

# 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



**JANUARY 04, 2026**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.*

*– Mt 2:10-11a*

### **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

**Financial Data Not Available at Time of Publication**

**Weekly Collection - December 28, 2025**

Received in Office

WeShare Online Giving \$ -

**Christmas - December 25, 2025**

**2nd Collection - January 11, 2026 - School Scholarship**

**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 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

**04 SUNDAY—The Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00PM (Vigil) **+Albert & Irene Morissette** rb Bob & Christine Morissette

8:30AM **+Robert Todd** rb Carol Rose

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

**05 Monday—St. John Neumann, Bishop**

No Mass

**06 Tuesday—St. André Bessette, Religious**

5:30PM **+Raymond Hamel** rb Jeannine Holmes

**07 Wednesday—St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest**

8:30AM **+Mike, Preston, Brett, & Devin Daw** rb Murray Daw

**08 Thursday—Christmas Weekday**

5:30PM **+Luis Alberto Ruiz** rb Ruiz Family

**09 Friday—Christmas Weekday**

8:30AM **Charlsie Gard** rb Carl & Tibby Gard

**11 SUNDAY—The Baptism of the Lord**

5:00PM **+Ted Martin** rb Rich & Shirley Hamel

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

11:00AM **+Diann Sweeney** rb Sweeney & Diedrick Family

### Daily Mass Readings

**04 SUNDAY—The Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20)

**05 Monday—St. John Neumann, Bishop**

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 (212)

**06 Tuesday—St. André Bessette, Religious**

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 (213)

**07 Wednesday—St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest**

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 (214)

**08 Thursday—Christmas Weekday**

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a (215)

**09 Friday—Christmas Weekday**

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 (216)

**10 Saturday—Christmas Weekday**

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 (217)

**11 SUNDAY—The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17 (21)

### 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

**January 04:** Connie Bennett, Lynn Herold, Leif Hope, Jeanne Dutton, Jim Sernak, Frann Melanaski, Rosemary Gregory, Alexa Rose Surer, Cindy Hart, Frances & Kenny Cox, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Bayne, Ron Miskelley, Juliania Rose, Nick Sbrocchi, Michael Brady, Lynn Imes

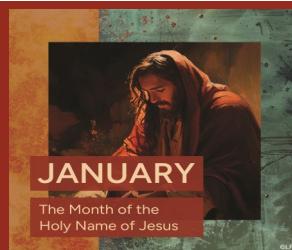
**December 28:** Laura Nunn, Diane Krolak, Barbara Kaliski, Ewa Pedzimaz, Carolyn Schilling, Steve Hughes, Ashley Addison, Dave Gorney, Steve Sernak, Rose Sbrocchi, Bridgett Hutchinson, Scott Cooley, Ciara Kline, Denise Wallace, Terry Alexander, Don Black

**December 21:** George Chastain, Mary Beth McCarty, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, Charles Gard, Darren 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

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

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

SAT	JAN 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot</li> <li>CMC-Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM, Parish Hall</li> <li>Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, Parish Office</li> <li>First Saturday Mass, 9:30 AM</li> <li>Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM</li> <li><b>Epiphany of the Lord Mass, 5:00 PM</b></li> </ul>
SUN	JAN 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>OCIA 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office</li> <li>RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School</li> <li>Mass, 11:00 AM</li> <li>First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration</li> <li><b>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.</b></li> </ul>
MON	JAN 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary's Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM</li> </ul>
TUE	JAN 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church in Use, 09:15 AM–3:00 PM</li> <li>Hilltoppers, 11:30 AM–2:00 PM, Parish Office</li> <li>Mass, 5:30 PM</li> <li>Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM</li> <li><b>Catholicism for Dummies, 6:30–7:45 PM, Parish Office</b></li> </ul>
WED	JAN 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM</li> <li>Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30–4:00 PM</li> <li>CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30–10:30 AM</li> <li><b>Catholicism for Dummies, 10:15–11:30 PM, Parish Office</b></li> <li>Church in Use, 4:15–5:50 PM &amp; 7:00–8:30 PM</li> </ul>
THU	JAN 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM</li> <li><b>Catholic Book, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM &amp; 6:30–8:00 PM</b></li> <li>Parish Office</li> <li>Mass, 5:30 PM</li> <li>Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM</li> <li>Youth Group, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall</li> </ul>
FRI	JAN 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM</li> </ul>
SAT	JAN 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot</li> <li>Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM</li> <li>Mass, 5:00 PM</li> </ul>
SUN	JAN 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–11:00 AM, Parish Hall</li> <li>OCIA 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office</li> <li>RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School</li> <li>Mass, 11:00 AM</li> <li>OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office</li> <li><b>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.</b></li> </ul>

