School is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and for upholding the “National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” All Volunteers who serve at Masses (Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers) and all parish office and school volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete *Safe Haven* online training.

Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the Diocese of Charleston.
Please contact the parish office or school for forms. For more information on how to report an allegation of abuse go to <http://www.sccatholic.org> and click on “Child and Youth Protection” at the bottom left of the homepage.

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Denise Thompson, (864) 225-5341 or dthompson@charlestondiocese.org

School Safe Environment Coordinator: Kathy Massey, (864) 760-1619 or kmassey@charlestondiocese.org

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: (843) 853-2130x 209; **Diocesan Victim Assistance:** (800) 921-8122.

Not liberal.
Not conservative.
Simply Catholic.

**Catholic citizenship
 & your vote**

We have a dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens. As Catholics, our baptismal commitment to bear public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in the democratic life of our nation. As Americans, we have a serious moral obligation to vote. This brief insert is intended as a starting point to help us respond to our choices in the current political landscape.

There are many issues before us ...



<p>The Right to Life and Dignity of the Human Person</p>	<p>Innocent human life is destroyed by abortion, euthanasia, “fertility treatments” such as in-vitro fertilization, experimentation using stem cells from human embryos, and cloning to manufacture human body parts. Catholic teaching about the sanctity of human life also leads us to oppose the death penalty, genocide, torture, unjust wars, and economic policies that ignore the needs of the poor and vulnerable.</p>
<p>Call to Family, Community, and Participation</p>	<p>The family, which emerges from marriage between a man and a woman, is the original and basic unit of society. Social and economic policies should work to strengthen the family rather than weaken it.</p>
<p>Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Every human being has the right to life and to religious freedom. Everyone has a right to refuse to participate in actions contrary to one’s religious beliefs and to share and defend one’s creed and moral principles in the public forum. Everyone has the right and duty to participate fully in all aspects of life: political, social, cultural, and economic.</p>
<p>Option for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>	<p>We must have special concern and charity toward the unborn, persons with disabilities, the dying, refugees, long-term unemployed, prisoners, and all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond. Today, the situation of immigrant workers is especially urgent.</p>
<p>Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers</p>	<p>Economic justice includes the opportunity for dignified work at wages sufficient to support a family, workplace safety, and the right to take time for religious observances. Workers also have the duty to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay.</p>
<p>Solidarity</p>	<p>Loving our neighbor has global dimensions and requires us to eradicate racism and address the extreme poverty and disease plaguing so much of the world. We are called to welcome the stranger among us, including immigrants seeking work, a safe home, education for their children, and a decent life for their families. We are called to promote peace and pursue justice.</p>
<p>Caring for God’s Creation</p>	<p>As stewards, not owners, of the earth, people have an obligation to cherish and care for the environment. The earth yields forth many resources needed for human flourishing, especially energy and the capacity to produce food. These precious resources must be used prudently, fairly, safely, and with a constant concern for future generations.</p>



... but every issue is not equal.

- **Issues that directly affect human lives**, such as abortion and euthanasia, are fundamental and demand serious consideration.
- Our Constitution heralds **religious liberty** in the First Amendment, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain this basic right.
- Our nation has **redefined marriage**. The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a flourishing society.
- The **growing disparity between rich and poor** means most of the world's resources are in the hands of a small percentage of its people. The federal budget is a moral document and we prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable among us.
- The **millions of undocumented persons** living in the United States deserve our compassion. Our immigration system is broken, and we need a humane solution to it.
- **War, terror, and violence** have caused thousands of lost lives. We must work for just solutions to conflict in the Holy Land, throughout the Middle East, and beyond.



As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. **Respect for the dignity of each person** is the core of Catholic social and moral teaching. This is our most basic principle.
2. **We focus on the common good**, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation?
3. **We have a responsibility**, a true obligation, to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation.



Here are ways to form our consciences and participate in civic life:

- **Be true to the teachings of the Church.** Read Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teachings from the Holy See, and the statements of our bishops. Read "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" at faithfulcitizenship.org. We need to be sure that our reasoning and judgments are well-grounded in our faith.
- **Stay well-informed about issues** through judicious and reasoned engagement with the immense world of information in the 21st century. Just as all issues are not equal, all sources are not equal. For example, an individual's blog, while potentially very insightful, may not have the same fidelity to factual truth as our media sources that hold themselves to professional standards of journalistic ethics, imperfect though they are.
- **Remain in contact with our representatives** in local, state, and federal government. Our responsibility to form our consciences leads to an obligation to be active citizens.
- **Engage in reasoned, compassionate, and loving dialogue with others**, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, about the issues and choices that we are facing as a nation. Remember that we are all called first to witness the Gospel, and through that witness, to share our social teaching to highlight the moral dimensions of issues, and to participate in debate on public policy.



Dear Friends,

Please allow me to take a minute to update you on all the exciting things happening at the Center for Evangelical Catholicism, and to make an urgent request for your continued support. Thanks to people like you this has been an excellent year for the Center for Evangelical Catholicism.

2022 Fall Conference

This year's Fall Conference on Sex, Gender and Personal Identity was a timely topic which generated some of our best attendance to-date. Our speakers did a fantastic job, and the audio from all the talks is available on our [website](#), or on our [iTunes Podcast Station](#) (just search the Center for Evangelical Catholicism, but don't forget to leave us a good review!).

All of our Audio from 7 years of tremendous content from our past Conferences and Lecture Series is available on [iTunes Podcast](#) or [Soundcloud](#)!

Faith and Culture Lecture Series

Our monthly lecture series has been very popular as a variety of speakers have addressed timely issues facing the culture and the Church. A few examples of topics have included The Relationship of Science and Religion, C.S. Lewis, Religious Liberty, and Modern Changes in Morality.

The Upstate Catholic Business Network

Our monthly breakfasts and speaker series for Catholic business professionals has been growing, as well as our UCBN quarterly Happy Hour. This is a great way to meet other Catholic professionals in the Upstate, so that we can better support each other in the ongoing effort to strive for holiness in all that we do. To learn more, or to attend one of our events visit our website www.upstatecatholic.com

Our Urgent Need

While many exciting things are happening at the CEC, we are still \$31,000 away from meeting our 2022 needs. We ask that as you make your year-end giving plans prayerfully consider supporting us in our work. We greatly appreciate and depend on your support.

The Center for Evangelical Catholicism is a 501(c) charitable organization that relies upon your support to fulfill its mission.

*In Christ,
T.J. Nielsen*

Executive Director of the CEC



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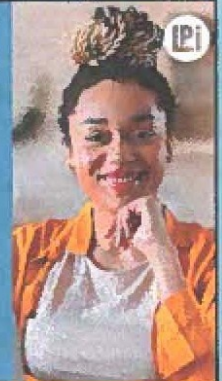


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