

Daily Parish Communication

May 21, 2023

Good Morning!

Novena to the Holy Spirit - Day Three: Gift of Piety

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Penitential Prayers, 3:00

School Newsletter attached.

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

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: On today's Solemnity of the Ascension, we look at why the Ascension matters.

3. Quotes of the Day:

~"Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by Grace." *St. Augustine*

~"In Christ's human nature, the humanity in which we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that humanity has found an everlasting place in God." *Pope Benedict XVI*

"Dear friends, the Ascension tells us that in Christ, our humanity is brought to the heights of God; thus, every time we pray, earth is united to Heaven. And like incense, burning, its scent is carried on high, hence, when we raise our prayer to the Lord with confidence in Christ, it travels across Heaven and reaches God himself and is heard and answered by Him." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Prayer for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Giver of Life, help us to see your life at work in our lives. Keep us from clinging to what is today, that we might receive the gifts of life that await us tomorrow. Amen.

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas. Our Lord Jesus sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by Christians.

HOW TO PRAY THE NOVENA

The particular prayer and meditation are said each day and followed by: **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be 7x, Act of Consecration** and the **Prayer for the Seven Gifts**.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY GHOST

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity the unerring keenness of Your justice and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light: and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere "Speak Lord for Your servant is listening." Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude; that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God, know myself, and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples / and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.



3rd DAY OF THE NOVENA

*Thou, of all consolers best,
Visiting the troubled breast,
Does refreshing peace bestow.*

The Gift of Piety

The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority, His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his religion, not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is love, there is no labor.

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be 7x, Act of Consecration, Prayer of Seven Gifts)

Why The Ascension Matters

In the Gospel of Luke, the Ascension of Our Lord is described in just four short verses.

Actually, all the descriptions of the Ascension are brief, offering little commentary on the meaning or method of Jesus' final appearance to the disciples. Perhaps this is one reason why renowned theologian Dr. Scott Hahn calls the Ascension "one of the most underrated feasts in the liturgical year."

As the Church's Easter season continues to progress towards the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, we are presented with the chance to explore the beautiful and profound implication of Jesus' return to the Father and the role it plays in our salvation.



John Singleton Copley's Ascension (1775)

What Are We Celebrating On the Feast of the Ascension?

At its core, the Ascension signifies a transition of the Risen Christ to that of Christ Exalted. Is there really a difference between the two? Yes!

In the forty days after His resurrection, Jesus spent time with His disciples in His resurrected body. While His risen flesh had supernatural abilities—it could pass through physical matter such as locked doors—His glory remained veiled.

It is only when Jesus takes His place at the right hand of the Father in Heaven that He truly becomes exalted, an honor that had long been foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament.

Jesus Himself made allusion to the difference between His risen and ascended flesh when He encountered Mary Magdalene outside the tomb:

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father...”
John 20:17



Noli Me Tangere, by Fra Bartolomeo c. 1506

Jesus calls specific attention to the fact that something additional is coming—that all is not yet fulfilled.

This should indicate to us, as well, that the Paschal Mystery of Jesus—God’s plan of salvation as fulfilled through His Son Jesus—does not end with the Resurrection. In fact, the Paschal Mystery contains four key events: Jesus’ Passion, His Death, His Resurrection, and the Ascension. Our Salvation is not complete without the Ascension.

Why? Here is the incredible significance of the Ascension: it is the inauguration of the Messiah’s kingdom. After Jesus receives His throne, He receives dominion over all of creation.

Jesus Himself told us what this dominion entails: “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” *John 12:32*

What Is Jesus Doing Up in Heaven?

We may wonder what is happening up in heaven. What does Jesus do in His exalted body?

Christ Our Lord is in the presence of God with the marks of his slaying still upon him, his redemptive sacrifice presented everlastingly...They are splendid, those wounds; but wounds they are, pleading irresistibly for the salvation of every one of us.

In heaven, then, Christ presents himself, once slain, now Lord over death, to God for our redemption. In the Mass this breaks through to the altars of earth. The same Christ, through the priest he has empowered, offers the same self once slain now truly present on the altar, to the same God, for the redemption of all. And in this action, all the members of his Body are privileged to have their part.

Frank Sheed, To Know Christ Jesus



God Inviting Christ to Sit on the Throne at His Right Hand (1645) by Pieter de Grebbe

In other words, the Ascension gives us Jesus as our permanent Intercessor. It is only through this event that we may have the hope that one day we too may “go to the Father.”

