

May 7, 2023

Good Sunday Morning!

May Crowning following the 11:00 Mass during First Sunday Adoration  
May Crowning Reception, Hall  
Divine Mercy Chaplet and Penitential Prayers, Church 3:00 PM

School newsletter attached.

1. Today's Readings: [Fifth Sunday of Easter | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: "If we desire to become better Catholics and improve our relationship with the Lord, we must deepen our love for the Eucharist. How can we do so? One of the best and most underutilized ways is to turn to the Mother of Jesus, Mary." Today's article helps us understand better how to do this by reflecting on some interesting thoughts of St. John Paul II. During this month devoted to Mary, why not take some time and meditate on her role as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament? There is no better person to help us increase our appreciation for the Eucharist than the Mother of Our Lord.

3. Quotes of the Day: *Pope Saint John Paul II*

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!" — *Address to young people of Bologna, Sept. 27, 1997*

"And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?" — *Ecclesia de Eucharistia, April 17, 2003*

"Mary is a 'woman of the Eucharist' in her whole life. The Church, which looks to Mary as a model, is also called to imitate her in her relationship with this most holy mystery." — *Ecclesia de Eucharistia, April 17, 2003*

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

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# Mary and the Eucharist

*“If we wish to discover in all its richness the profound relationship between the Church and the Eucharist, we cannot neglect Mary, Mother and model of the Church...Mary can guide us toward this most holy sacrament because she herself has a profound relationship with it.” (Blessed Pope John Paul II, Ecclesia de Eucharistia)*

At the center of our Catholic Faith is the belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Unfortunately, we often lose sight of or don't appreciate the profound blessing that we have been granted. If we desire to become better Catholics and improve our relationship with the Lord, we must deepen our love for the Eucharist. How can we do so? One of the best and most underutilized ways is to turn to the Mother of Jesus, Mary. By getting to know her and studying her life, we can grow closer to Our Lord who is fully present in the Eucharist. In his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, Saint Pope John Paul II devotes an entire chapter to Mary, “Woman of the Eucharist”. Let's examine some of his thoughts on how Our Lady can help us better understand the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

## **Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Sometimes referred to as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Mary can take us by the hand and lead us to a closer relationship with the Eucharistic Christ. While observing that “at first glance”, the Gospel is silent on the subject of Mary and the Eucharist, the late Holy Father makes an interesting observation. We know that Mary was present with the apostles who prayed “with one accord” (Acts 1:14) for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it follows that Mary was most certainly present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the early Christians who were devoted to “the breaking of bread” (Acts 2:42). St. John Paul II then points to Mary's interior disposition and observes that Mary is a “woman of the Eucharist” in her whole life.

## **A Mystery of Faith**

Scripture tells us that faith is “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). The Eucharist is certainly a mystery of faith and cannot be grasped by our limited human understanding. Accepting Jesus' command to “Do this in memory of me”, requires us to deny our senses and humbly submit to His instruction. What better advice can we be given than the words of Mary at the wedding feast of Cana when she stated, “Do whatever He tells you” (John 2:5)? Just as He changed water into wine, He can turn ordinary bread and

wine into His Body and Blood. By listening to Mary's advice, we can accept (without fully understanding) the miracle that occurs on the altar and embrace Our Lord's words, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54).

### **The Fiat and the Amen**

By offering her womb for the Incarnation of God's Word, Mary lived her Eucharistic faith even before the institution of the Eucharist. At the Annunciation, when Mary conceived the Son of God, she foreshadowed what happens to us when we receive Holy Communion. As a result, according to John Paul II, "there is a profound analogy between the Fiat which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the Amen which every believer says when receiving the Body of the Lord". Although we sometimes forget the significance of our response to the words "The Body of Christ", by replying "Amen" we are expressing our belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Mary's belief in the mystery of the Annunciation ("Blessed is she who believed") anticipates the Church's belief in the Eucharist.

