

April 1, 2023

Good Morning!

Happy April to all those who are celebrating special events this month ~ birthday, anniversaries, special moments! May your April be joyous! 🎉 🌸 🏛️ 😊



April is the month of the Holy Eucharist, a month dedicated to spreading the truth that Jesus Christ is fully present and available in the bread of life we see inside a monstrance. Make a holy hour this month, invite a friend to adoration, or attempt daily Mass to center your life more around Christ. #besustained

**~First Saturday Mass at 9:30**

~Knights of Columbus Yard Sale 8:00-1:00 pm, Jockey Lot

~Lay Carmelites Meeting, 10:30-2:00 pm, Hall

1. Today's Readings: [Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: We are taking a break from our history of the popes for the next 2 week in order to focus on Holy Week and Easter Week. However, before we begin Holy Week, we begin the month of the Holy Eucharist today with excerpts of letters from the great author, J.R.R. Tolkien, that he wrote to his son Michael.

J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*, was raised in the Catholic faith by his mother, a convert to the Catholic Faith, and after she died, under the guardianship of Fr. Francis Morgan. These excerpts explain the importance that the Eucharist played in his life.

3. Quotes of the Day:

~“One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve the soul from sin, and to help those who fall through weakness to rise again. It is much more profitable, then, to approach this divine Sacrament with love, respect, and confidence, than to remain away through an excess of fear and scrupulosity.” *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

~“Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace.” *St. Padre Pio*

~“Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament.” *St. Augustine*

“He who is all-knowing knew of nothing more that he could give than the Eucharist. He who is all-powerful could not do any more than he does in the sacrament and he who is all loving had nothing more that He could give. The Eucharist is a Divine storehouse filled with every virtue.” *St. Augustine*

***St. Joseph, Pray for Us!***

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## J.R.R. TOLKIEN ON THE EUCHARIST

From two letters of J. R. R. Tolkien (1892-1973) to his son Michael (1920-1984), on the Blessed Sacrament:

- March 1941:

“Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth, and more than that: Death: by the divine paradox, that which ends life, and demands the surrender of all, and yet by the taste (or foretaste) of which alone can what you seek in your earthly relationships (love, faithfulness, joy) be maintained, or take on that complexion of reality, of eternal endurance, which every man’s heart desires.”

- November 1963:

“The only cure for sagging of fainting faith is Communion. Though always Itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Frequency is of the highest effect. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals. Also, I can recommend this as an exercise (alas! only too easy to find opportunity for): make your communion in circumstances that affront your taste. Choose a snuffling or gabbling priest or a proud and vulgar friar; and a church full of the usual bourgeois crowd, ill-behaved children – from those who yell to those products of Catholic schools who the moment the tabernacle is opened sit back and yawn – open necked and dirty youths, women in trousers and often with hair both unkempt and uncovered. Go to Communion *with* them (and pray for them). It will be just the same (or better than that) as a mass said beautifully by a visibly holy man and shared by a few devout and decorous people. (It could not be worse than the mess of the feeding of the Five Thousand – after which [Our] Lord propounded the feeding that was to come.)

I myself am convinced by the Petrine claims, nor looking around the world does there seem much doubt which (if Christianity is true) is the True Church, the temple of the Spirit dying but living, corrupt but holy, self-reforming and rearing. But for

me that Church of which the Pope is the acknowledged head on earth has as chief claim that it is the one that has (and still does) ever defended the Blessed Sacrament, and given it most honor, and put it (as Christ plainly intended) in the prime place. 'Feed my sheep' was His last charge to St Peter; and since His words are always first to be understood literally, I suppose them to refer primarily to the Bread of Life. It was against this that the W. European revolt (or Reformation) was really launched – 'the blasphemous fable of the Mass' – and faith/works a mere red herring. I suppose the greatest reform of our time was that carried out by St Pius X: surpassing anything, however needed, that the [Second Vatican] Council will achieve. I wonder what state the Church would now be but for it.

