

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 14, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"This is the one about whom it is written: 'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'" - Matthew 11:10

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.

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Online Giving

Look for the **WeShare** logo on the website at www.sjccs.net/church



Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
Financial Data Not Available at Time of Publication	
Weekly Collection - December 7, 2025	
Received in Office	
WeShare Online Giving	\$ -
<i>2nd Collection - December 21, 2025 - Church in Africa</i>	
WeShare Online Collection - November 2025	
Support Our Saints	\$ 500.00
Parish Charity	\$ 365.00
All Saints	\$ 40.00
All Souls	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 125.00
International Ministries	\$ 100.00
Military Archdiocese	\$ 170.00
Capital Campaign - Building for Now & the Future	\$ 4,630.28
Thank you for your support and generosity!	\$ 5,970.28

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 soul of

Ann Kohlmayer, Mother of Kathie Kohlmayer
Alan DiRenzi, Brother of Laura Price

*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*

Mass Intentions

14 SUNDAY—Third Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (Vigil) +**Cindy Crocker** rb Sara & Brent Crocker

8:30AM **People of the Parish**

11:00AM +**Adam McAlpine** rb Brodack Family

15 Monday—Advent Weekday

No Mass

16 Tuesday—Advent Weekday

5:30PM +**Beatrice Runnion** rb Jan Heithaus

17 Wednesday—Advent Weekday

8:30AM +**Mercedes Ponce de León** rb Cary Infante

18 Thursday—Advent Weekday

5:30PM +**Fr. Ignatius** rb Jeannine Holmes

19 Friday—Advent Weekday

8:30AM +**Lauren Mastandrea** rb Mary Heuskin

21 SUNDAY—Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00PM (Vigil) +**John Bacsenco IV** rb John Bacsenco

8:30AM +**Jack Deloplaine** rb Kathy Deloplaine

11:00AM **People of the Parish**

Daily Mass Readings

14 SUNDAY—Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 (7)

15 Monday—Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)

16 Tuesday—Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)

17 Wednesday—Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

18 Thursday—Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

19 Friday—Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

20 Saturday—Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

21 SUNDAY—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 (10)

Wedding Anniversary Blessings

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

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 14: George Chastain, Mary Beth McCarty, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, Charlsie Gard, Darrin Coles, Ronald Bendig, Filbert Vigil, Alisha Rumbos, Kelli Chastain, Sherion Black, Debbie Lollis, Doug Alexander, Jane Sherman, Kathy Silvers, Kimberly Williams, John Surer, Nancy Zielke

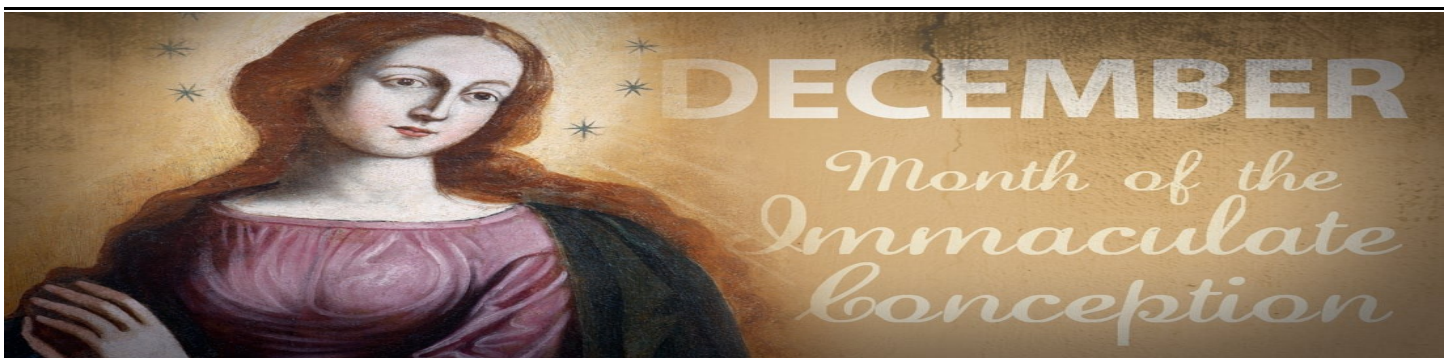
December 7: Connie Bennett, Lynn Herold, Leif Hope, Jeanne Dutton, Jim Semak, Frann Melanaski, Rosemary Gregory, Alexa Rose Surer, Cindy Hart, Frances & Kenny Cox, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Bayne, Ron Miskelley, Juliana Rose, Nick Sbrocchi, Michael Brady, Lynn Imes