Just as our priests offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass here on earth, interceding for us so that we might receive Christ’s body and blood, Jesus is our Great High Priest interceding for us in heaven.

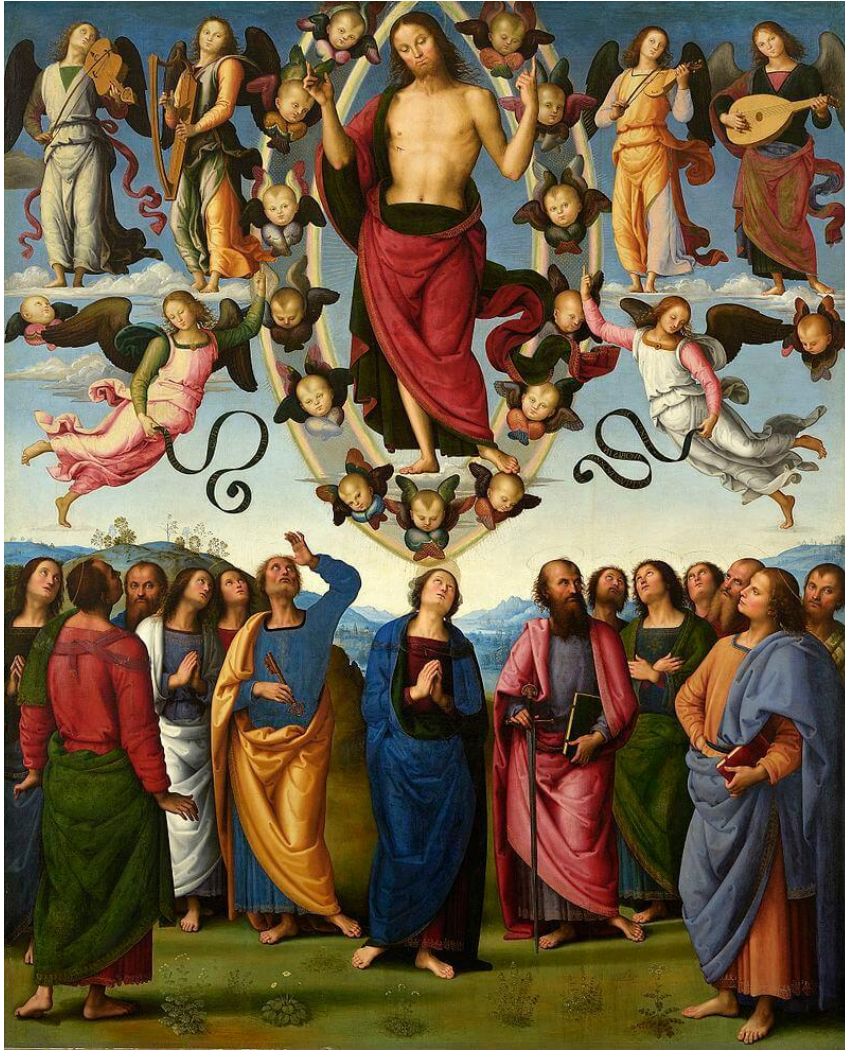
There [in heaven] Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he “always lives to make intercession” for “those who draw near to God through him”. As “high priest of the good things to come” he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 662*

The beauty of this is striking.

Jesus, knowing that our fallen humanity prevented us from entering heaven, allowed Himself to be lifted onto a wooden cross to die a horrific, painful, humiliating death and bring about our redemption.

In a similar way, He was once again lifted up—this time to the Heavenly Kingdom—where He continually intercedes for us, giving us the opportunity to one day enter heaven to be with Him forever.

It is through this lens that we can understand why the temporary farewell of the Ascension was a joyful occasion rather than a tearful goodbye. The climax of the Paschal Mystery should awaken joy in our hearts, just as it did for the Apostles.



The Ascension by Pietro Perugino

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. Luke 24:50-53

May we, too, worship with the same joy and fervor as the Apostles, for Jesus has entered the heavenly sanctuary as “high priest of the good things that have come” (Hebrews 9:11).

With God’s plan for salvation fulfilled, let us be joyful and humble, drawing ever nearer to the Messiah Who, by His death, offers everlasting life.

Source: goodcatholic.com



“You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.”

-Deuteronomy 6:17

May 19, 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

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

Important...

BBQ Pork Fundraiser

Knights of Columbus is selling BBQ
to support SJCS!

\$12 per
pound!

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pound!