... I live in anxiety concerning my children: who in this harder crueller and more mocking world into which I have survived must suffer more assaults than I have. But I am one who came up out of Egypt and pray God none of my seed shall return thither. I witnessed (half-comprehending) the heroic sufferings and early death in extreme poverty of my mother who brought me into the Church; and received the astonishing charity of Francis Morgan. But I fell in love with the Blessed Sacrament from the beginning – and by the mercy of God never have fallen out again: but alas! I indeed did not live up to it. I brought you all up ill and talked to you too little. Out of wickedness and sloth I almost ceased to practice my religion... Not for me the Hound of Heaven, but the never-ceasing silent appeal of Tabernacle, and the sense of starving hunger. I regret those days bitterly (and suffer for them with such patience as I can be given); most of all because I failed as a father. Now I pray for you all, unceasingly, that the Healer (the *Hælend* as the Savior was usually called in Old English) shall heal my defects, and that none of you shall ever cease to cry *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini* ['Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord']."

(These letters are numbered 43 and 250, respectively, in: *The Letters of J. R. R. Tolkien*, edited by Humphrey Carpenter with the assistance of Christopher Tolkien. The full book is available for free online. According to the editors, the allusion to Pius X is a "[possible] reference to [this pope's] recommendation of daily communion and children's communion." Tolkien's father died when he was 4. Regarding his mother's death and Fr. Morgan, here's an excerpt from Wikipedia: "Mabel Tolkien was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1900 despite vehement protests by her Baptist family, which stopped all financial assistance to her. In 1904, when J. R. R. Tolkien was 12, his mother died of acute diabetes... insulin would not be discovered until two decades later. Nine years after her death,

Tolkien wrote, 'My own dear mother was a martyr indeed, and it is not to everybody that God grants so easy a way to his great gifts as he did to Hilary and myself, giving us a mother who killed herself with labor and trouble to ensure us keeping the faith.' Before her death, Mabel Tolkien had assigned the guardianship of her sons to her close friend, Father Francis Xavier Morgan of the Birmingham Oratory, who was assigned to bring them up as good Catholics." In this Oratory, also a crucial element in the life of St. Newman, Tolkien attended Mass and was an altar boy between 1902 and 1911.)

*Source: kofc899.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 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Friday 9:30 a.m. - Noon



April 2, 2023

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

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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](http://www.sjccs.net).



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**Church & School Fax (864) 225-6432**

**Mass Intentions**

**04/01- First Saturday**  
**9:30AM Priest's Intentions** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56  
**5:00PM People of the Parish** See Sunday Readings

**04/02 SUNDAY - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**8:30AM +Patricia Movnihan** rb Teresa Kimmel  
**11:00AM +Kevin David Curtis** rb Corey Curtis  
Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

**04/03 Monday of Holy Week**  
**No Mass** Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

**04/04 Tuesday of Holy Week**  
**No Mass - Chrism Mass in Charleston** Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**04/05 Wednesday of Holy Week**  
**8:30AM +Dolores Hammett** rb Emerlyn Carnegie  
Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

**04/06 Holy Thursday**  
**7:00PM Priest's Intentions** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**04/07 Good Friday**  
**3:00PM Friday of the Passion of the Lord** Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

**04/09 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**8:00PM Great Easter Vigil Priest's Intentions**  
**8:30AM People of the Parish**  
**11:00AM + Bob Juno** rb a friend  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 /Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

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| Church Weekly Budget Income                                | \$ 10,500.00        |
| <b><u>Weekly Collection of March 26, 2023:</u></b>         |                     |
| Received in Office   | \$ 9,438.00         |
| WeShare Online Giving                                      | \$ 1,635.00         |
|  | <b>\$ 11,073.00</b> |
| Over/(Under)   | \$ 573.00           |
| <b><u>Second Collection of March 26, 2023:</u></b>         |                     |
| School Scholarship   | \$ 999.00           |
| <b><u>WeShare Online Collection for February 2023:</u></b> |                     |
| Ash Wednesday  | \$ 85.00            |
| Building & Maintenance Fund                                | \$ 150.00           |
| Parish School Support (SOS)                                | \$ 279.00           |
| Parish Charity   | \$ 100.00           |
| Black & Indian Missions                                    | \$ 110.00           |
| Church in Central & Eastern Europe                         | \$ 125.00           |
|  | <b>\$ 849.00</b>    |

Thank you for your support & generosity!

