

Diocese of Charleston

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 pm  
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am  
First Saturdays 9:30 am  
Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

## Confessions

Tuesday & Thursday  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Wednesday & Friday  
9:15 am – 10:15 am  
Saturday, 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
First Fridays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
First Sundays 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

## Religious Education

K4 – Confirmation  
Sunday 9:50 am

## Church Hours

Monday – Friday  
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

## Office Hours

1303 McLees Rd. Anderson  
Monday 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Friday 9:30 am – Noon



**December 24, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. — Jn 1:6-7

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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 email [registration@sjccs.net](mailto:registration@sjccs.net).

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**Online Giving**

Look for the **WeShare** logo on the website at [www.sjccs.net/church](http://www.sjccs.net/church)



Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
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<u>Weekly Collection</u>	
Received in Office	
WeShare Online Giving	
<b>Financial Data Not Available at Time of Publication</b>	
<u>Second Collection</u>	
<b>WeShare Online Collection-November 2023:</b>	
Support Our Saints	\$ 610.00
School Scholarship	\$ 125.00
Parish Charity	\$ 335.00
All Saints	\$ 140.00
All Souls	\$ 140.00
Guatemalan Mission	\$ 175.00
Military Archdiocese	\$ 150.00
<b>Thank you for your support and generosity!</b>	<b>\$ 1,675.00</b>

**Wedding Anniversary Blessings**  
Need a blessing for your 25th, 50th, or 60th ?  
Please contact the Parish Office for scheduling.

**146 Praying Days to Pentecost!**  
**Come Holy Spirit!**



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**

**Please pray for the Repose of the souls of**  
**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*

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>24 SUNDAY</b> — <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>5:00PM</b> (Vigil) <b>+Carmel Jones</b> rb Jones Family
	<b>8:30AM</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b> <b>+Valerie Owens</b> rb Davis Family
<b>24 SUNDAY</b> — <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>6:00PM</b> (Vigil) <b>+Michele Sullivan</b> rb Sullivan Family
<b>25 Monday</b> — <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>8:30AM</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b> <b>+Jack Deloplaine</b> rb Kathy Deloplaine
<b>26 Tuesday</b> — <i>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>27 Wednesday</b> — <i>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	<b>8:30AM</b> <b>+Johnathan Brakel</b> rb Joan Laughlin
<b>28 Thursday</b> — <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	<b>5:30PM</b> <b>+Olga Pintado</b> rb Cary Infante
<b>29 Friday</b> — <i>Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i>	<b>8:30AM</b> <b>+Tricia Trutwin</b> rb Davis Family
<b>31 SUNDAY</b> — <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>	<b>5:00PM</b> (Vigil) <b>+John Stein</b> rb Ester Stein
	<b>8:30AM</b> <b>Frank Burrows</b> rb Michael Rivera
	<b>11:00AM</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>31 SUNDAY</b> — <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	<b>6:00PM</b> (Vigil) <b>Holy Souls in Purgatory</b> rb Cary Infante

<b>Daily Mass Readings</b>	
<b>24 SUNDAY</b> — <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 (11)
	<b>Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)</b> Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 (13)
<b>25 Monday</b> — <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16)
<b>26 Tuesday</b> — <i>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 (696)
<b>27 Wednesday</b> — <i>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)
<b>28 Thursday</b> — <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698)
<b>29 Friday</b> — <i>Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i>	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202)
<b>30 Saturday</b> — <i>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203)
<b>31 SUNDAY</b> — <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>	Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 (17)

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

If you or a relative are in need of an anointing, or if you have scheduled surgery, please call in advance to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick by a Priest.  
**Please do not wait until the last minute to call.**

**In the event of an emergency,  
call the Parish Office: 864-225-5341.  
After hours press 1 when prompted.**

**Pray for the Sick**

**December 24:** Joe Ball, George Chastain, Billy Ellison, Pat Jourdan, Mary Beth McCarty, Suellen Pometto, Denise Wallace, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Family of Denise Thompson, Maria Cozzoni, Sherion Black, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, Donna Owens, Charlise Gard, Juan Cantu, Jim Bayne

**December 17:** Connie Bennett, Ray & Ruth Hamel, Alison Henderson, Lynn Herold, Ray Herold, Leif Hope, Fr. Ignatius, Frann Melanaski, Lucille Pekarik, Jim Semak, Don Black, Charlotte Black, Debbie Lollis, Jacob Lollis, Rosemary Gregory