Buy and pick
up after all
Masses this
weekend!

**Limited
Supply!**

Important...

K4 Stepping Up to Kindergarten Ceremony

May 25, 2023

Outdoor Classroom

9am

Small Reception to Follow



Awards Ceremony Grades 1-7

May 31, 2023

Church

9am – 10am

Important...



Kindergarten Graduation

May 31, 2023
Outdoor Classroom
10:30am
Small Reception to
Follow

2023-2024 School Year

Friday, August 11th - Parent Meeting

6pm Fr. Friend Hall

**Saturday, August 12th - Ice Cream Social &
Meet the Teacher w/ School Supply Drop Off**

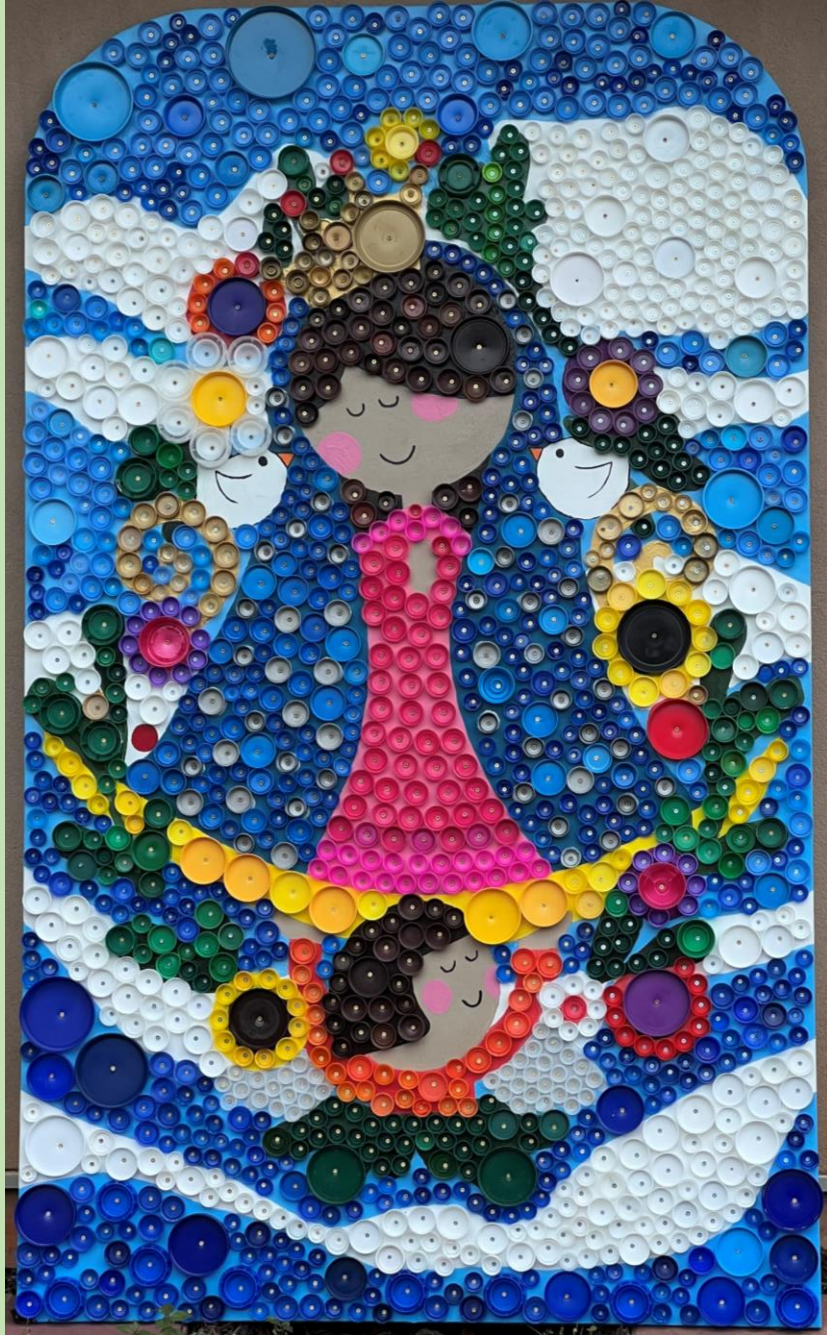
1pm – 3pm School and Hall

Monday, August 14th - First Day of School

Drop off begins at 7:30am & school starts at 7:55am

**11:45am DISMISSAL – NO
EXTENDED CARE**

Meet Mary



Thank you for the
bottle caps!

