

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



**JANUARY 11, 2026**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my  
beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."  
- Mt 3:17*

## 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
Weekly Collection - December 28, 2025	
Received in Office	\$ 7,098.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 1,246.00
	\$ 8,344.00
<b>Over / Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,156.00</b>
Weekly Collection - January 4, 2026	
Received in Office	\$ 8,562.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 976.00
	\$ 9,538.00
<b>Over / Under</b>	<b>\$ (962.00)</b>
Christmas - December 25, 2025	\$ 8,948.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,788.00
School Scholarship	\$ 414.00
Church Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 732.00
2nd Collection - January 18, 2026 - Support Our Saints	
WeShare Online Collection - December 2025	
Support Our Saints	\$ 905.00
Parish Charity	\$ 865.00
Organ	\$ 25.00
School Scholarship	\$ 75.00
Church in Africa	\$ 85.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 265.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 125.00
Retirement	\$ 85.00
Capital Campaign - Building for Now & the Future	\$ 3,045.03
<b>Thank you for your support and generosity!</b>	<b>\$ 5,485.03</b>

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

- 11 SUNDAY—The Baptism of the Lord**  
**5:00PM** (Vigil) +**Ted Martin** rb Rich & Shirley Hamel  
**8:30AM People of the Parish**  
**11:00AM +Diann Sweeney** rb Sweeney & Diedrick Family
- 12 Monday—Weekday**  
**No Mass**
- 13 Tuesday—St. Hilary, Bishop & Dr. of the Church**  
**5:30PM +Magdalena Palmillas** rb Chimal Family
- 14 Wednesday—Weekday**  
**8:30AM Paul & Margaret Mitchell** rb Delo Family
- 15 Thursday—Weekday**  
**5:30PM +Jim Shanahan** rb Kate Edwards
- 16 Friday—Weekday**  
**8:30AM Garv & Veronica Bradshaw** rb Erika Sharp
- 18 SUNDAY—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**5:00PM Phyllis Rouleau** rb Linda McCormick  
**8:30AM Colleen & Mike Tate** rb Lauren Scheving  
**11:00AM People of the Parish**

### Daily Mass Readings

- 11 SUNDAY—The Baptism of the Lord**  
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17 (21)
- 12 Monday—Weekday**  
 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20 (305)
- 13 Tuesday—St. Hilary, Bishop & Dr. of the Church**  
 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 (306)
- 14 Wednesday—Weekday**  
 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 (307)
- 15 Thursday—Weekday**  
 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 (308)
- 16 Friday—Weekday**  
 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 (309)
- 17 Saturday—St Anthony, Abbot**  
 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 (310)
- 18 SUNDAY—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 (64)

### 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

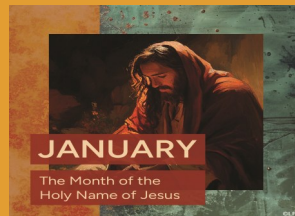
**January 11:** George Chastain, Mary Beth McCarty, Filbert Vigil, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, Charlsie Gard, Darrin Coles, Ronald Bendig, Alisha Rumbos, John Surer, Jane Sherman, Kelli Chastain, Kathy Silvers, Sherion Black, Debbie Lollis, Doug Alexander, Kimberly Williams, Nancy Zielke, Phyllis Rouleau  
**January 04:** 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 28:** 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](mailto:prayers@sjccs.net)**