**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**

**April 2:** Jean Alpi, Angelo Aragona, Connie Bennett, Rebecca Black, Ray & Ruth Hamel, Alison Henderson, Lynn Herold, Ray Herold, Leif Hope, Fr. Ignatius, Frann Melanaski, Lucille Pekarik, Jimmy Tucker, and William Violano.

**March 26:** Dot Bismack, Betty Briggs, Ronald Derosa, Lorenzo Di Portio, Frank Harper, Marian Herrera & Family, Bernadette Hill, Barbara Kaliski, Diane Krolak, James Musacchia, Ewa Pedzimaz, Beatrice Runnion, Kathleen Schiller, Carolyn Schilling, Amelia Stevens, John Ransom Stevens, and Janis Zeglen.

**March 19:** Joe Ball, Don Black, Becky Briggs, Buddy Briggs, David Burrell, George Chastain, Jeanne Chisman, Brillah Evelyn Edwards, Billy Ellison, Pat Jourdan, James Kuenzle, Frank Lavoy, Debbie Lollis, Mary Beth McCarty, John McKee & Family, Suellen Pometto, Renée Poutrain, Chris Roll, Denise Wallace and Kenneth Yuravich.

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 Holy Souls in Purgatory**

*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*

**ONLINE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**73 Praying Days to Pentecost!**

**Come Holy Spirit!**

**Bulletin Deadlines**

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 04/23/2023          | 04/30/2023          | 05/07/2023          |
| Materials due 04/09 | Materials due 04/16 | Materials due 04/23 |

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](mailto:weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net)

*Pray the Rosary Everyday!~ Fr. Gillespie*

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SAT APR 1**

- Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Jockey Lot
- First Saturday Mass, 9:30 AM
- Lay Carmelites Meeting, 10:30 AM-2:00 PM, Hall
- Confessions, 3:15-4:45 PM
- Mass, 5:00 PM

**SUN APR 2**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 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
- First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:00-3:00 PM
- Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM, Church

**MON APR 3**

- **School Closed**
- Boy Scouts, 6:30 PM, Hall

**TUE APR 4**

- **School Closed**
- Mary's Prayer Cenacle Rosary, 9:30-11:00 AM, Church
- Hilltoppers, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, Hall
- No Mass - Chrism Mass in Charleston
- No Confessions
- RCIA/Easter Vigil Practice. 6:00 PM, Church
- Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Hall

**WED APR 5**

- **School Closed**
- Mass, 8:30 AM
- Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
- Confessions, 9:15-10:15 AM and 4:00-5:00 PM
- Choir, 7:00-8:30PM, Church

**THU APR 6**

**Holy Thursday**

- **Parish Office & School Closed**
- No 5:30 PM Mass and No Confessions
- Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration, follows Mass until 12 Midnight, Hall

**FRI APR 7**

**Good Friday**

- **Parish Office & School Closed**
- No Mass
- No Confessions
- No First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- No Bible Study
- The Passion of the Lord, 3:00 PM

**SAT APR 8**

**Holy Saturday**

- Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Jockey Lot
- Blessing of the Easter Baskets & Breads, 10:00 AM, Church
- No 5:00 PM Mass & No Confessions
- Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 PM

**SUN APR 9**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

- Mass, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- No Bible Study
- No Religious Education
- No Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers



**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**GREECE**

*In the Footsteps of St. Paul*

**Including a 3-night Aegean Sea Cruise with Fr. Philip S. Gillespie  
OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 3, 2023**