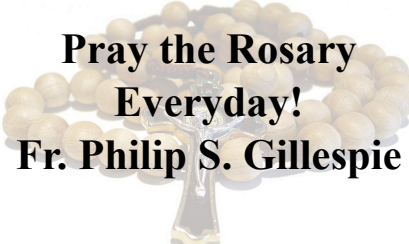
**December 10:** Ann Kohlmayer, Laura Nunn, Diane Krolak, Dot Bismack, Barbara Kaliski, Joe Modzel, Beatrice Runion, Ewa Pedzimaz, Carolyn Schilling, Becky Black, Ronnie Richie, Michael Clark, Len Krolak, Jean Hughes, Walker Faurot

**Additions or Deletions? Please email [prayers@sjccs.net](mailto:prayers@sjccs.net)**

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SAT</b>	<b>DEC 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot</li> <li>• Saturday Servants, 10:30 AM, Parish Office</li> <li>• Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM</li> <li>• Mass, 5:00 PM</li> </ul>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>DEC 24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>• Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Office</li> </ul> <p><b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass, 11:00 AM</li> <li>• <b>The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass, 6:00 PM</b></li> </ul>
<b>MON</b>	<b>DEC 25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parish Office Closed</b></li> <li>• <b>Mass, 8:30 AM</b></li> <li>• <b>Mass, 11:00 AM</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The Nativity of the Lord</b></p>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>DEC 26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parish Office Closed</b></li> <li>• <b>Cancelled Mass</b></li> <li>• <b>Cancelled Confessions</b></li> </ul>
<b>WED</b>	<b>DEC 27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parish Office Closed</b></li> <li>• Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>• Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM</li> <li>• Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM</li> </ul>
<b>THU</b>	<b>DEC 28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parish Office Closed</b></li> <li>• Mass, 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Confessions, 6:15 PM –7:00 PM</li> </ul>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>DEC 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parish Office Closed</b></li> <li>• Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>• Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM</li> </ul>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>DEC 30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot</li> <li>• Saturday Servants, 10:30 AM, Parish Office</li> <li>• Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM</li> <li>• Mass, 5:00 PM</li> </ul>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>DEC 31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>• Mass, 11:00 AM</li> <li>• <b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass, 6:00 PM</b></li> </ul>
<b>MON</b>	<b>JAN 01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parish Office Closed</b></li> <li>• <b>Mass, 8:30 AM</b></li> <li>• <b>Mass, 11:00 AM</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b></p>

**A GLANCE AHEAD**

JANUARY	JANUARY	AND BEYOND
<b>Hilltoppers, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>K of C Fish Fry, Jan 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Catholic Book Club, Feb 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<i>Speaker: JT Foster, Probate Judge</i>	<b>Lay Carmelites, Jan 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>The Shepherd Who Did not Run</i>
<i>Entrée: Beef Stew</i>	<b>Epiphany Mass, Jan 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda</i>
<b>Catholic Book Club, Jan 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>with Brass &amp; Timpani Accompaniment</i>	<b>K of C Fish Fry, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<i>Movie: The Staircase</i>	<b>Catholicism for Dummies</b>	<b>Hilltoppers, Feb 6<sup>th</sup></b>
 <p><b>Pray the Rosary Everyday!</b> <b>Fr. Philip S. Gillespie</b></p>	<b>Jan 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Catholicism for Dummies</b>
	<b>Confirmation Retreat, Jan 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feb 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>Sacramental Parent Class, Jan 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SJCCS Gala, Feb 10<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>SJCCS Chili Cookoff, Jan 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Craft Fair, Feb 17<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>CWS Italian Dinner, Jan 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish Mission—Fr. Knab, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup></b>
		<b>Sacramental Parent Class, Feb 28<sup>th</sup></b>



**PASTOR'S CORNER**



**Christmas Day Mass Schedule**  
(Note only 1 Mass Christmas Eve)

**Christmas Eve: 6:00PM Christmas Day: 8:30 & 11:00AM**

Reminder: To satisfy your Mass obligations, attendance for the 4th Sunday of Advent AND attendance for Christmas is required.



**SATURDAY SERVANTS**

*New Location for 2023! Parish Office at 10:30AM*  
*Three Saturdays left! December 16, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>*



St. Joseph Catholic Church supplies 125 bag lunches to support The Soup Kitchen in Anderson each weekend in December. There are five opportunities to help on December 16, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches and help with packing the lunch bags.

If you are interested in supporting this effort our purchasing team will gladly accept monetary donations. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Church office or in the collection basket during Mass. Please make your check payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church with **SATURDAY SERVANTS** in the memo line.

Please take advantage of this Christmas Season opportunity to give of yourself with time, talent, and treasure. The need is great here in our community and this is a way to teach your family the joys of giving back to others as **we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord**.

For more information please contact **LeJean Carter**, [lejeanc59@gmail.com](mailto:lejeanc59@gmail.com) or call me at 989-590-3965.