### **Sacrifice**

It is impossible to deny that there is a sacrificial dimension to the Eucharist. The Body and Blood of He whom we receive in this great sacrament was sacrificed for our redemption. Just as suffering was a major part of Our Lord's life, it was a constant theme in the life of Mary. Beginning with Simeon's crucifixion prophecy at the Lord's Presentation ("a sword will pierce your soul") and culminating with Our Lord's death on the Cross, Mary had a very real share in the suffering of Christ. In this encyclical, the Holy Father made the following profound observation:  
*In her daily preparation for Calvary, Mary experienced a kind of "anticipated Eucharist" – one might say a "spiritual communion" – of desire and of oblation, which would culminate in her union with her Son in his passion, and then find expression after Easter by her partaking in the Eucharist which the Apostles celebrated as the memorial of that passion.*

### **The Magnificat**

According to Pope John Paul II, "in the Eucharist the Church is completely united to Christ and His sacrifice and makes her own the spirit of Mary. This truth can be understood more deeply by re-reading the Magnificat in a Eucharistic key". He points out that when Mary proclaims, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior", she is praising God "through" Jesus (who is in her womb), "in" Jesus and "with" Jesus. This, he observes, is the true "Eucharistic attitude" and that "the Eucharist has been given to us so that our life, like that of

Mary, may become completely a Magnificat". Saint Louis de Montfort, who greatly inspired John Paul II, recommended that the Magnificat be recited after the reception of Holy Communion. In doing so, we unite our voice with that of Mary and allow our often-weak faith to be infused by her perfect and unfailing faith!

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.*

During this month devoted to Mary, why not take some time and meditate on her role as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament? There is no better person to help us increase our appreciation for the Eucharist than the Mother of Our Lord. She knows Him better than any other human. Ask her to help you believe the "unbelievable"!

*"Mary is present, with the Church and as the Mother of the Church, at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist. If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist." (St. Pope John Paul II, Ecclesia de Eucharistia)*

Source: catholicexchange.com by Gary Zimak



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

- Galatians 6:9

May 5, 2023

Our mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, which will prepare us for outstanding achievements in all aspects of life. Our education will enable us to realize spiritual, intellectual, moral, and social growth in a safe, disciplined, family-oriented environment.

**Virtue † Academic Excellence † Discipleship**

## Follow Us



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[Instagram.com/SJCSAnderson](https://www.instagram.com/SJCSAnderson)

# May 11<sup>th</sup>

## First Communion Practice



Thursday

May 11<sup>th</sup>

6:45pm

Meet in the

Narthex

## Art Club

Next week is

the last

session –

May 11<sup>th</sup>



# Important...

## Uniform Standards



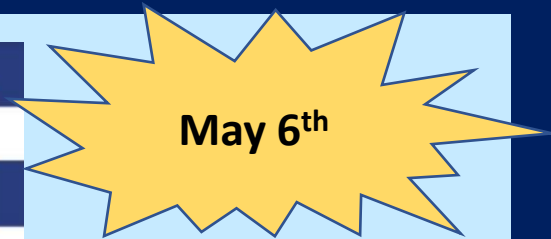
All uniforms should **fit properly** and be free from holes, stains, fading, and excessive wear and tear.

Mass uniforms will always have a sweater or vest and black dress shoes. Boys will always wear navy pants.

# GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY May 6, 2023  
8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM  
ANDERSON JOCKEY LOT

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### KNIGHTS YARD SALE

#### WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR YARD SALE?

AIM-WACS	ANDERSON EMERGENCY SOUP KITCHEN	ANDERSON FREE CLINIC
ANDERSON PREGNANCY CLINIC	AREA 13 SPECIAL OLYMPICS	CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN
Cancer Association of Anderson	Coats for Kids	Good Neighbor Cupboard
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	HAVEN OF REST MISSION	HOSPICE OF THE UPSTATE
MEALS ON WHEELS	NEW FOUNDATION HOME FOR CHILDREN	OPERATION CLEAN START
PURPLE HEART HOMES	RICHARD B. CAMPBELL VETERANS HOME	SAFE HARBOR
ST. CLAIR HOME	ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL	UKRAINIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT

THANK YOU TO THESE WONDERFUL ORGANIZATIONS WHO SUPPLY THE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

May 12<sup>th</sup>

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Butterfly  
Festival

WHAT: A STREAM EVENT

(Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)

WHEN: MAY 12 @ 5:30-7:30PM

WHERE: SJCCS BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Help us celebrate our students with a night of  
STREAM displays, poetry, music performances,  
and activities for all families.