**Join Family Honor and Fr. Philip S. Gillespie on a Pilgrimage to Greece**

You are invited to join Family Honor on an amazing 12-day pilgrimage to Greece, including a three-night cruise along the Aegean Sea! Visit the sites related to St. Paul in Corinth, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, and Veria. Also visit Ephesus, Patmos, Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, and Meteora. You'll participate in daily Mass at holy sites, visit the monastery and cave where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation, see the house where the Blessed Mother lived with St. John and explore the ancient city of Athens. In addition, you'll stop by museums with displays of ancient artifacts and savor exquisite Mediterranean cuisine. Enjoy the company of professional Tour Escort and make unforgettable memories, all in the safety and ease of group travel. The group departs the U.S. on October 23 and returns November 3.

Spiritual director for the pilgrimage will be Father Philip Gillespie. For more information, contact Brenda Cerkez, Executive Director of Family Honor, at 803-929-0858 or [bcerkez@familyhonor.org](mailto:bcerkez@familyhonor.org) Or go to : <https://www.catholicheritagetours.com/fhbcgr2023>

**2023 HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 2**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Regular Sunday Mass**

(with blessing of palms outside sanctuary before Mass)

**APRIL 4**

**TUESDAY - NO MASS & NO CONFESSIONS**

(Chrism Mass in Charleston 10:00 AM)

**APRIL 5**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Mass - 8:30 AM**

**Adoration - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Confession - 9:15 to 10:15 AM & 4:00 to 5:00 PM**

**APRIL 6**

**THURSDAY**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM**

(Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration following Mass until Midnight in the Parish Hall)

*(No 5:30 Mass/No Confessions)*

**APRIL 7**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**No Mass - No Confessions**

**The Passion of the Lord - 3:00 PM**

**APRIL 8**

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets/Bread - 10:00 AM**

**Great Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM**

*(No 5:00 PM Mass and No Confessions)*

**APRIL 9**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Mass - 8:30 and 11:00 AM**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

**Sunday, Apr 2-Topic: Paschal Mystery/Holy Week** (9:45 to 10:45 AM, Hall)  
**Tuesday, Apr 4 - Easter Vigil Practice** (6:00 PM, Church)

If you have questions, please contact Jerry West at 773-682-0569

**HILLTOPPERS**

You are cordially invited to the Hilltoppers luncheon meeting on **April 4 at 11:30 AM** in the Parish Hall.

The main course will be sliced ham. Side dishes, salads, and desserts are welcomed (but not required).

Our guest will be Patrick Campbell, owner and funeral director of The Standard Mortuary. He will educate us on the importance of the planning of our final arrangements.

Join us! Bring a friend (non-parishioners and non-Catholics are most welcome). You will meet interesting people and hopefully form new friendships within our community.



Are you a Catholic in good standing looking to move to the next level in your faith. I would like to invite you to join the worldwide Catholic movement called Cursillo.

What is the Cursillo movement? It's a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Members become agents for change in their families, work, neighborhoods, social gatherings and church. It starts with a weekend encounter with Jesus Christ in the company of other members of the movement. The weekend includes morning and night prayers, daily Mass, teaching, sharing, good food and great fellowship. It is not easy to describe an encounter with Christ, but speaking from experience, he will be there with you.

In our diocese, there are two weekend encounters each year for men and for women. The next Men's weekend is August 24th-27th, and the next Women's weekend is September 28th - October 1st. There is no cost for the weekend (that is right, no cost), however there is an application to complete and you need a sponsor, which I can help you with. If interested, drop me an email at [chet.johns@sjccs.net](mailto:chet.johns@sjccs.net) and I will drop you an application by email and answer any questions you have. I am hoping to participate personally in the next Fall men's weekend. De colores.



**Save the Date!!**  
**Catholic Kidz Camp/VBS**  
**June 19-23, 2023**

**40 Days for Life Feb 22 - Apr 2, 2023**

The Knights of Columbus prolife committee will be leading the rosary before Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 8:30 AM Masses in church during the Spring 40 Days for Life. Rosary will start 45 minutes before Mass.