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

**CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES**

Listen:

**Kresta in the Afternoon** ~ Ave Maria Radio  
**Catholic Radio** ~ Search: MediaTriX"  
**Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ** ~ Search: The Catholic Current

Read:

**Magnificat**~www.Magnificat.com  
**Magnifikid**~Search MagnifiKid

Watch:

**The Chosen** ~ Search The Chosen  
**EWTN for Mass, Movies, Programs**  
@ EWTN.com



**THIS WEEK ON FORMED** **Christmas | Sacred Art**  
Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

To Sign Up Go To: [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)

Create a New Account

Enter our Zip Code

**COMMUNICATIONS AT SJCCS**

Please use these specific emails to direct information to the parish office. Thank you.  
**facilities@sjccs.net** – To request use of facilities, OR report any maintenance issues on the property  
**registration@sjccs.net** – To register in the Parish, OR to update information  
**prayers@sjccs.net** – To submit prayer requests for the bulletin – “Pray for the Sick”  
**daily.message@sjccs.net** – Message about campus activities and daily Religious Education  
**weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net** – For bulletin announcements – Submit in Word or Publisher format

Bulletin	Due
1/14	12/31
1/21	1/7
1/28	1/14



*Christmas Flowers 2023*

***In Memory Of...***

Terry Asalone rb Catherine Asalone  
 Kimsey Ashley rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes  
 Martha Ashley rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes  
 John V. Barry rb Ann Theriault  
 Dorothy Barry rb Ann Theriault  
 John V. Barry, Jr. rb Ann Theriault  
 Gene Baur rb Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hill  
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bendig rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig  
 Robert Bennett rb Constance Bennett  
 Stanley & Ella Blaskey rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones  
 Joseph Bonacci rb Carol Bonacci  
 Eugene & Rachel Bonacci rb Carol Bonacci  
 Burt Bowles rb Ellen Quartararo  
 Riley Briggs rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs  
 Janet Carothers rb Mr. & Mrs. Ray Carothers  
 Karina Cazarin rb Marianne Cardenas  
 John Chabot rb Carol Bonacci  
 Evan & Edith Chabot rb Carol Bonacci  
 Colella Family rb Theresa Milici  
 Mr. & Mrs. John T Coxey rb Mr. & Mrs. Randy Daniels  
 Mr. & Mrs. John T. Coxey III rb Mr. & Mrs. Randy Daniels  
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Daniels rb Mr. & Mrs. Randy Daniels  
 Rita Dockter rb Joan Dockter  
 Cornelius Dockter rb Joan Dockter  
 Sam Dollenmeier rb Christine Dollenmeier  
 John & Sophia Doulaveris rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano  
 Elaina Ellsworth rb Ellen Quartararo  
 Placido Escudero rb Cesareo Escudero-Hernandez  
 Mary Lou Ferguson rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones  
 Floyd & Lois Freund rb Mr. & Mrs. Larry Holmer  
 Madelyn Grant rb Patricia Grigoriou  
 Keith Grant rb Patricia Grigoriou  
 Duncan Greene rb Mr. & Mrs. Chet Johns  
 Michael Grigoriou rb Patricia Grigoriou  
 Iraklis Grigoriou rb Patricia Grigoriou  
 Chrysanthe Grigoriou rb Patricia Grigoriou  
 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hanley rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs  
 Lillie Hardy rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 Erv Henderson rb Alice Henderson  
 Larry & Donna Holmer rb Mr. & Mrs. Larry Holmer  
 John & Jean Houck rb Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Mills  
 John & Jean Houck rb Christine Dollenmeier  
 Billy Hughes rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes  
 Thomas C. Ix rb Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson  
 Susan Jacobs rb Mr. & Mrs. Ray Carothers  
 James Johns rb Mr. & Mrs. Chet Johns  
 Grace Johns rb Mr. & Mrs. Chet Johns  
 Dolores G. Johnson rb Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson  
 Joe & Lucille Jones rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones  
 Carmel Jones rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones  
 John Jourdan rb Pat Jourdan  
 Bob Juno rb Pat Juno  
 Kathy Juno rb Pat Juno  
 Genar & Kathleen Kelley rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones  
 Jeanne Kimball rb Constance Bennett  
 Polly Krafft rb Sue Hanson  
 Marie Krafft rb Sue Hanson  
 Florencia Legaspi rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 Allan Legaspi rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 Kenneth Lex rb Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Boehm  
 Frank & Eleanor Lombardi rb Kathy O'Connor  
 Ines Salazar Marin rb Cesareo Escudero-Hernandez  
 Hilario Salazar Marin rb Cesareo Escudero-Hernandez  
 Rosa Salazar Marin rb Cesareo Escudero-Hernandez  
 Oliver Martin, Jr. rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 James Martin rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 John & Eva Mazzola rb Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Mazzola  
 Francis McManus rb Ellen Quartararo  
 Mercuri Family rb Lucy Laubshire  
 Scot Merker rb Mr. & Mrs. Richard Merker