# Butterfly Project

## Butterfly Festival STREAM Challenge

Butterfly Festival on May 12th @ 5:30pm

### Challenge

Create a symmetrical butterfly out of found/recycled materials before the Butterfly Festival.

Your butterfly creation must be completed and brought to the Butterfly Festival in order for it to be entered into the Butterfly STREAM Challenge Contest. Judging will take place during the festival, and the winners will be announced at the end of the festival.

Challenge rules are listed on the back of this handout.

Be creative!

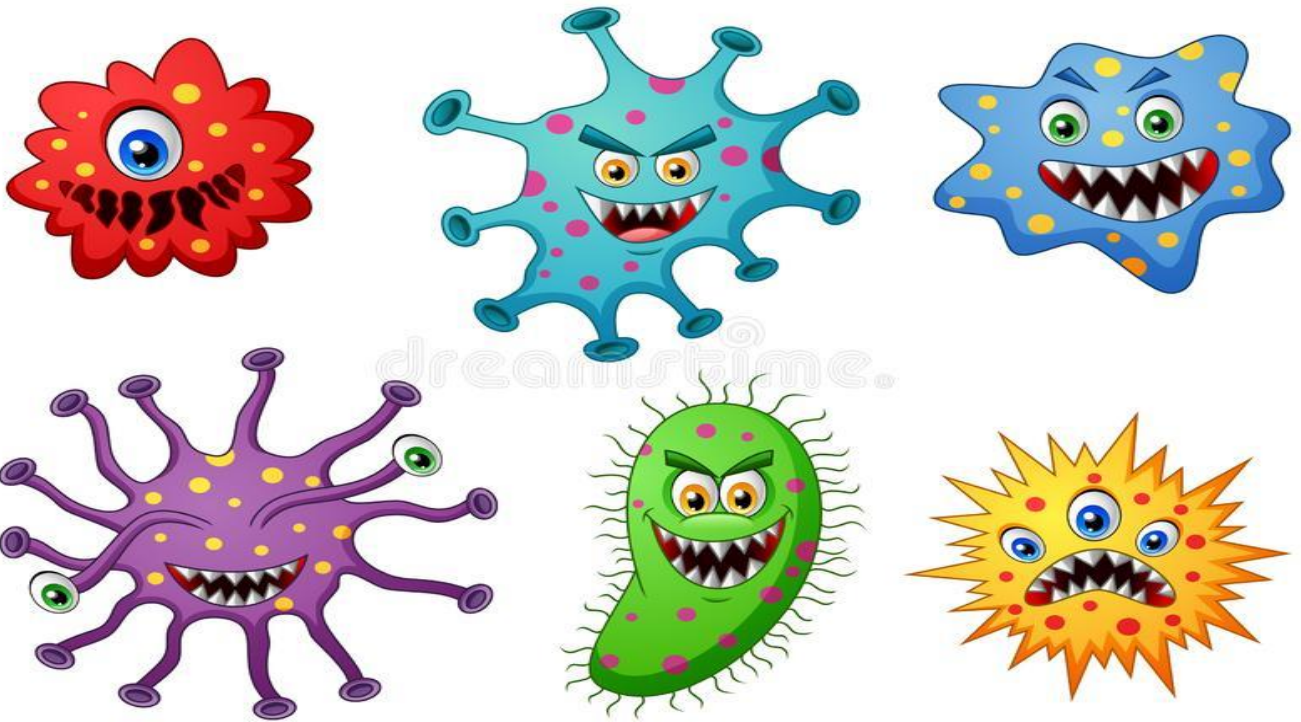
# Butterfly Project

## Challenge Rules

- You can use any supplies you have available.
- The butterfly you create must have symmetry. Symmetry means the same on both sides that are facing each other.
- Your goal is to build a butterfly from "found" and/or recycled things that you find.
- You can use the items in creative ways, so be sure to put your thinking cap on!
- There are many different ways to complete this challenge. Be creative!