**40 Days for Life Closing Celebration:** You are invited to join us for prayer, music, food, and fellowship at the Closing Celebration for the spring campaign of 40 Days for Life, **Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday), from 3-4:15 pm** in the parking lot of the Piedmont Women's Center. Come for the wrap-up of our spring campaign, and hear personal testimonials by women whose lives were impacted or threatened by abortion, and how Christ has used this darkest of evils for good in their lives and those of others.

**Anderson Charity Spotlight - The South Main Chapel and Mercy Center**

The South Main Chapel and Mercy Center (The Mercy Center) serve the poor and the homeless in Anderson. The Mercy Center provides a welcoming church service on Sunday and Wednesday. The Mercy Center has an average attendance of ninety.

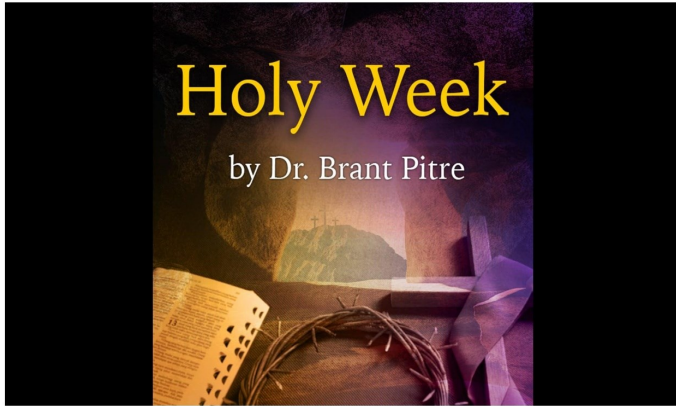
Other services offered during the week by The Mercy Center include on-site mental health counseling, vocational rehabilitation counseling, nursing care, addiction recovery referrals, transportation and housing assistance and other case management services for over five hundred individuals in our community. The Mercy Center relies on volunteers for their ministry. Besides the gifts of food, landscaping, transportation, office support, and basic hygiene packets. Support from the community is always welcome.

St. Joseph Catholic Women Serving (CWS) are providing acts of service and financial assistance to The Mercy Center through a quarterly luncheon on Sundays and providing 50 weekly sack lunches every Wednesday since last summer. The work has also been financially supported through funds provided from the Parish Charity Fund and private donations. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Gloria Morris at 864-934-2344 or [gammorris50@gmail.com](mailto:gammorris50@gmail.com) or the Parish Office at 864-225-5341. Thank you.

*Fr. Gillespie has also authorized the free will collections related to the First Saturday Masses from January to May towards this important community outreach. So when you come to the First Saturday Mass, please be generous.*

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guide and provide,  
inspire and set on fire  
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You and my neighbor  
in all things.  
Amen.

**Anniversary Blessings**

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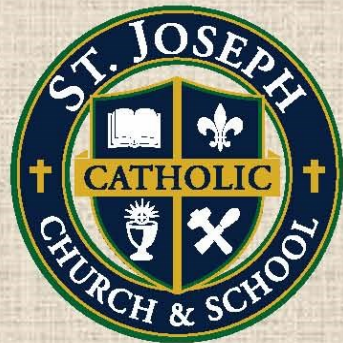
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St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for First Steps 4K, a **FREE** 4-year-old Kindergarten program for eligible children.

**Hurry! Space is Limited!**

## Save the Date! April 29<sup>th</sup>

Would you like to share a dish from your culture? We would love you to participate!

Please email or use QR Code  
[kathy.massey@sjccs.net](mailto:kathy.massey@sjccs.net) or  
[elizabethawingard@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethawingard@gmail.com)



Tickets on sale now in the school office and after select Masses!

\$15 for Adults    \$5 Children (ages 5-12)    Free Children 4 and under



**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](mailto:dthompson@charlestondiocese.org)

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

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



**Today and Next 4 First Saturday Mass Charitable Collections**

**St Joseph Catholic Church.....serving our community**

**Lenten mission project: funding a years worth of charity meals in our community**



2 agencies targeted for assistance: Mercy Center and Hope Mission. Both are multi-denominational efforts to feed the homeless and poverty level residents of Anderson

We provide 50 bag suppers weekly and cook and serve a hot meal quarterly.