November 30: Laura Nunn, Diane Krolak, Barbara Kaliski, Ewa Pedzimaz, Carolyn Schilling, Steve Hughes, Ashley Addison, Dave Gomey, Steve Semak, Rose Sbrocchi, Bridgett Hutchinson, Scott Cooley, Ciara Kline, Denise Wallace, Terry Alexander, Don Black

Additions or Deletions? Please email prayers@sjccs.net

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT	DEC 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot Saturday Servants, 9:30–10:30 AM, Parish Office Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	DEC 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass, 8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Hall OCIA 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School Mass, 11:00 AM OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office Divine Mercy Chaplet & Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.
MON	DEC 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary's Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM Hispanic Ministry - Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, 5:00 PM, Parish Office Knights of Columbus Leaders Meeting, 5:15–6:45 PM, Parish Office
TUE	DEC 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church in Use, 09:15 AM–3:30 PM Mass, 5:30 PM Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM Catholicism for Dummies 6:30–7:45 PM, Parish Office
WED	DEC 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Mass, 8:30 AM Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM & 4:00–5:00 PM CWS–Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30–10:30 AM, Parish Office Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM Catholicism for Dummies 10:15–11:30 PM, Parish Office
THU	DEC 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass, 5:30 PM Confessions, 6:10–7:00 PM Private Meeting, 6:30–8:30 PM, Parish Office
FRI	DEC 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass – Students will not be present, 8:30 AM School Christmas Program, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM, Church Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM & 4:00–5:00 PM Rosary for Las Posadas, 5:30 PM, Church - Refreshments after in Hall
SAT	DEC 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot Saturday Servants, 9:30–10:30 AM, Parish Office Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	DEC 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass, 8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.



Prepare Ye the Way

A GLANCE AHEAD

DECEMBER	JANUARY	JANUARY
Las Posadas, 19 th	OCIA Classes, Sundays, 9:45 AM	Sacramental Parent Class, 14 th
Parish Office Closed, Dec 24 th - Jan 2 nd	OCIA Clases, Domingos, 12:30 PM	School Open House, 25 th
Christmas Eve Mass, 24 th	Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed	
Christmas Mass, 25 th	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 1 st	
Vigil of Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, 31 st	CMC- Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 3 rd	
	Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 3 rd	
	Hilltoppers, 6 th	

PASTOR'S CORNER

From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop
(Sermo 293,3: PL 1328-1329) **The Voice is John, the Word is Christ**

John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives for ever.

Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart.

However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find a place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: The word ought to grow, and I should diminish? The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: My joy is complete. Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

Do you need proof that the voice passes away but the divine Word remains? Where is John's baptism today? It served its purpose, and it went away. Now it is Christ's baptism that we celebrate. It is in Christ that we all believe; we hope for salvation in him. This is the message the voice cried out.

Because it is hard to distinguish word from voice, even John himself was thought to be the Christ. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what it was, anxious not to give offense to the word. I am not the Christ, he said, nor Elijah, nor the prophet. And the question came: Who are you, then? He replied: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness is the voice of one breaking the silence. Prepare the way for the Lord, he says, as though he were saying: "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him."

To prepare the way means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory.

If he had said, "I am the Christ," you can imagine how readily he would have been believed, since they believed he was the Christ even before he spoke. But he did not say it; he acknowledged what he was. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself.

He saw where his salvation lay. He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.



**162 Praying Days until
Pentecost!
Come Holy Spirit!**

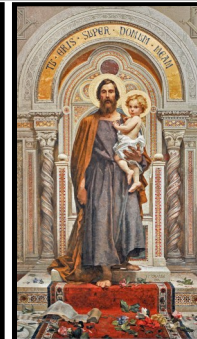
MASTER PLAN NEWS

School Expansion (Phase 1) Update: (July 1 Completion)

- Master Plan for School Expansion is complete.
- Geo Technology Exploration is Complete.
- Civil Engineering Site Plan is underway.

