

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



DECEMBER 28, 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY

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

*"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."
- Mt 2:20*

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
<u>Weekly Collection-December 14, 2025</u>	
Received in Office	\$ 7,803.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 710.00
	\$ 8,513.00
Over / (Under)	\$ (1,987.00)
<u>Weekly Collection-December 21, 2025</u>	
Received in Office	\$ 13,497.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 681.00
	\$ 14,178.00
Over / (Under)	\$ 3,678.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 177.00
Retirement for the Religious	\$ 849.00
Solidarity Fund - Church in Africa	\$ 531.00
<i>2nd Collection - January 4, 2026 - Church Repairs & Maintenance</i>	
<u>WeShare Online Collection - November 2025</u>	
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 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

Mass Intentions

- 28 SUNDAY**—*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
 5:00PM (Vigil) +**Elizabeth Angoli** rb Marilyn Angoli
 8:30AM **People of the Parish**
 11:00AM +**Dcn. Juan Cantú** rb Marietta Steele
- 29 Monday**—*Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
 No Mass
- 30 Tuesday**—*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
 5:30PM +**Tricia Trutwin** rb Davis Family
- 31 Wednesday**—*Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
 6:00 PM +**Raymond Hamel** rb Jan Heithaus
- 01 Thursday**—*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*
 8:30AM **People of the Parish**
 11:00AM +**Margaret Mary Clement** rb Friend
- 02 Friday**—*Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs. of the Church*
 8:30AM +**Scot Merker** rb Richard & Cynthia Merker
- 03 Saturday**—*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
 9:30AM **Priest Intentions**
 5:00PM +**Albert & Irene Morrisette** rb Bob & Christine Morrisette
- 04 SUNDAY**—*The Epiphany of the Lord*
 8:30AM +**Robert Todd** rb Carol Rose
 11:00AM **People of the Parish**

Daily Mass Readings

- 28 SUNDAY**—*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17)
- 29 Monday**—*Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202)
- 30 Tuesday**—*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203)
- 31 Wednesday**—*Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204)
- 01 Thursday**—*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*
 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18)
- 02 Friday**—*Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs. of the Church*
 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205)
- 03 Saturday**—*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)
- 04 SUNDAY**—*The Epiphany of the Lord*
 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20)

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 28: George Chastain, Mary Beth McCarty, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, Charlie 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

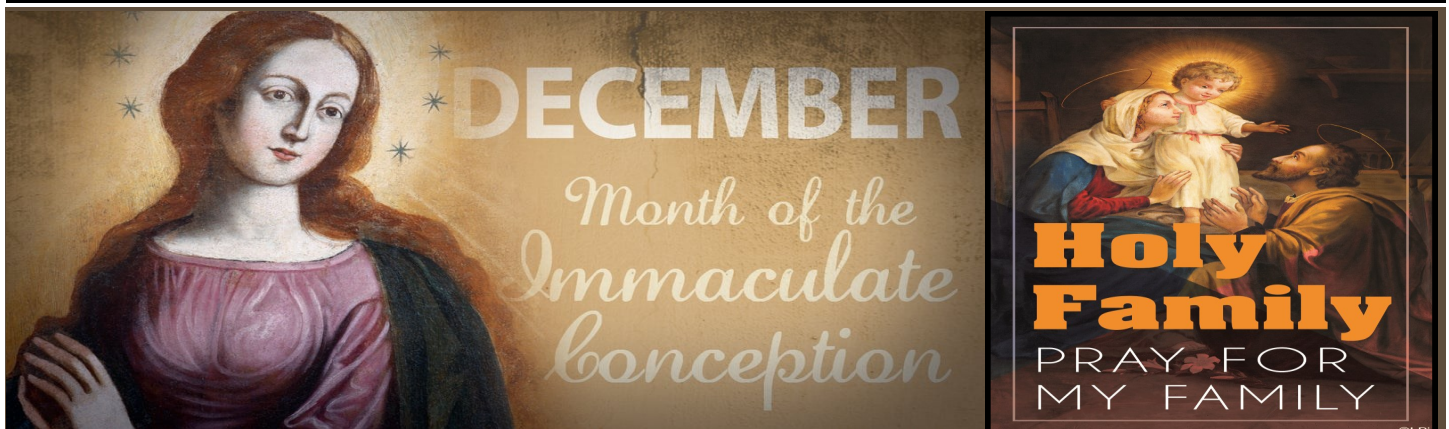
December 21: Connie Bennett, Lynn Herold, Leif Hope, Jeanne Dutton, Jim Semak, Frann Melanaski, Rosemary Gregory, Alexa Rose Surer, Cindy Hart, Frances & Kenny Cox, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Bayne, Ron Miskelley, Juliana Rose, Nick Sbrocchi, Michael Brady, Lynn Imes