What's in a bag? Estimated cost \$2 per bag

Sandwich- either PBJ or ham/cheese

Fruit cup or pudding cup

Soft granola bar

Crackers or chips

Plastic spoon

Mayo/mustard packets (with ham sandwich)

Prayer card



Doing the math: \$2 per bag x 50 bags per week= \$100.

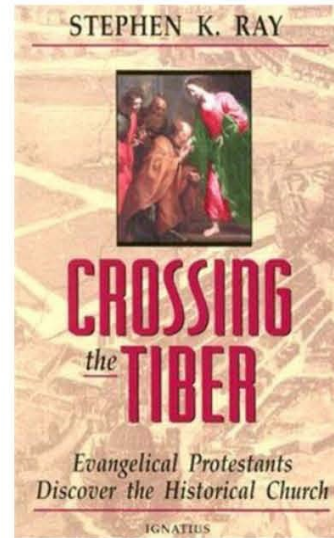
100 x 52 weeks/year = \$5200 annual cost.

We would like to be able to contribute water bottles during hot month to combat dehydration



## Catholic Book Discussion Group - Come join us!

*The conversion story of  
Steve Ray  
(who spoke here  
In November)*



### **Our May 4<sup>th</sup> selection**

An exhilarating conversion story of Steve Ray, a devout Baptist, who relates how he overcame his hostility to the Catholic Church by a combination of serious Bible study and vast research of the writings of the early Church Fathers. In addition to a moving account of their conversion that caused Ray and his wife to "cross the Tiber" to Rome, he offers an in-depth treatment of Baptism and the Eucharist in Scripture and the ancient Church.

Come to either group:

Thursday, May 4 3:00 pm

Thursday, May 4 6:30 pm

Where:

Parish Office (conference room)

Contact Jan Heithaus in the parish office for more information.

*All are welcome to join in our book discussion whenever you are interested.*





## **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness.**

**The retreats in South Carolina are: ,  
April 14-16, 2023-Greenville--(English)**

**April 29-30, 2023-Charleston--(Spanish)**

**For more information or registration**

**Christy 803 554 6088**

**Kathy 803 546 6010**

**[Grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4healing@gmail.com)**

**Now is the time**

### Upcoming Events at Heartridge

#### Sunset, South Carolina

**Mother/ Tween Daughter "Arise and Shine" Overnight Retreat Saturday, April 22-23** If you have a tween daughter, don't miss this opportunity to build friendship and communication so important in the upcoming teen years. At this one night retreat at Heart Ridge in Sunset, SC, moms and daughters will do crafts, play games, hike, and spend time in communication and discussion activities. There will also be a couple of expert talks on puberty and the beauty of being a woman. Price includes all activities, materials, food, snacks, and comfortable lodging.

<https://www.heartridgeministries.com/motherdaughter.html>

**Ignatian Silent Retreat lead by Fr. William Frei May 5-7** Join us at the Heart Ridge Retreat Center in Sunset, SC for 3 days and 2 nights of a directed silent retreat. There will be sessions led by Fr. Frei as well as Mass and Confession, but most of the time will be spent in silence so that the retreatants can spend time discerning, praying, and resting in God's care. All food and comfortable lodging provided at the beautiful mountain retreat center.

For more information <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/silent-retreat.html>

**Come to the Mountains! Catholic Summer Family Camp** Heart Ridge Retreat Center offers weeklong Catholic family camps. It's like summer camp--but for the whole family. One price includes comfortable AC lodging, food, and all of the activities. Faith sessions based on age are offered daily as well as individual family time, and Mass. Afternoons are spent doing optional outdoor activities at and near the

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Your tuition fee of \$700 includes most materials including boards pigments etc.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website <https://theodoreicons.com/sc>

or contact Mrs Aziza Stansberry at:

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