

Diocese of Charleston

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fr. Philip S. Gillespie, Pastor ~ pastor@sjccs.net



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Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

First Saturdays 9:30 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.

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.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 2, 2023

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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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

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 email registrations@sjccs.net.

Church Staff 864-225-5341

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Church & School Fax (864) 225-6432

Mass Intentions

02 SUNDAY — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM (Vigil) +Patricia Movníhan rb Teresa Kimmel
8:30AM People of the Parish
11:00AM +Olga Pintado rb Cary Infante

03 Monday — *Saint Thomas, Apostle*
No Mass

04 Tuesday — *Independence Day*
5:30PM +Henry Daniels rb Playford Family

05 Wednesday — *Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*
8:30AM +George Mixon rb Daw Family

06 Thursday — *Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*
5:30PM Clarence Rogers rb Emerlyn Carnegie

07 Friday — Weekday
8:30AM +Al Hever rb John & Linda Firreno

09 SUNDAY — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM (Vigil) +Bernatte Hill rb John & Linda Firreno
8:30AM Conversion of Souls rb Tony and Suellen Pometto
11:00AM People of the Parish

Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
<u>Weekly Collection of June 25, 2023:</u>	
Received in Office	\$ 8,602.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 2,855.00
	\$ 11,457.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 957.00
<u>Second Collection of June 25, 2023:</u>	
Peter's Pence	\$ 634.00
<u>WeShare Online Collection for May 2023:</u>	
Church Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 75.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Parish School Support (SOS)	\$ 484.00
Parish Charity	\$ 290.00
Organ Fund	\$ 50.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 160.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 235.00
	\$ 1,344.00

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Mass Readings

02 SUNDAY — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 (97)

03 Monday — *Saint Thomas, Apostle*
 Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 (593)

04 Tuesday — *Independence Day*
 Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27 (378)

05 Wednesday — *Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*
 Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34 (379)

06 Thursday — *Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*
 Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8 (380)

07 Friday — Weekday
 Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13 (381)

08 Saturday — Weekday
 Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17 (382)

09 SUNDAY — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30 (100)

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. Please call 864-225-5341 or email denise.thompson@sjccs.net.

In the event of an emergency, please call the parish office: 864-225-5341. After hours & weekends – please press 1 when prompted.

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!

Bulletin Deadlines

07/23/2023	07/30/2023	08/06/2023
Materials due 07/09	Materials due 07/16	Materials due 07/23

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.

Pray for the Sick

July 2: Joe Ball, Becky Briggs, Buddy Briggs, George Chastain, Billy Ellison, Pat Jourdan, Mary Beth McCarty, Suellen Pometto, Denise Wallace, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner. Family of Denise Thompson, Shirley Hamel, Maria Cozzoni, John Chabot

June 25: Angelo & Joan Aragona, Suzanne Aragona, Connie Bennett, Rebecca Black, Audrey Duffy, Les Franz, Ray & Ruth Hamel, Alison Henderson, Lynn Herold, Ray Herold, Leif Hope, Fr. Ignatius, Frann Melanaski, Lucille Pekarik, Jim Sernak, Jimmy Tucker.

June 18: Dot Bismack, Ronald Derosa, Lorenzo Di Portio, Frank Harper, Michael Jimmy Heath, Marian Bernadette Hill, Barbara Kaliski, Diane Krolak, Joe Modzel, Ewa Pedzimaz, Beatrice Runnion, Kathleen Schiller, Carolyn Schilling.