New Parish Hall (Phase 2) Update:

- Master Plan for New Parish Hall is Complete.
- Feasibility Study is complete.
- 3 Million Dollar Capital Campaign is underway.
- Geo Technology Exploration is complete.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Building
for Now
and the
Future**

GOAL \$3 Million

Total Giving: \$2,068,833

Participation Rate: 30%

30 Minutes B.C. A Nativity Play



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for Mass, Movies, Programs @ EWTN.com

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RE FAMILIES

December 21—**NO RE CLASSES** (Christmas Break)

December 28—**NO RE CLASSES** (New Years Break)

January 4—Back to normal schedule



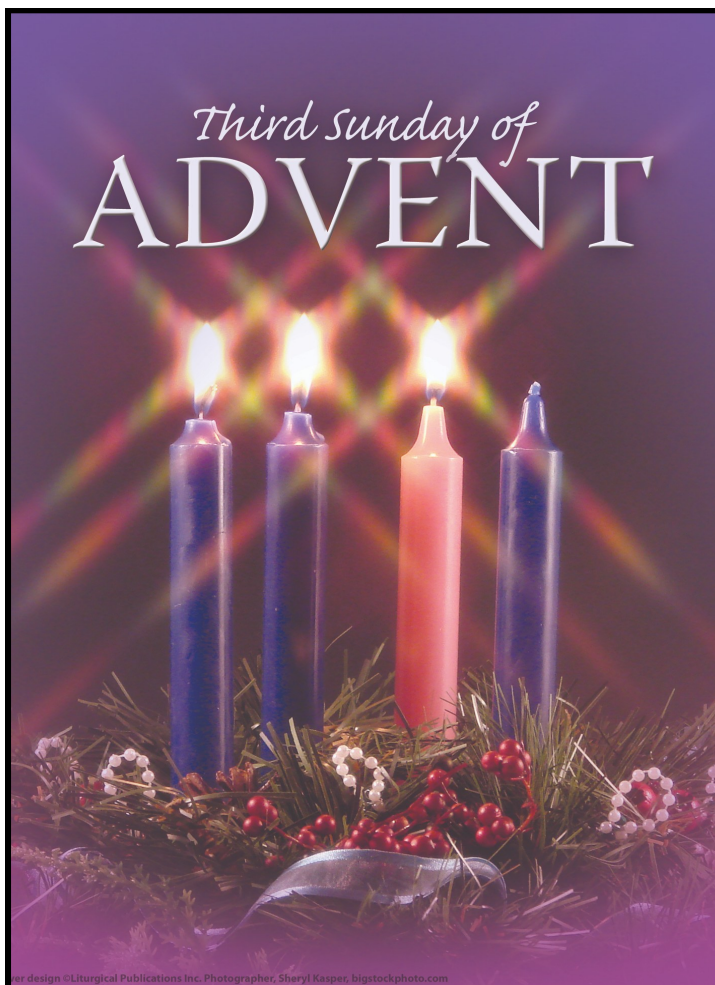
ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2025 *

December 14th - 23rd 2025

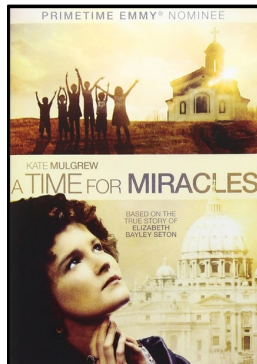
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16 C	17 C	18 C	19 C	20 C
21	22	23 C	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas		

*C = Confessions; See times listed below by day & date.

Dec 16 th & 23 rd	(Tue)	6:00–7:00pm
Dec 17 th	(Wed)	9:15–10:15am & 4:00–5:00pm
Dec 18 th	(Thu)	6:00–7:00pm
Dec 19 th	(Fri)	9:15 to 10:15am & 4:00–5:00pm
Dec 20 th	(Sat)	3:15– 4:45 pm



Catholic Book Discussion Group Come join us!