In the Know...



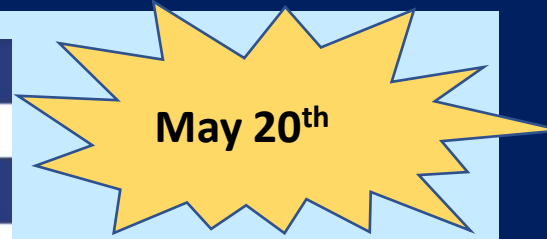
GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY May 20, 2023
8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
ANDERSON JOCKEY LOT

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



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!

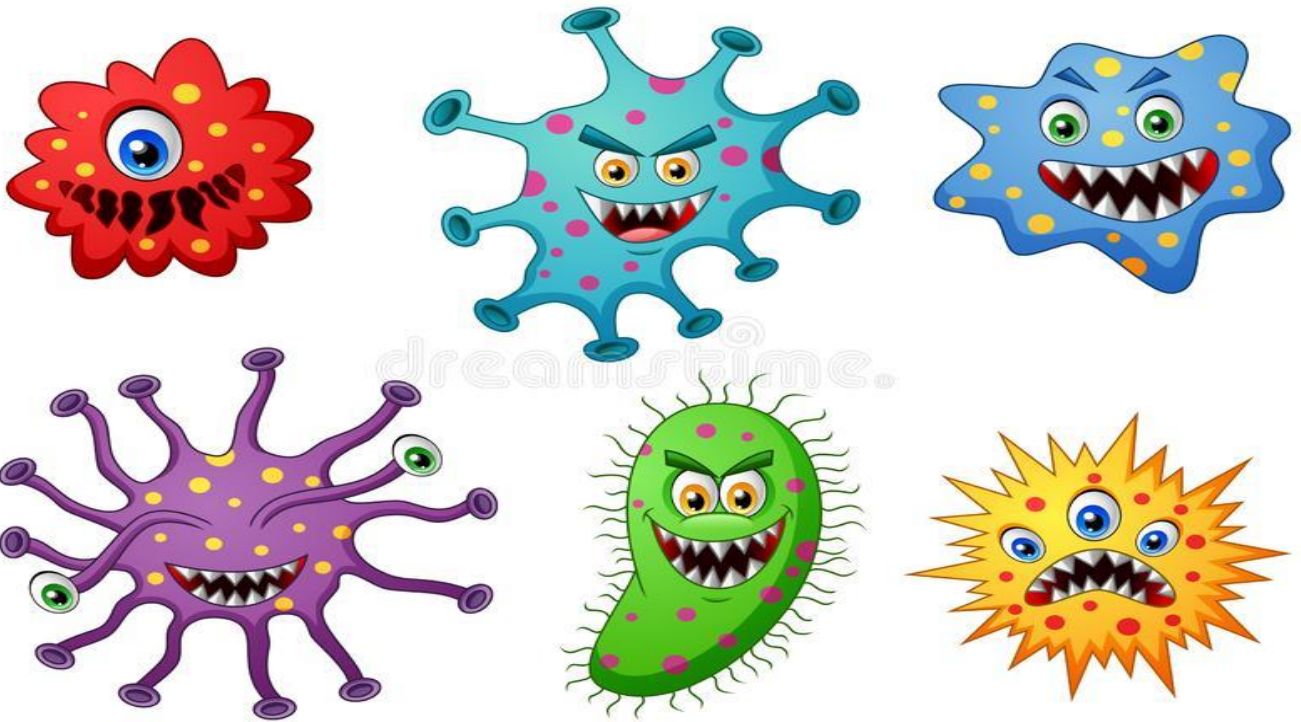
Art Club

No more Art Club for the rest of the school year.



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 – 2nd

St. Andre Bessette

3rd – 5th

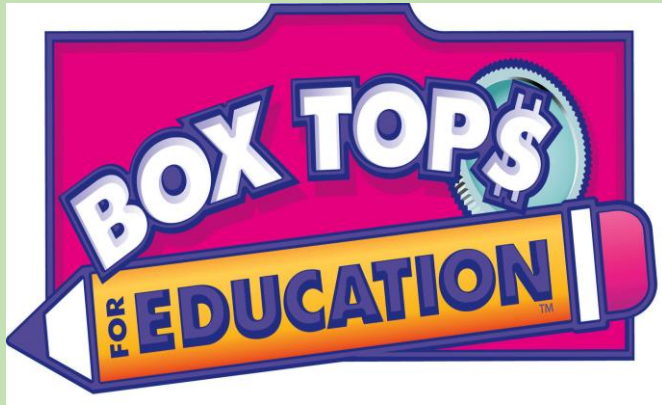
St. Francis de Sales

6th – 8th

St. Catherine of Siena

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

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!