Additions or Deletions? please email prayers@sjccs.net

Please pray for the repose of the 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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT	JUL 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • First Saturday Mass, 9:30 AM • Lay Carmelites 10:30 AM–3:00 PM, Hall • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	JUL 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Hall • Mass, 11:00 AM • First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:00–3:00 PM • Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM, Church
MON	JUL 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy Scouts, 6:30 PM, Hall
TUE	JUL 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed 4th of July • Hilltoppers, 11:30 AM–1:00PM Hall • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM
WED	JUL 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
THU	JUL 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Book Group, 3:00–4:30 PM Office • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM • Catholic Book Group, 6:30–8:00 PM Office
FRI	JUL 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM–3:00 PM
SAT	JUL 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	JUL 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Hall • Mass, 11:00 AM • 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AT SJCCS

facilities@sjccs.net
 Please use this email address to request use of one of our facilities for your event. In addition, use this email to report any maintenance concerns or issues that you may notice in or around our facilities and grounds.
 (i.e. Lights, Bathrooms, Paper Supplies Needed, etc.)

registrations@sjccs.net
 Please use this address to register in the parish or to update your current parish registration.
 (i.e. Change in address or phone number, add a new family member, etc.)

weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net
 Please use this email to request a bulletin announcement. Please submit all announcements in an **editable** Word or Publisher document. Remember to include: Who, What, Where, Why, When.
 (See page 2 for upcoming weekly bulletin submission deadlines.)

prayers@sjccs.net
 Please use this email to submit prayer requests for the “Pray for the Sick” column in the weekly bulletin.
Note: We have recently updated the list. Additions or deletions? Please send an email to modify.

Please use these specific emails to direct information to the parish office. Thank you.

PASTOR'S CORNER:

From a treatise on Christian Perfection by Saint Gregory of Nyssa, bishop*(PG 46, 283-286)**Christ should be manifest in our whole life*

The life of the Christian has three distinguishing aspects: deeds, words and thought. Thought comes first, then words, since our words express openly the interior conclusions of the mind. Finally, after thoughts and words, comes action, for our deeds carry out what the mind has conceived. So when one of these results in our acting or speaking or thinking, we must make sure that all our thoughts, words and deeds are controlled by the divine ideal, the revelation of Christ. For then our thoughts, words and deeds will not fall short of the nobility of their implications.

What then must we do, we who have been found worthy of the name of Christ? Each of us must examine his thoughts, words and deeds, to see whether they are directed toward Christ or are turned away from him. This examination is carried out in various ways. Our deeds or our thoughts or our words are not in harmony with Christ if they issue from passion. They then bear the mark of the enemy who smears the pearl of the heart with the slime of passion, dimming and even destroying the luster of the precious stone.

On the other hand, if they are free from and untainted by every passionate inclination, they are directed toward Christ, the author and source of peace. He is like a pure, untainted stream. If you draw from him the thoughts in your mind and the inclinations of your heart, you will show a likeness to Christ, your source and origin, as the gleaming water in a jar resembles the flowing water from which it was obtained.

For the purity of Christ and the purity that is manifest in our hearts are identical. Christ's purity, however, is the fountainhead; ours has its source in him and flows out of him. Our life is stamped with the beauty of his thought. The inner and the outer man are harmonized in a kind of music. The mind of Christ is the controlling influence that inspires us to moderation and goodness in our behavior. As I see it, Christian perfection consists in this: sharing the titles which express the meaning of Christ's name, we bring out this meaning in our minds, our prayers and our way of life.



Denise Thompson is currently out on the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Please keep her family in your prayers during this time. We will keep you updated as they progress through this situation.

While Denise is out, we are also asking that you send all emails to both linda.mccormick@sjccs.net and kate.edwards@sjccs.net. They are attempting to assist with any items that were normally handled by Denise. Please allow for extra time in any of your requests as both of these employees are part time and do not work every day.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

I remain as always, your most loyal and humble servant in Christ,

Fr. Philip S. Gillespie

Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church & School

Are you over 50? Please Join us for the FUN!

You are cordially invited to attend the Hilltoppers social Tuesday July 4 at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall
Our guests will be the Outreach Group from the Anderson Senior Follies who will help us celebrate Independence Day.

If you don't wish to come alone, bring a friend (non-parishioners and non-Catholics are most welcome). You will meet interesting people and hopefully form new friendships within our community.

The main course provided will be hot dogs and hamburgers. Side dishes, salads, and desserts are welcomed (but not required).