Popcorn and a movie!

A Time for Miracles

**Thursday, January 8
3pm or 6:30 pm**

**In the Parish Office
Conference Room**

A saint for our times, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is realistically portrayed with her humanity, her frailties, and the normal temptations and trials we all go through. A convert to Catholicism, she suffered much but heroically lived her faith.
(1 hour 36 minutes)

*Contact Jan Heithaus jan.heithaus@sjccs.net
for more information.*

Book for February:
Chiara Corbella Petrillo, A Witness to Joy

SACRAMENTAL PARENT CLASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

6:30-8:30 pm

Parish Hall (English)

School Library (Spanish)

All First Communion & Confirmation parents

(unless completed in the last 3 years)

Upcoming class #4—February 18

Please bring your folders from the parent meeting



**Questions?
Contact Beth Diedrick
ReligiousEducation@sjccs.net**



***Do you want to learn more about Catholicism?
Questions about the Catholic Faith?
Come join--all are welcome!***



Offered at 2 times:

Tuesday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm

Wednesday mornings from 10:15-11:30 am

**Sessions begin September 23rd and 24th
but can be joined at any time.**

**Email jan.heithaus@sjccs.net or call the office
at 864-225-5341 for more information or to **register****



**Enrolling Now for
3K – 8th Grade!**

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ON GIVING TUESDAY

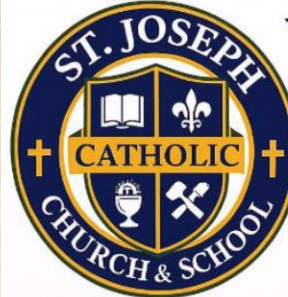
\$18,350 raised by 20 donors

73% complete

\$25,000 Goal

Thank you to all that participated!

✦ Join Our Mission — *Educating for Eternity!* ✦



We're growing!

Our Catholic school family is seeking joyful, faith-filled educators who feel called to inspire young hearts.

Positions:

- Pre-K Teacher (Starting January)
- K3 Teacher (2026-2027 School Year)

✦ Become part of a community where faith, love, and learning flourish. Apply today!

✉ **Email:** Haymee.Giuliani@sjccs.net

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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 *VIRTUS* 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 www.charlestandiocese.org and click on “Child and Youth Protection” at the bottom left of the homepage.

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Kate Edwards, (864) 225-5341 or kedwards@charlestandiocese.org

School Safe Environment Coordinator: Kathy Massey, (864) 760-1619 or kmassey@charlestandiocese.org

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: Jeniffer Medina, (843) 225-8136

Diocesan Victim Assistance: Kristin Eyre (843) 856-0748 or (800) 921-8122

What is Active Member Status in the Parish?

Active member status means that the person is:

- Registered in the parish
- Attends Mass weekly
- Supports the Parish through the consistent giving of time, talent, and/or financial resources in support of our Parish

Why should a person have Active Member Status in our Parish?

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- Parishioner tuition in the school
- Attendance in Religious Education classes
- Letter of Eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation (see additional conditions below)
- Reception of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage at our Church (unless specific permission is given)

What are the requirements for being a Sacramental Sponsor (Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor)?

To be eligible to be a sacramental sponsor, a person must:

- Be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If these sacraments were not received at our Church, must provide a sacramental record from the Church of Baptism with Parish seal.
- Marital status of single or married according to the laws of the Catholic Church
- Have Active Member Status in the Parish as outlined above

Is my Marriage Recognized by the Church?

Like other couples in your parish or family, you may be wondering if your marriage is fully recognized by the Catholic Church.

Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a **“dispensation from canonical form,”**

Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family’s mission to sharing God’s love.

foryourmarriage.org

- SACRAMENTS -



Are you, or a member of your family, in need of receiving:

Baptism?

First Holy Communion?

Confirmation?

Marriage in the Church?

If yes, please contact the Parish Office so we can assist you with this.