# Important...

We love it when students share - but, not germs!



To minimize the spread of illness, please keep your student home when they are sick. In case of fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, **PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE** before sending your student back to school.

# Important...



## Parking Lot Procedures

### MORNING DROP-OFF

Please **DO NOT** let your student out of the car before you pull up to where the teachers are. The teachers are there to assist the children out of the cars and to maintain the safety of your children in the parking lot.

Students should only get out of the **passenger side**. Please consider parking if your student is not ready to exit when you reach the teachers.

Please **DO NOT** drive around other cars during drop off.

If you arrive after 7:55am the teachers will be inside – you must park, come inside, and sign your child in at the front desk.

**Remember to always be patient and kind.**

# May Virtue of the Month

## Diligence-

*Doing your best and working hard until you are finished.*

*"Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor."*

- Proverbs 12:24

PK – 2<sup>nd</sup>

St. Andre Bessette

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

St. Francis de Sales

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Catherine of Siena

Click [HERE](#) for the Parent Guide and access to all home projects.

# Virtue Winners...

## April



## Obedience

# How to help... Sign up today



## Box Tops for Education

Download the App, select our school, scan your receipts. Or bring in your receipts and we will do it for you! EASY!



We are still collecting bottlecaps to create awesome works of art!



When you shop at **Ingles**, they donate money to the school for new supplies and equipment. Click [HERE](#) and link your Ingles Advantage Card to St. Joseph Catholic School.



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Club Publix, under your profile, click Publix Partners (scroll all the way to the right) and search for us. Enter your phone number when you shop.

# May Birthdays

Levi C 5-3

Shriya P 5-9

Yare V 5-10

Luna M 5-11

Ellie W 5-13

Vada W 5-14

Andrea R 5-15

Eva G 5-22

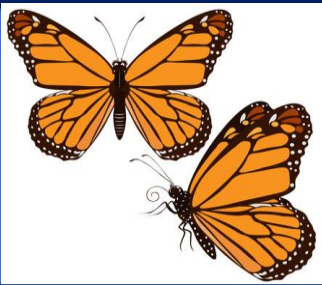


# Upcoming Events

\*Calendar can be located at [www.sjccs.net](http://www.sjccs.net).



MAP Testing Begins  
Apr 24<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>



Butterfly Festival  
May 12<sup>th</sup>



First Communion  
May 13<sup>th</sup>



4K Step Up to Kindergarten  
May 25<sup>th</sup>



No School –  
Memorial Day  
May 29<sup>th</sup>

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**Kindergarten Graduation**  
**May 31<sup>st</sup>**



**Awards Ceremony**  
**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

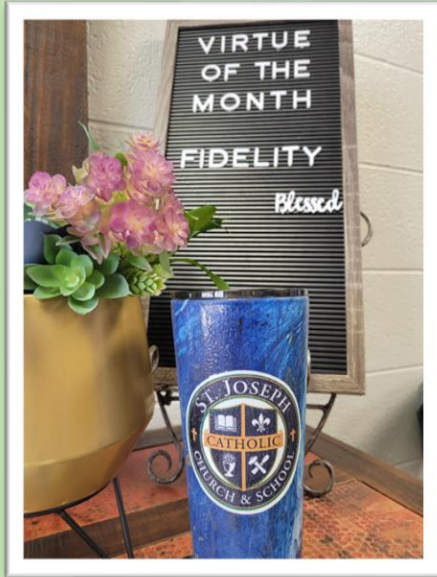


**Last Day of School**  
**11:45am Dismissal – No**  
**Extended Care**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Confirmation**  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

# Going on Now...



**Tumblers \$20**



**Umbrellas \$25**



**T-Shirt \$20**

S-M-L-XL

**New SJCS  
shirts and  
sweatshirts  
on sale now!**

**Sweatshirt \$30**

only smalls remain

# School Life

View more pictures on St. Joseph of Anderson Facebook Page!