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

11 DAYS: MARCH 4 - 14, 2024

VISITING: VENICE * FLORENCE * ASSISI * ROME



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For More Information, Please Contact:

Fr. Richard Wilson

Tel: (803) 649-4777 (office)

Email: rwilson@charlestdiocese.org

DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



2023 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Update



Thank you to all St. Joseph families that have made a gift this year to support Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune's efforts around the state. Our Parish goal is \$48,916 and through May 19th, 2023 \$26,860 has been paid or pledged (55% of our goal) from just 80 families.

Highlighted Programs: Vulnerable Neighbors, Catholic Schools, and Vocations

To donate online visit: www.charlestdiocese.org/donate or drop an envelope in the collection basket marked for the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**.

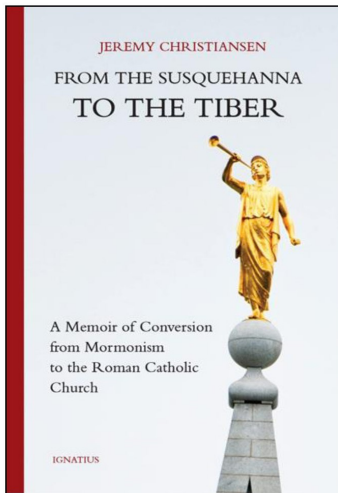
Please consider sharing your blessings with others!!



321 Praying Days to Pentecost! Come Holy Spirit!



Catholic Book Discussion Group—Come join us!



Our July 6th selection

Come to either group:
Thursday, July 6 3:00 pm
Thursday, July 6 6:30 pm

Where:
Shook Center (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.

Jeremy Christiansen offers an intimate account of life as a faithful—sometimes stumbling—member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Growing up in a small Mormon town, he served as a Mormon missionary for two years in Argentina, raised a young family in the Mormon Church, and served in Mormon leadership positions. But as he grew older, he became unsettled about the principles of his faith, setting him on a long search for God and for truth that would ultimately lead to the Roman Catholic Church

11th Marian Eucharistic Conference / Greenville Convention Center
Friday, Oct. 13 - Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023



Fr. John Bartunek LC.S.T.D. Fr. Donald Calloway MIC, STB, STL John Martignoni Founder/President Bible Christian Society Fr. Thomas Petri OP, STB, STL, STD Jim Wahlberg Producer of "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love"



For more information, please go to www.meconferencesc.net

Matrimony: Holy & Other

When: 30 September 2023, 8:30 am - Noon
Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church – Greenville, South Carolina

Join the Center for Evangelical Catholicism for our 7th annual Fall Conference on Saturday 30 September as we address the most common questions and concerns that most people face regarding the sacrament of matrimony. The priests of St. Mary's will unpack the theological basis for the Church's teaching, but also address the very specific issues of ordinary life that challenge those seeking to live as disciples of Christ in the world today.

Speakers: Fr Jay Scott Newman and Fr Jonathan Duncan

Registration is required (\$25 per person): <https://www.evangelicalcatholicism.com/conferences2/matrimony-holy-other>

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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.

Anniversary Blessings

The church provides a special blessing for 25th, 50th, or 60th Wedding Anniversaries. If you are interested, please contact the office if you are celebrating one of these anniversaries.

Register now for Religious Education

K5 through Confirmation
Classes begin August 20th

Registration forms and/or questions,
OR

Are you willing to be a teacher/co-teacher?
Contact Jan.Heithaus@sjccs.net

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:

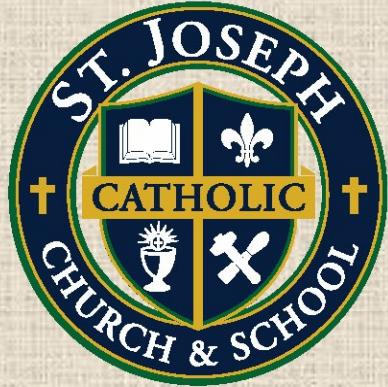
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Now Enrolling Grades K4 – 7th

Check Us Out!