December 14: 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 27	<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 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass, 8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.
MON	DEC 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Office Closed—Christmas Break Mary's Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM
TUE	DEC 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Office Closed—Christmas Break Church in Use, 09:15 AM–3:00 PM Mass, 5:30 PM Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM
WED	DEC 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Office Closed—Christmas Break Cancelled Confessions Vigil of Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, 5:30 PM
THU Holiday Day	JAN 01 Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Office Closed—Christmas Break Cancelled Confessions Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
FRI	JAN 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Office Closed—Christmas Break Mass, 8:30 AM Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM
SAT	JAN 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot CMC-Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM, Parish Hall Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, Parish Office First Saturday Mass, 9:30 AM Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM Epiphany of the Lord, 5:00 PM
SUN	JAN 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass, 8:30 AM OCIA 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School Mass, 11:00 AM First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office Divine Mercy Chaplet & Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.

**A GLANCE AHEAD**

DECEMBER	JANUARY	JANUARY
Parish Office Closed, Dec 24 th - Jan 2 nd	OCIA Classes, Sundays, 9:45 AM	Youth Group, 8 th
Saturday Servants, Dec 27 th	OCIA Clases, Domingos, 12:30 PM	Sacramental Parent Class, 14 th
Vigil of Solemnity of Mary Mother, the Holy Mother of God, Dec 31 st	Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed	School Open House, 25 th
	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 1st	
	CMC- Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 3 rd	
	Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 3 rd	
	Hilltoppers, 6 th	

PASTOR'S CORNER

From an address by Saint Paul VI, pope
(Nazareth, January 5, 1964)

Nazareth, a model

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing, some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value—demanding yet redeeming—and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.



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

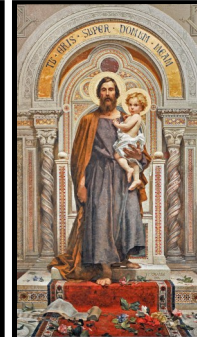
In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well-being.

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 almost complete.
- Submit Civil Design to City is planned for January

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: \$2,091,862

Participation Rate: 33%



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*Christmas Flowers 2025****In Memory Of...***