***In Memory Of...***

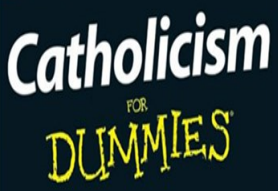
Milici Family rb Theresa Milici  
 Chet Mills & Eva rb Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Mills  
 Jerry & Hazel O'Connor rb Kathy O'Connor  
 Tom O'Connor rb Kathy O'Connor  
 Joanne Orfetel rb Constance Bennett  
 Joseph Orfetel rb Constance Bennett  
 Anna Peckat rb Mr. & Mrs. Ray Carothers  
 Walter & Angie Pedersen rb Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Mazzola  
 Debra Perry rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 Ernest Perry rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 Maria Posey rb Constance Bennett  
 Christie Powers rb Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hill  
 Vincent Quartararo rb Ellen Quartararo  
 Cruz Rodriguez rb Cesareo Escudero-Hernandez  
 Ryan Romano Jr. rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano  
 Ryan Romano Sr. rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano  
 Nick Romano rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano  
 Ron & Kay Romano rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rozak rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs  
 Jim Schulien rb Mr. & Mrs. James Barr  
 Richard Sherman rb Dolores Surdyka  
 Buck & Ginny Steadman rb Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Steadman  
 Mr. & Mrs. Buck Vernon Steadman rb Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Steadman  
 Mace Strickland rb Mr. Glyn Strickland  
 Francis Surdyka, Jr. rb Dolores Surdyka  
 Elvira Talaiv rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 Jeanne Tumminelli rb Vincent Tumminelli  
 Mr. & Mrs. O.C. Vigil rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig  
 Mr. & Mrs. F. S. Vigil rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig  
 Helen and Joseph Wargha rb Ellen Quartararo  
 Ed & Emily Weathers rb Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Steadman  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Weathers rb Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Steadman  
 Murnal Williams rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 Charles E Williams, Sr. rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams  
 Manfred Witt rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs  
 Marian Zoe rb Christine Dollenmeier  
 Our Grandparents rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig  
 Souls in Purgatory rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig  
 Deceased Members of Zakrzwski rb Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Zakrzwski

***In Honor of...***

Jean Hughes rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes  
 Chris, Anna, Brandon, Brooklyn, Cassidy Fanning rb Mr. & Mrs. Rick Fanning  
 Jessica Hanna rb Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hill

***Thank you to all who contributed to the beauty  
 of Christmas with your time, talent, and treasure!***





**Back by Popular Demand!**  
**Catholicism for Dummies**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Edition**  
 Learn more about  
 Catholicism and answer your  
 questions about the Faith?

**Tuesday Evenings**  
 6:30-7:45pm  
**Wednesday afternoons**  
 12:45-2:00pm  
**Starts January 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>**

Please RSVP to Jan Heithaus [jan.heithaus@sjccs.net](mailto:jan.heithaus@sjccs.net)

**Hilltoppers Monthly Social**  
 Are you over 50? Please Join us for the FUN!  
**Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30AM, Parish Hall**  
**Speaker – JT Foster, Probate Judge**

Solo? Bring a friend! You will meet interesting  
 people and form new friendships.

**Entrée – Beef Stew**

Feel free to bring a side dish, salad, or desserts to  
 share with others, however not required.

**Catholic Book Discussion Group**  
**Come join us!**


**This Month’s Selection “The Staircase”  
 Popcorn and a Move!!!**



Come to either group:  
**Meets Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 PM or 6:30 PM**  
**In the Parish Office**


Based on a true story, The Staircase shows the desire  
 of a dying nun in the late 19th century to see the  
 construction of a much-needed staircase in a newly  
 built chapel in a small New Mexico town.

**It’s Getting COLD!**  
 Do you have SLEEPING  
 BAGS, blankets, hats,  
 gloves, and scarves to  
 share???



You may drop off items at  
 the Parish Office during  
 normal operating hours.  
 Thank you!

**Post Abortion Healing**  
 (Completely Confidential & Free)  
**Rachel’s Vineyard**  
 Office of Family Life  
 Christy Brown, 803-554-6088



**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 & 11:00 Masses**

This year we will celebrate  
 The Epiphany of the Lord  
 with Brass, Timpani and  
 Organ during the Sunday  
 Masses on January 7.

The Brass Quintet will accompany festive  
 Epiphany carols and also play selections from  
 the *Mass for the Parishes* by Francois  
 Couperin (1668-1733).





# Merry Christmas Feliz Navidad

from all of us at  
St. Joseph Catholic School



# 2024 - 2025

Open House

January 28, 2024  
12 - 2pm

St. Joseph  
Catholic School

## Denim & Diamonds Gala

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