We would love to show you around. Please call to request your personal tour.
864-760-1619

Our office will be closed the week of June 19th.



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!

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.



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIocese
OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 28, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy Independence Day to you and your families. I thank God for this day and for our great country. We are blessed to live in a place that protects our natural rights and allows us the freedom to live out our faith publicly. This freedom is not guaranteed around the rest of the world and for that we must never take it for granted.

Today, I want to reflect on true freedom and what it means for us as Christians. We are called to the freedom that can only be attained in the total abandonment to God's divine will. Our burdens feel light when we offer our concerns and struggles to Jesus. The freedom we desire in the depths of our hearts was won for us on the shoulders of Christ on the cross.

We have the responsibility to uphold the freedom gained for us by others who have gone before us, and we have the duty to perfect it, with Jesus' help, for those who will follow us. We read in the book of Galatians, "You brothers were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather, serve one another in love" (Gal 5: 13-14).

Freedom is not possible without love. It is enunciated through virtuous living and the imitation of Jesus, who broke the shackles of sin and death. Today, think of one way you can restore freedom and peace in your own home and personal life. Start with something small, perhaps offering a few moments for an unspoken act of charity for another, and watch as your life and our culture are transformed.

Regardless of who holds office, you can always find true freedom in Christ the King, who is the ultimate source of freedom, peace and love.

Happy Independence Day! May God bless America!

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

Want to Strengthen your marriage?
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Weekend Marriage Retreat
Nov 10-12, 2023
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC
<https://scmarriagematters.org/>
or call 803-810-9602.

“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.” Proclaim the good news of a Christian marriage. Bring God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 10-12, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Jan 26-28, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

JULY 23 – 29, 2023

“Marriage, one flesh, given and received, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage” is the theme of this year’s National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God’s vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week are July 23–29, 2023.

The Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office joins with the U.S. bishops in highlighting the benefits of NFP as ethical methods to help married couples live God’s design for their marriages. We are going to hold **Local and Virtual NFP Events** [via Livestream @NFPSC on Facebook and Zoom starting July 18, 2022. REGISTER in advance if you want to attend via Zoom.](#)

July 18-26 7PM	Virtual Bilingual Novena to St. Anne and St Joachim for Couples with Infertility https://tinyurl.com/NFPNovena
July 25 11:30AM	Holy Mass, Luncheon and Discussion for Doctors at Bon Secours Hospital, Charleston, SC RSVP to jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org
July 26 7PM	Wonder of Eve for Teens and Moms at Our Lady of the Hills, Columbia, SC https://tinyurl.com/WOVColumbia
July 27 7PM	Virtual Inspiring NFP Testimonials with Live Q & A https://tinyurl.com/NFPInspires

Want to learn more about the methods of NFP offered in our diocese?

A schedule of local and virtual NFP classes can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/NFPSC>

We will give FREE Introductory classes for month of July.

Please like our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/NFPSC/>

Living the Beatitudes

"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God."



Retreat

August 25-27, 2023

What is the Secret to True Happiness?

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus outlined the secret to true happiness in eight simple yet paradoxical blessings, or beatitudes. Deepen your appreciation of this divine wisdom and learn how to make these beatitudes a part of your daily life.

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Hickory, NC

www.catholicconference.org/beatitude

828.327.7441



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 - Oct 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@siccs.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.



The last **Engaged Encounter** of the year is November 11-12 at St. Mary Magdalene in Simpsonville. This is an in-parish weekend, so couples are responsible for their own lodging. The cost is \$160.00 per couple, and you do not need to be a member of the parish to attend. Please note that the weekends have been filling up two months in advance. Please go to our website to register: southcarolina.engagedencounter.com

For additional information or questions contact Bob and Mary Reimer 864-420-2633.

Save the date!
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April 6, 2024

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Columbia South Carolina



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