Kimsey Ashley rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes
 Martha Ashley rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes
 Joseph Aurichio rb Lisa Crowe
 Joseph Aurichio rb Lori Davis
 James A. rb Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Noble
 Austin Bagwell rb Lisa Crowe
 Clara Bagwell rb Lisa Crowe
 Dorothy Barry rb Ms Ann Theriault
 John V. Barry rb Ms Ann Theriault
 John V. Barry Jr. rb Ms Ann Theriault
 Deceased Members Baur Family rb Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hill
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bendig rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig
 Robert Bennett rb Constance Bennett
 Albert & Mary Berti rb Mary Heuskin
 Eduardo & Concetta Berti rb Mary Heuskin
 Rebecca Ashley Black rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes
 Ken & Helen Blum rb Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Noble
 Eugene & Rachel Bonacci rb Carol Bonacci
 Joseph Bonacci rb Carol Bonacci
 Booker/Milz Families rb Mr. & Mrs. Dan Booker
 Sean & Patrick Briggs rb Beatrice Briggs
 Riley Briggs rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs
 Walter & Phyllis Brodack rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Brodack
 Mr. Patrick Burns rb Mr. & Mrs. Carlton McIntyre
 Mr. & Mrs. John R. Busby rb Mr. & Mrs. Carlton McIntyre
 Mr. John R. Busby, Jr. rb Mr. & Mrs. Carlton McIntyre
 Janet Carothers rb Mr. & Mrs. Ray Carothers
 Madelene & Cliff Cartledge rb Elizabeth Cartledge
 Evan & Edith Chabot rb Carol Bonacci
 Evan L., John, & Bill Chabot rb Carol Bonacci
 James Chisman rb Jeanne Chisman
 John & Margaret Courtet rb Mr. & Mrs. John Firneno
 Mr. & Mrs. John Coxey rb Mr. & Mrs. Randy Daniels
 Ellen Crowe rb Lisa Crowe
 Wade Crowe rb Lisa Crowe
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Daniels rb Mr. & Mrs. Randy Daniels
 Jack Deloplainie Jr. rb Kathy Deloplainie
 Jack & Dorothy Deloplainie, Sr. rb Kathy Deloplainie
 David Diederick rb Jeanne Chisman
 Rita Dockter rb Joan Dockter
 Cornelius Dockter rb Joan Dockter
 Sam Dollenmeier rb Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Mills
 John & Sophia Doulaveris rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano
 Placido Escudero rb Cesareo Escodero-Hernandez
 Ian Faires rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs
 Mary Lou Ferguson rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones
 William & Barbara Ferrucci, Sr. rb Kathy Deloplainie
 Russell Ferrucci rb Kathy Deloplainie
 Anthony Firneno rb Mr. & Mrs. John Firneno
 John & Jeanette Firneno rb Mr. & Mrs. John Firneno
 Marsha Flowers rb Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Thurston
 Floyd & Lois Freund rb Mr. & Mrs. Larry Holmer
 Ernestina Lucio Gallardo rb Maria Palma
 Ann Gardner rb Richard Lyerly
 Valerie Gibson rb Jamie & Lisa Groeber
 Paul D. Gober rb Mr. & Mrs. Richard Winstead
 Keith & Madelyn Grant rb Patricia Grigoriou
 Deborah Perry Griffin rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams
 Michael Grigoriou rb Patricia Grigoriou
 Iraklis & Chrysanthie Grigoriou rb Patricia Grigoriou
 Jim & Jeanne Groeber rb Jamie & Lisa Groeber
 Joe Groeber rb Jamie & Lisa Groeber
 Phillip Groeber rb Jamie & Lisa Groeber
 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hanley rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs
 Jim Hanson rb Sue Hanson
 Bev Hanson rb Sue Hanson
 James Edward Hardy rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams
 Joseph Harnish rb Connie Harnish
 Helen Healy rb Mr. & Mrs. Paul O'Brien
 Erv Henderson rb Alice Henderson
 Alison Henderson rb Alice Henderson
 Bruce Heuskin & Lauren M. rb Mary Heuskin
 Larry & Donna Holmer rb Mr. & Mrs. Larry Holmer
 Graham Holmes rb Jeannine Holmes
 Robert & Grace Hook rb Mr. & Mrs. William Stevens
 John & Jean Houck rb Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Mills
 Bill Hughes rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes
 Jean Hughes rb Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hughes
 Jose Infante Family rb Cary Infante
 Thomas C. Ix rb Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson
 Frank & Rose Jacky, Jr. rb Frank Jacky
 Susan Jacobs rb Mr. & Mrs. Ray Carothers
 Dolores G. Johnson rb Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson
 James L. Johnson rb Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson
 Nancy Johnson rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs
 Mr. & Mrs. Joel Johnston rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig
 Joe & Lucille Jones rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones
 Carmel Jones rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones
 Bob Juno rb Pat Juno
 Kathy Juno rb Pat Juno
 Dixie Juno rb Pat Juno
 John & Margaret Kleitch rb Mr. & Mrs. John Sutton
 Paul Koster rb Janine Koster
 Polly Krafft rb Sue Hanson
 Marie Krafft rb Sue Hanson
 Leonard Krolak rb Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Mills
 Anthony & Bill Lake rb Mary Heuskin

In Memory Of...