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.



4K Step Up to Kindergarten
May 25th



No School –
Memorial Day
May 29th



Kindergarten Graduation
May 31st



Awards Ceremony
May 31st



Last Day of School
11:45am Dismissal – No
Extended Care
June 1st

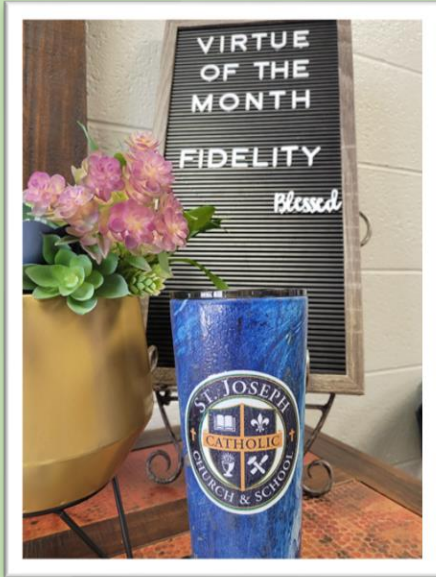
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Confirmation
June 3rd

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!

Thank you, Principal-for-a-Day Crocker!

Congrats to Principal Crocker for winning this experience at last year's gala!



Our two very capable principals!



Principals meeting with Superintendent!



Teacher and School Observations!



Greeting students!

School Life

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

Puppy Birthday Party!



Congratulations to Ellie! She won a puppy birthday party at last year's gala!



School Life

View more pictures on St. Joseph of Anderson Facebook Page!
County Wide Essay Contest Winners!



School Life

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

Butterfly Festival!



School Life

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

First Communion!



School Life

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



School Life

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Check out our Alums!

ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Middle - High School College Prep Education

Seniors Celebrate Year With 2022-2023 Academic Awards

Instrumental Music Department Award:
Raquel Elsy Monterrosa



Mathematics Department Award: **Michael John Zakrzwski**



Next Year



SJCS Calendar 2023-2024

August	11 14	Meet the Teachers 6pm First Day – 11:45am Dismissal (No Extended Care)
September	4 25	No School – Labor Day No School – Professional Development
November	3 20-24	No School – Professional Development No School – Thanksgiving Break
December	15 18-29	Birthday Party – 11:45am Dismissal (No Extended Care) No school – Christmas Holidays
January	1 2 3 15	No school – Christmas Holidays No School – Professional Development Classes Resume No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February	19	No School – President's Day
March	1 28 29	No School – Professional Development Holy Thursday – 11:45am Dismissal (No Extended Care) No School – Easter Break
April	1-5	No School – Easter Break
May	27 30 31	No School – Memorial Day Awards Ceremony and Kindergarten Graduation Last Day – 11:45am Dismissal (No Extended Care)
June	3	Professional Development

Grading Period Ends – Oct 17, Jan 12, Mar 20, and May 31

This calendar is subject to change – last updated 5/17/23

Next Year



2023-2024 St. Joseph Catholic School

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- First and Last Day of School
- School Holiday/Breaks
- Professional Development Day - No School
- Grading Period Ends
- 11:45am Dismissal - (No Extended Care)

Volunteer Spotlight

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

Lunches:

Catholic Women Serving:

Marilyn Angoli
Donna Wingo
Linda Firneno
Geri Hynds

Evelyn Hooks
Mayra Salgado
Gladys Tortolero
Maria Tortolero
Isbel Mercaro
Elizabeth Wingard
Mayte Gonzalez
Gabriela Colorado



Readers:



Alice Henderson
Linda Firneno
Linda Ketchapaw
Mary Donovan
Beth Cartlidge

Thank you, Office and School Volunteer!!

Isbel Mercado
Tim Madden
Twila Madden
Karen Harmon
Alice Henderson

Thank you, Garden Volunteers!!

Beth Cartlidge
Diane Yurovich
Cantu and Hernandez Family



Joke Corner!

Where do sheep go on summer vacation?



The Baaa-hamas!

**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.

Church	School
864-225-5341	864-760-1619

Plan for it...

Church



corner



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

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.

Plan for it...

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): _____