## May Crowning!



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## Muffins with Mom!



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## Taste of St. Joseph!



# Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make our school great!  
**You are awesome!**

## Lunches:

### Catholic Women Serving:

**Patti Wiker**  
**Donna Wingo**

Evelyn Hooks  
Mayra Salgado  
Wilma Aguado  
Sheila Pineda  
Gladys Tortolero  
Maria Tortolero  
Isbel Mercado  
Elizabeth Wingard  
Mayte Gonzalez  
Gabriela Colorado  
Elizabeth Wingard



## Readers:

**Alice Henderson**  
**Linda Firreno**  
**Linda Ketchapaw**

**Thank you to the  
School Volunteers that  
organized and worked  
Muffins with Mom, Teacher  
Appreciation Week, and  
volunteered in the office!**

Cary Infante  
Sara Crocker  
Maria Tortolero  
Isbel Mercado  
Gladys Tortolero  
Ashlin Drake  
Wilma Aguado  
Evelyn Hooks  
Jenny Nix  
Sheila Pineda  
Chris Wingard  
Nate Newsome  
Lauren Knight  
Rosario Krumm

# Joke Corner!

**Who is everyone's best friend at school?**



**The princiPAL!**

**Submit your joke to the office.  
The winning joke will receive a  
free dress pass.**



*Plan for it...*

# Church



## **POLICY CHANGE:**

If you have requested the use of the hall and kitchen for an event, please follow up 2 days prior to request gas service for the stove and oven, if you require access.

**Corner**

### **Gas Stove & Oven**

**Please request service to either the Church or School Offices during our standard working hours Monday - Friday to have gas service turned on for your event. Advance notice (2 Days) would be greatly appreciated.**

**Only St. Joseph Staff are authorized to perform this function. Thank you.**

<b>Church</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>864-225-5341</b>	<b>864-760-1619</b>

Plan for it...

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corner



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# Church



Corner

Please list any allergy or medical conditions that we need to aware of:

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Release Form

I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well-being of the participants in this summer camp and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the case of sickness or an accident, I authorize and consent the Camp Team, or other associated volunteers of the Camp program to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that myself or other legal guardian(s) cannot be reached. I hereby do release and forever discharge this Diocese, Parish and/or Organization from all manners of actions, claims which I or the children named on this form shall or may have for any reason, arising during my children's attendance of the summer camp.

Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent to allowing my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during the camp week or for future advertisement of Parish camp programs. Any other use will require your further consent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (please print):

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child/children: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Children can be released to the following persons (besides parent who has signed above): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Plan for it...

# Church



corner



The Queen of Heaven Express is leaving the station! Mysteries & Messages Revealed at Each Stop! Discover how Mary brings us closer to Jesus through the POWER of the ROSARY.

**PARENTS!!**

COOL CRAFTS  
FUN GAMES  
UPBEAT MUSIC  
EXCITING ACTIVITIES  
CREATIVE SKITS  
BIBLE STORIES

**Get Your GOLDEN TICKET**

& Track Mary All Over the World!  
**FUN-FILLED DAYS AHEAD  
AT CATHOLIC KIDZ CAMP!**



**DATES: JUNE 19-23      TIMES: 9:00AM - 12:15PM**

**FAMILY PICNIC AT 12:15PM ON FRIDAY 23RD**

**LOCATION: St. Joseph Catholic Church**

For more information, please contact the parish office at 864-225-5341.

~PLEASE USE THE GRADE ENTERING THIS FALL~  
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.

Grade e K	Grade s 1-2	Grade s 3-4	Grade s 5-6

Child's Name:

Child's Name:

Child's Name:

Child's Name:

Parent Name:

Address:

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

Registration fee per child (Max/family \$45) 15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve my Mary's Messages Storybook 4.99 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed cash/check in the amount of TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Check to St. Joseph)

**To Register: Complete both sides and return with payment to parish office.**

Please return by June 12.