Florencia Legaspi rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams
 Elvira Legaspi rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams
 Allan Legaspi rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams
 Frank & Eleanor Lombardi rb Kathy O'Connor
 Bill Lyerly rb Richard Lyerly
 Margaret Lyerly rb Richard Lyerly
 Spencer Lyerly rb Richard Lyerly
 T. O. Lyerly rb Richard Lyerly
 Walter Lyerly rb Richard Lyerly
 Mary M. & Cathy L. rb Mr. & Mrs. John Firneno
 Mr. & Mrs. C. M. McClure rb Mr. & Mrs. Carlton McIntyre
 Mr. & Mrs. Otis McIntyre rb Mr. & Mrs. Carlton McIntyre
 Lena McLaughlin rb Mr. & Mrs. Gavin McLaughlin
 Annette Marino rb Mr. & Mrs. William Stevens
 George H Martin rb Janis Zeglen
 John & Eva Mazzola Family rb Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Mazzola
 Scot Merker rb Mr. & Mrs. Richard Merker
 Chet & Eva Mills rb Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Mills
 Terry Newberry rb Ms. Lauren Rowell
 John Newberry rb Ms. Lauren Rowell
 George & Ann Noble rb Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Noble
 Estelle O'Brien rb Mr. & Mrs. Paul O'Brien
 Jerry & Hazel O'Connor rb Kathy O'Connor
 Tom O'Connor rb Kathy O'Connor
 Joanne Orfetil rb Constance Bennett
 Rev. Bro. Clinton P. rb Mr. & Mrs. Lawrance Fernando
 Rosemary Paige rb Mrs. Patricia Grigoriou
 Christie Pawers rb Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hill
 Anna Peckat rb Mr. & Mrs. Ray Carothers
 Walter & Angie Pedersen rb Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Mazzola
 Maria Jesus Perla rb Claudia Perla
 Ernest Perry, Jr. rb Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams
 Aaron & Stella Peterson rb Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones
 Olga Pintada Family rb Cary Infante
 Marie Posey rb Constance Bennett
 Agatha Reese rb Mr. & Mrs. Richard Merker
 Seldon Reese rb Mr. & Mrs. Richard Merker
 Walter Riddle rb Mr. Richard Lyerly
 Diane Riggoni rb Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Noble
 Warren & Audrey Riggs rb Steve & Arlene Sutton
 Ron & Kay Romano rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano
 Ryan Romano, Sr. rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano
 Ryan Romano, Jr. rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano
 Nick Romano rb Mr. & Mrs. John Romano
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rozek rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs
 Karen Ryan rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs
 Joseph & Matilda S. rb Mr. & Mrs. Lawrance Fernando
 Eugenio Palma Salinas rb Maria Palma
 Jim Schullien rb Mr. & Mrs. James Barr
 Patricia Seeden rb Mr. & Mrs. Paul O'Brien
 Richard Sherman rb Dolores Surdyka
 Amy Sims rb Alice Henderson
 Fr. Ignatius Smith rb Rick Fanning
 I. D. & Catherine Smith rb Beatrice Briggs
 Don & Carol Stegeman rb Mr. Jeffrey Stegeman
 Bill & Charlotte Stein rb Elizabeth Cartledge
 Robert & John Stein rb Elizabeth Cartledge
 Susan Stein rb Elizabeth Cartledge
 David Stevens rb Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Stevens
 William L. Stevens rb Mr. & Mrs. William Stevens
 Mr. & Mrs. Al Strep rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig
 Marceline Strickland rb Mr. & Mrs. John Strickland
 Francis Surdyka, Jr. rb Dolores Surdyka
 James & Marie Sutton rb Mr. & Mrs. John Sutton
 Diann Sweeney rb Mr. & Mrs. Shane Diedrick
 Marty Toth rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Briggs
 William & Teresa Trentecosta rb Mr. & Mrs. John Strickland
 Anne Turner rb Mr. & Mrs. James Holcombe
 Mr. & Mrs. O.C. Vigil, Sr. rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig
 Mario & Pauline Vitelli rb Mary Heuskin
 Douglas & Theresa Wilson rb Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Brodack
 Ronald & Sarah Winstead rb Mr. & Mrs. Richard Winstead
 Maria del Carmen Wittig rb Claudia Perla
 Henry Zeglen rb Janis Zeglen
 Souls in Purgatory rb Various
 Our Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, & Friends rb Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bendig