**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SAT</b>	<b>JAN 10</b>	<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>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>JAN 11</b>	<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>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.</li> </ul>
<b>MON</b>	<b>JAN 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary's Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM</li> </ul>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>JAN 13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church in Use, 09:15 AM–3:00 PM</li> <li>Rosary Guild, 10:00 AM–12:30 PM, Parish Office</li> <li>Mass, 5:30 PM</li> <li>Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM</li> <li>Catholicism for Dummies, 6:30–7:45 PM, Parish Office</li> <li>Youth Group, 6:30–7:30 PM, Portable TBD</li> <li>PTO Meeting, 6:30–7:30 PM, Parish Hall</li> </ul>
<b>WED</b>	<b>JAN 14</b>	<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 AM–4:00 PM</li> <li>CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30–10:30 AM</li> <li>Catholicism for Dummies, 10:15–11:30 PM, Parish Office</li> <li>Church in Use, 4:15–5:50 PM &amp; 7:00–8:30 PM</li> <li>Sacramental Parent Class, 6:30–8:30 PM, Parish Hall</li> <li>Sacramental Parent Class, Spanish, 6:30–8:30 PM, School</li> </ul>
<b>THU</b>	<b>JAN 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM</li> <li>Mass, 5:30 PM</li> <li>Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM</li> <li>Men's Club General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall</li> </ul>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>JAN 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM</li> </ul>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>JAN 17</b>	<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>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>JAN 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li>Blood Connection Drive, 9:30 AM– 2:30 PM, Parking Lot</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>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.</li> </ul>

**A GLANCE AHEAD**

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
OCIA Classes, Sundays, 9:45 AM	OCIA Classes, Sundays, 9:45 AM	Gala, 14 <sup>th</sup>
OCIA Clases, Domingos, 12:30 PM	OCIA Clases, Domingos, 12:30 PM	Sacramental Parent Class, 18 <sup>th</sup>
Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed	Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed	Men's Club General Meeting, 19 <sup>th</sup>
Youth Group, Tuesdays	Youth Group, Tuesdays	CWS - Lenten Supper, 27 <sup>th</sup>
Sacramental Parent Class, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Book Group, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Year 2 Retreat, 28 <sup>th</sup>
Blood Connection Drive, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 7 <sup>th</sup>	
School Open House, 25 <sup>th</sup>	CMC- Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 7 <sup>th</sup>	
CWS Meeting, 29 <sup>th</sup>		

**PASTOR'S CORNER****From a Sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, bishop**

(Oratio 39 in Sancta Lumina, 14-16, 20: PG 36, 350-351, 354, 358-359)

***The baptism of Christ***

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received—though not in its fullness—a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.



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

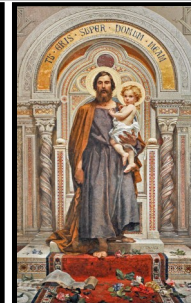
## MASTER PLAN NEWS

### ***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.



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CAMPAIGN  
UPDATE**

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### **The Desert Fathers (Part 1) | Littlest Saints**

In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers—St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf—as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.

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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

## 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

**FAITH at Work**SAVE LIVES. **EARN REWARDS.** DONATE TODAY.TBC REWARDS = TBC REWARD POINTS AWARDED IN DONOR PORTAL. REDEEMABLE FOR EGIFT CARD(S).

St. Joseph Catholic Church &amp; School

McLees Road Big Parking Lot

01/18/2026

09:30 AM-02:30 PM

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**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.

**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)

FEB  
6-8

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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

Epbbyrd291@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

706-564-7142

Epbbyrd291@hotmail.com

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

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**To RSVP or learn more about the  
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**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**



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



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

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

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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.charlestandiocese.org](http://www.charlestandiocese.org) and click on “Child and Youth Protection” at the bottom left of the homepage.

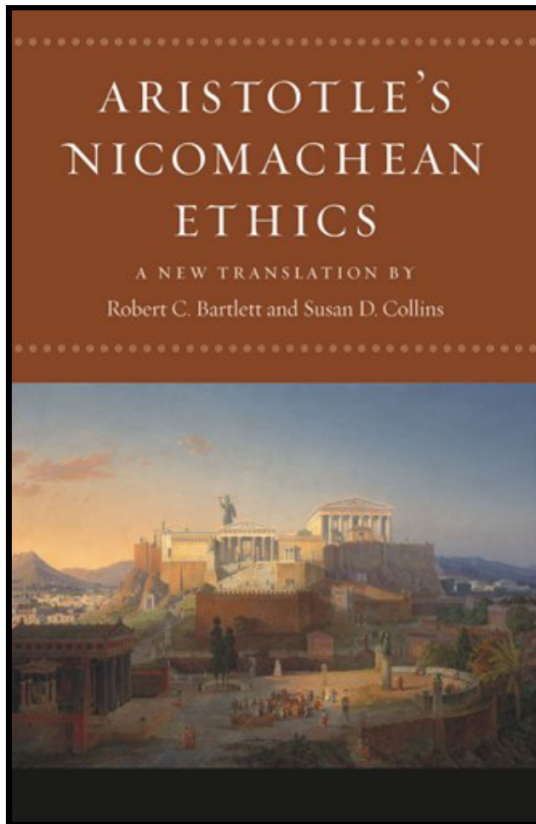
**Parish Safe Environment Coordinator:** Kate Edwards, (864) 225-5341 or [kedwards@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:kedwards@charlestandiocese.org)