**A GLANCE AHEAD**

JANUARY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
OCIA Classes, Sundays, 9:45 AM	Catholic Book Group , 8 <sup>th</sup>	OCIA Classes, Sundays, 9:45 AM
OCIA Clases, Domingos, 12:30 PM	Sacramental Parent Class, 14 <sup>th</sup>	OCIA Clases, Domingos, 12:30 PM
Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed	School Open House, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed
CMC- Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CWS Meeting, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Book Group , 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Gala, 14 <sup>th</sup>
Hilltoppers, 6 <sup>th</sup>		Sacramental Parent Class, 18 <sup>th</sup>
Youth Group, 8 <sup>th</sup>		Men's Club General Meeting, 19 <sup>th</sup>

## PASTOR'S CORNER

## From a conference to her spiritual daughters by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

## Our daily work is to do the will of God

I will tell you what is my own great help. I once read or heard that an interior life means but the continuation of our Savior's life in us; that the great object of all his mysteries is to merit for us the grace of his interior life and communicate it to us, it being the end of his mission to lead us into the sweet land of promise, a life of constant union with himself. And what was the first rule of our dear Savior's life? You know it was to do his Father's will. Well, then, the first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will.

I know what his will is by those who direct me; whatever they bid me do, if it is ever so small in itself, is the will of God for me. Then do it in the manner he wills it, not sewing an old thing as if it were new, or a new thing as if it were old; not fretting because the oven is too hot, or in a fuss because it is too cold. You understand—not flying and driving because you are hurried, not creeping like a snail because no one pushes you. Our dear Savior was never in extremes. The third object is to do his will because God wills it, that is, to be ready to quit at any moment and to do anything else to which you may be called ....

You think it very hard to lead a life of such restraint unless you keep your eye of faith always open. Perseverance is a great grace. To go on gaining and advancing every day, we must be resolute, and bear and suffer as our blessed forerunners did. Which of them gained heaven without a struggle?....

What are our real trials? By what name shall we call them? One cuts herself out a cross of pride; another, one of causeless discontent; another, one of restless impatience or peevish fretfulness. But is the whole any better than children's play if looked at with the common eye of faith? Yet we know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life, that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty.

But we lack courage to keep a continual watch over nature, and therefore, year after year, with our thousand graces, multiplied resolutions, and fair promises, we run around in a circle of misery and imperfections. After a long time in the service of God, we come nearly to the point from whence we set out, and perhaps with even less ardor for penance and mortification than when we began our consecration to him.

You are now in your first setout. Be above the vain fears of nature and efforts of your enemy. You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, and the best of Fathers waits there to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.



**141 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: \$2,091,862**

**Participation Rate: 33%**

**Early publishing: New numbers not yet available.**



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**THE THREE WISE MEN**

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The Three Wise Men: Share Your Gifts |  
Drawing Closer to God | Episode 6

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.

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## CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES

### Listen:

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

### Read:

Magnificat ~ [www.Magnificat.com](http://www.Magnificat.com)  
Magnifikid ~ Search MagnifiKid

### Watch:

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

# 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 ended 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!

## **SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE** ***Our priests need our prayers!!!***

The Seven Sisters Apostolate in our parish is looking for more women to pray one Holy Hour, on the same day every week, for one of our priests.

We have a group that prays for Fr. Gillespie, and a group that prays for our retired priest, Fr. Runnion.