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Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

RSV Second Catholic Edition

Old and New Testament

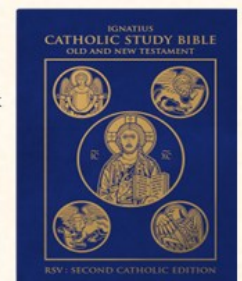
~Leather Edition ~

More than any other study edition of the Bible on the market, the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible draws insights from the best of modern scholarship as well as the best of the Catholic tradition of interpretation through the ages.

It explains the historical, cultural, literary, and archaeological background of Scripture, while at the same time looking to the Fathers, Doctors, and Councils of the Church for insight into its theological and spiritual teachings. The result is a veritable library of Bible study resources, all under one cover, designed to help readers understand the written Word of God and apply its lessons to their lives today.

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- 50+ maps to help you track the geographic locations.



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Join Cub Scouts Adventure Awaits!

Are you looking for a fun and wholesome activity for your child?

We're inviting boys in K5–5th grade to join Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouting is all about:

Learning outdoor skills
Building character and confidence
Serving the community
Making new friends
Having fun adventures as a family

If you or your child are interested in joining, please contact:

Ernest P. Lane

706-564-7142

Epbayrd291@hotmail.com

Once we have enough interest, we'll set up an informational meeting to go over details such as meeting nights, Dens, and how BSA operates.

**Come be part of the adventure
Scouting starts here!**

Troop of St. George Adventure & Brotherhood

We're looking for young men interested in joining the Troop of St. George!

This is a Catholic scouting program for boys ages from 6-18 (1st grade through 12th)

The Troop of St. George is about:

Growing in faith and virtue
Learning outdoor and survival skills
Building leadership and character
Serving your parish and community
Forming lifelong brotherhood



We're currently gathering interest to form a troop.

Once we have enough families, we'll set an informational meeting to determine our regular meeting time and place.

If you or your son are interested, please contact:

Brian Sakidovitch

860-917-5585

bsakidovitch@gmail.com

Come be part of the adventure – Faith, Service, and Brotherhood in Christ.

<https://troopsofsaintgeorge.org/start-a-troop/>

Join Boy Scouts Adventure Awaits!

Are you looking for a fun, wholesome, and adventurous activity for your son?

We're inviting boys ages 11–17 (5th–12th grade) to join Boy Scouts!

Scouting is all about:

Learning outdoor skills
Building leadership and character
Serving the community
Making lifelong friends
Having adventures that prepare you for life

Meetings: Every Monday

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Father Friend Hall

If you or your child are interested in joining, please contact:

Ernest P. Lane-Charter Organizational Representative
Knights Of Columbus #8295

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**Come be part of the adventure
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**To RSVP or learn more about the
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Molly Millerbernd, BSN, RN, FCPI

molly.fertilitycare@gmail.com

or 864-332-9262

All meetings are held in the Parish Office



PROCLAIM THE FAITH YEAR 1 STUDY GUIDES

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

DECEMBER 2025

SCRIPTURE

Read Ephesians 4:17-24

REFLECT:

1. This passage from Ephesians discusses renewed life in Christ. Why is it important for us, as Christians, to constantly seek renewal? What does this renewal look like?
2. This passage contrasts life in Christ with “former” ways of life, outside of life in Christ. What is the difference that Christ makes in our own lives? How does that affect how we act outwardly?
3. In what follows this passage in Ephesians, we are told about forms of renewal in both individual and family life. What does it mean as communities and as families to seek renewal in Christ?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 3

St. Paul teaches us that every family receives its name from God (Eph 3:15). The family, therefore, is sacred. Every good thing passes through the family. The first place where evangelization occurs is in the family. As such, our *Via Fidelis* is about honoring, supporting and walking with the Christian family.

The Second Vatican Council teaches us that “the family, is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care vocation to a sacred state” (*Lumen Gentium*, #11).

As a Church, we place a special emphasis on praying for the families of our diocese and we dedicate them to the Holy Family. In our *Via Fidelis*, our Office of Family Life will continue to support and encourage the Christian family through its events and programs.

In our *Via Fidelis*, I call upon all the faithful of the diocese to invite friends and family members to come back to Mass. I encourage you to be open to difficult conversations as you walk with loved ones and work to bring them back home. We all need to show patience as we seek to evangelize and welcome back those who have fallen away, especially those who are dear to us.