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

# Aristotle Reading Group



with  
Dr. John Pascarella  
alternate Wednesdays  
at 6pm  
in the Parish Office  
Begins February 11th

**PLEASE REGISTER**  
call office or email  
[jan.heithaus@sjccs.net](mailto:jan.heithaus@sjccs.net)

## *Why read this book?*

*What is the nature of human happiness? What is virtue?  
What is the connection between happiness and virtue?  
Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics is the first complete philosophic  
inquiry into these questions.*

*If you want to see what he can teach us about these things  
today and how they relate to our Catholic faith,  
please join us for a reading group.*

**Book that will be used: Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics,  
translated by Robert Bartlett and Susan Collins.  
The University of Chicago Press, 2011; ISBN: 9780226026756.**



## 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](http://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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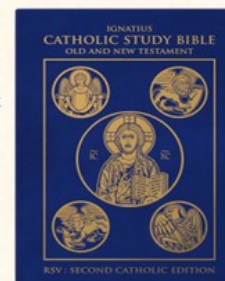
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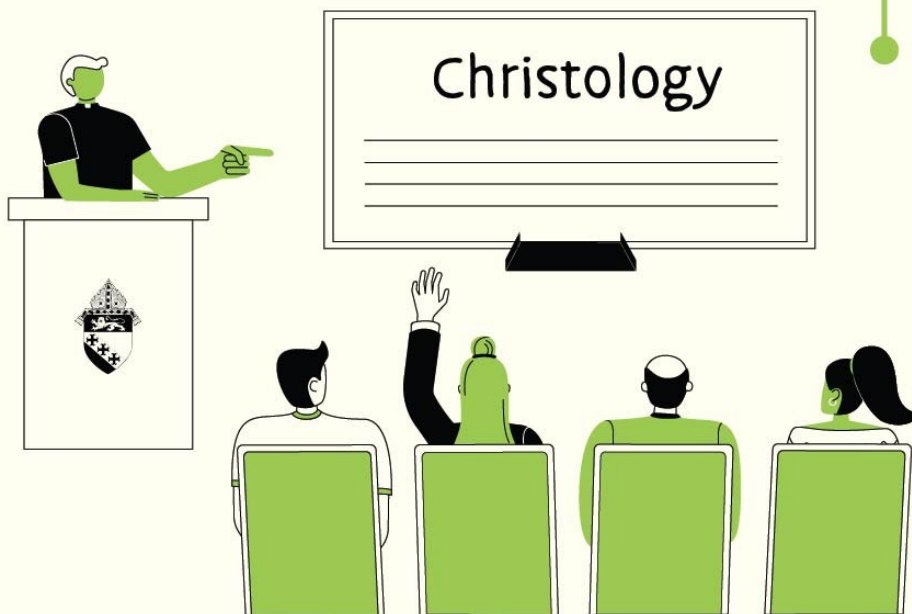
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### Catechesis

Grow deeper in the knowledge  
of our Church's teachings.





***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.**

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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:

<b>The Citadel</b>	<b>College of Charleston/Charleston Southern</b>	<b>Presbyterian</b>
Tony Licari	Tom Gregory	Giovani Briguenta
<a href="mailto:tlitari@charlestandiocese.org">tlitari@charlestandiocese.org</a>	<a href="mailto:cofcsa@gmail.com">cofcsa@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:gbriguenta@presby.edu">gbriguenta@presby.edu</a>
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Stephanie Manasa	Dr. Christine Masters-Wheeler	Kelly Guilbeau
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