If you are interested in spending a weekly hour in front of Our Lord to intercede for our priests, or for more information, please contact:

Lisa Commerford, (864)556-2136,  
or [lcommerford@hotmail.com](mailto:lcommerford@hotmail.com)

## 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](mailto:ReligiousEducation@sjccs.net)



## 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!



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](mailto:jan.heithaus@sjccs.net) for more information.**

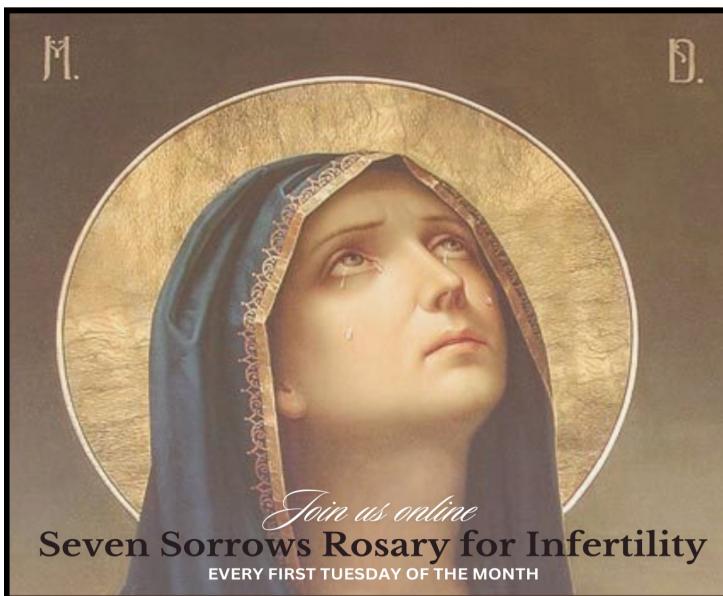
**Book for February:**  
Chiara Corbella Petrillo, *A Witness to Joy*

**Popcorn and a movie!**

**A Time for Miracles**

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

**In the Parish Office  
Conference Room**



"The prayer itself was the most relevant. It was the first time I've heard it and was very powerful. It made me feel comfortable" - AF



January 6, 2026 | 7:30 PM (EST)

Join via ZOOM: <https://tinyurl.com/1stTueSevenSorrow>



#### HOPE PRAYER CONNECT INITIATIVE

Be a HOPE couple to request prayers- <https://tinyurl.com/HOPEprayrequest1>

Be a HOPE prayer intercessor -<https://tinyurl.com/HOPEIntercessor>



EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 | 7 PM EST

All are welcome to join via ZOOM: <https://tinyurl.com/MultiRosary2026>



## Marriage Troubles?

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you might have grown cold and distant; or even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help...as it has already helped tens of thousands of others.

Our next program begins January 16-18, 2026.

For information, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), or call Bill & Lyn Folsom (727) 343-6701. Not counseling or group therapy.

All contacts and names held in absolute confidence.





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

**St. Joseph Catholic Church & School**

# OPEN HOUSE

**NOW ENROLLING  
3K - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**JANUARY 25, 2026  
12 PM - 2 PM**

**WWW.SJCCS.NET  
864-760-1619**

**FIRST STEPS AND ESTF PROVIDER**

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
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OUR ANNUAL GALA

*from* **Italy** *with love*

*Saturday*  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2026**  
— AT 6:30PM —

BLECKLEY STATION  
ANDERSON, SC

### Sponsor/Business Packages

Platino Sponsorship Package \$5,000
Oro Sponsorship Package \$2,500
Argento Sponsorship Package \$1,000
Bronzo Sponsorship Package \$500
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.charlestondiocese.org](http://www.charlestondiocese.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@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kedwards@charlestondiocese.org)

**School Safe Environment Coordinator:** Kathy Massey, (864) 760-1619 or [kmassey@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kmassey@charlestondiocese.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  
Epbyrd291@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!**

## 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  
706-564-7142  
Epbyrd291@hotmail.com

**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/>

## FertilityCare System (CrMS)

**THE CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM CAN  
HELP YOU:**

- Monitor and maintain your gynecologic health
- Share responsibility for fertility regulation between spouses
- Uncover the root cause of many female health issues
- Safe and clinically proven alternative to hormonal birth control and IVF

**INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS  
AVAILABLE - RSVP IS REQUIRED**

To RSVP or learn more about the CrMS Natural Family Planning system contact:  
Molly Millerbernd, BSN, RN, FCPI  
[molly.fertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto: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