REFLECT:

1. In this passage, the bishop discusses the importance of the family in evangelization. Why is the family so important in this regard? How can we respond to this vision in our own lives?
2. The bishop here cites the Second Vatican Council and its description of the family as the Domestic Church. What do you think the Council means by this designation? How does this Domestic Church fit into the life of the local Church and that of the Universal Church?
3. At the end of this selection, the bishop asks us to invite our fallen away Catholic friends and family back to Church. What might this invitation look like? Can you think of anyone to whom you would like to extend this invitation?



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SJCCS Respect Life Spiritual Adoption

March 16-Dec 25

"Before I formed you in
the womb, I knew you".

Jeremiah 1:5



PLEASE JOIN US WEEKLY AS WE FOLLOW AND PRAY FOR THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN THE WOMB. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO JOIN US IN THIS JOURNEY FOLLOWING THE LIFE OF A CHILD, IN DANGER OF ABORTION, FROM CONCEPTION TO BIRTH. JOIN US IN PRAYING THAT A PARTICULAR, BUT UNKNOWN CHILD'S LIFE BE SPARED ABORTION AND BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO LIVE.

"JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. I BEG YOU TO SPARE THE LIFE OF THE PRE- BORN BABY THAT I HAVE SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED WHO IS IN DANGER OF ABORTION."

PRAYER OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Respect
LIFE



FROM CONCEPTION
*to natural
death*

Altar Guild

Assistance Requested

Do you have time to assist in the upkeep and maintenance of the Church?

We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM for 1 to 2 hours to clean, repair, and “spruce up” the Church and Narthex. Couples are invited to come together, families too! Many hands make light work!

Note: this can be used as Parish/Community Service Hours for students.

If you have time to assist in this please call the Parish Office and leave your name, phone number, and email address. OR just show up.

Call the Office to get on the list.



We are excited to announce the placement of

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

throughout our Parish Campus!

These life-saving devices are now available in key locations to ensure quick access in case of a sudden cardiac arrest.

Locations:

Church Narthex: water fountain

School: Near Playground Door

Parish Office: Main Conference Room

Remember:

Quick response is crucial during a cardiac emergency.



The GOOD NEIGHBOR CUPBOARD is asking for your help to feed the hungry!

Many of you have contributed to our box in the Narthex and we greatly appreciate your help!

As a Food Pantry, we feed over 500 families a month and continue to need your help!

Below are the items most needed.

PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED TUNA, CHICKEN, VEGETABLES, AND FRUITS; NUTRITIOUS CEREALS, MAC 'N CHEESE, PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE

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Parish Office Communication

We are asking you to review the following email addresses for use in communicating with the Parish Office/Staff. It is helpful to utilize the best address for your request. This will assist us in promptly answering your inquiry or addressing your needs. Thank you!

facilities@sjccs.net— To request any use of all facilities, OR to report any facility maintenance issues, this would include missing/damaged or non-working items. Forms are available on the website and are required for all reservations to be placed on the calendar.

registration@sjccs.net— To register in the Parish, OR to update your information.
Note: If your landline is no longer in service, please update our records with a new number.

prayers@sjccs.net— To submit prayer requests for the bulletin “Pray for the Sick”.

weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net— For bulletin/pulpit announcements — Submit in Word or Publisher format. All requests must be editable and submitted at least two weeks in advance of publishing date.
Note: at Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, & Thanksgiving the deadlines are often well ahead of the print date.



Brown Scapular enrollment

Scapulars are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

Catholic Campus Ministries - If your child will be attending a College/University in South Carolina and they would like to join the Catholic Campus Ministry please contact their respective Campus Ministers:

The Citadel Tony Licari	College of Charleston/Charleston Southern Tom Gregory	Presbyterian Giovani Briguenta
Clemson Stephanie Manasa stephanie@saclemson.org	Francis Marion Dr. Christine Masters-Wheeler cmasters@fmarion.edu	USC Kelly Guilbeau kelly@stthomasmoreusc.org
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