Without Designation...

Sila Guillermo rb Mr. & Mrs. Ely Collado
 Jose Nicasio rb Mr. & Mrs. Ely Collado
*Thank you to all who contributed to the
 beauty of Christmas with your time, talent,
 and treasure!*



YOU BELONG HERE

NIGHT OF FUN & PRAYER

Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

GRADES 6TH - 12

Mass at 5:30

JANUARY 8 | 6:30 PM

PARISH HALL

1200 Cornelia Rd, Anderson SC 29621

Bicentennial Campaign Concludes

The Diocese has announced that the Bicentennial Capital Campaign (BCC) will officially conclude at the end of 2025. This means that any BCC donations received by the parish must be received by the Stewardship Office for processing no later than Jan. 8, 2026. This includes all donations — no matter the form: cash, check, credit card and auto draft.

The books close on Jan. 9.

If you currently give to the BCC through online auto draft, please note that these automatic payments will end on January 1, 2026.

Parishioners who wish to continue supporting diocesan or parish initiatives may redirect their recurring gifts to another fund, such as the parish building fund, the Seminarian or Retired Priest funds, or the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina.

THANK YOU for your support and collaboration with the diocese to bring forth great fruit for South Carolina through the BCC! The gifts to the campaign are at work, bringing parish projects to life, providing services to neighbors in need, and strengthening various Catholic ministries across the state. Truly, God's kingdom is growing here!

Hilltoppers Monthly Social

Are you over 50?

Please Join us for the FUN!

Location: PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday, January 6, 11:30AM

Entertainment: Bingo
Entrée — Brunswick Stew

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

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.

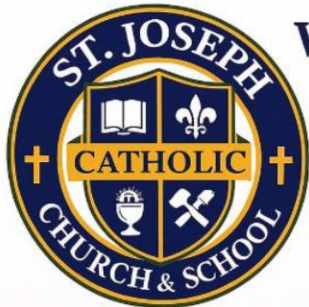
Book for February:

Chiara Corbella Petrillo, A Witness to Joy



**Enrolling Now for
3K – 8th Grade!
ESTF Applications Open
Jan 15th!**

✦ 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)

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✉ Email: Haymee.Giuliani@sjccs.net

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Individual Gala Tickets \$125



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

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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CrMS Natural Family Planning system contact:**

Molly Millerbernd, BSN, RN, FCPI

molly.fertilitycare@gmail.com

or 864-332-9262

All meetings are held in the Parish Office

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.

864-225-5341

jan.heithaus@sjccs.net

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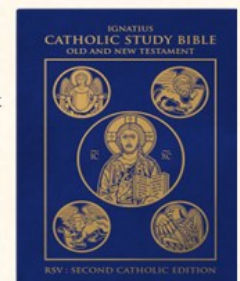
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PROCLAIM THE FAITH YEAR 1 STUDY GUIDES

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

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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?



charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis

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!**

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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	College of Charleston/Charleston Southern	Presbyterian
Tony Licari	Tom Gregory	Giovani Briguenta
tlitari@charlestondiocese.org	cofcsa@gmail.com	gbriguenta@presby.edu
Clemson	Francis Marion	USC
Stephanie Manasa	Dr. Christine Masters-Wheeler	Kelly Guilbeau
stephanie@saclemson.org	cmasters@fmarion.edu	kelly@stthomasmoreusc.org
Coastal Carolina	Furman	Winthrop
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