## - 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

## 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](http://foryourmarriage.org)

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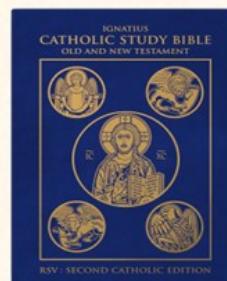
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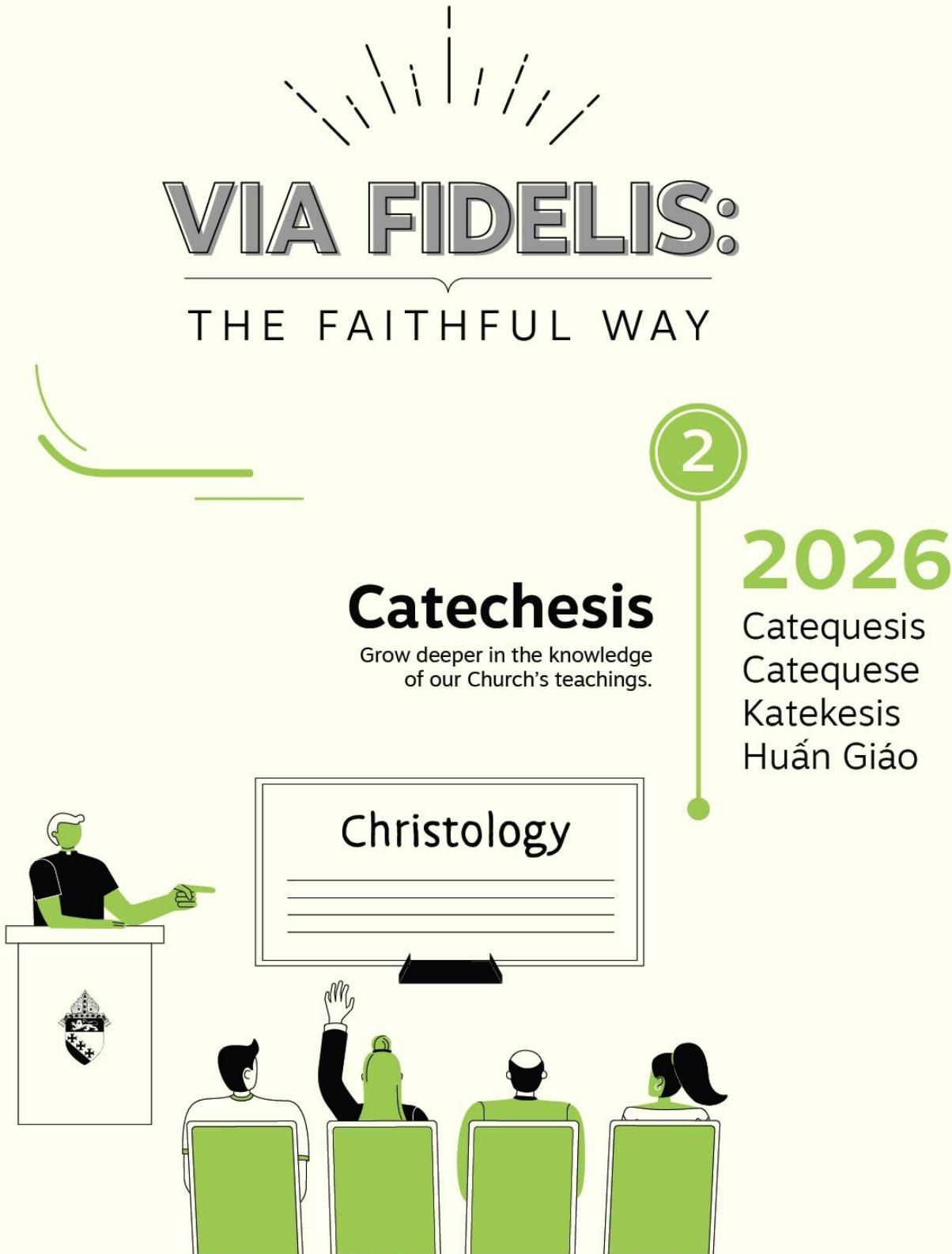
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We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM for 1 to 2 hours to clean, repair, and “spruce up” the Church and Narthex. Couples are invited to come together, families too! Many hands make light work!

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.



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**Locations:**

**Church Narthex:** water fountain

**School:** Near Playground Door

**Parish Office:** Main Conference Room

**Remember:**

Quick response is crucial during a cardiac emergency.



# 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:

<b>The Citadel</b>	<b>College of Charleston/Charleston Southern</b>	<b>Presbyterian</b>
Tony Licari	Tom Gregory	Giovani Briguente
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<b>Clemson</b>	<b>Francis Marion</b>	<b>USC</b>
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