



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 25, 2026**  
**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19*

## **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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| Parish Registration                          | 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)



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|---|--------------|
| Church Weekly Budget Income                                   | \$ 10,500.00 |
| <u>Weekly Collection - January 18, 2026</u>                   |              |
| Received in Office  | \$ 16,558.00 |
| WeShare Online Giving   | \$ 1,371.00  |
|   | \$ 17,929.00 |
| Over / Under  | \$ 7,429.00  |
| Support Our Saints  | \$ 788.00    |
| <i>2nd Collection - February 1, 2026 - Support Our Saints</i> |              |
| <u>WeShare Online Collection - December 2025</u>              |              |
| 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>             | \$ 5,485.03  |

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

*Cay Curran, Parishioner*

*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

**25 SUNDAY—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00PM +George Twaaser Jr.** rb Carmelites

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

**11:00AM +Ann Kohlmaier** rb Kathie Kohlmaier

**26 Monday—Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

**No Mass**

**27 Tuesday—St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

**5:30PM +MaryLou Gillespie** rb Andrew & Karin Gillespie

**28 Wednesday—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Dr. of the Church**

**8:30AM +Wayne Ory** rb John & Linda Firreno

**29 Thursday—Weekday**

**5:30PM Chris & Samantha Heithaus** rb Jan Heithaus

**30 Friday—Weekday**

**8:30AM +Garry Warren Johnson** rb Mary Heuskin

**01 SUNDAY—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00PM +Joseph Bonacci** rb Carol Bonacci

**8:30AM Tim Martin** rb Jordan & Miranda Martin

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

### Daily Mass Readings

**25 SUNDAY—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 (67)

**26 Monday—Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 3:22-30 (317)

**27 Tuesday—St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 (318)

**28 Wednesday—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Dr. of the Church**

2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 (319)

**29 Thursday—Weekday**

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25 (320)

**30 Friday—Weekday**

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34 (321)

**31 Saturday—St. John Bosco, Priest**

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 (322)

**01 SUNDAY—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a (70)

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

**January 18:** 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

**January 11:** George Chastain, Mary Beth McCarty, Filbert Vigil, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, Charlie 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

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

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

|            |               |  |
|------------|---------------|--|
| <b>SAT</b> | <b>JAN 24</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot</li> <li>Confirmation Year 1 Retreat, 9:15AM–5:00 PM, Parish Hall</li> <li>Confirmation Year 1 Retreat , 09:15–10:45 PM, Church</li> <li>Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM</li> <li>Mass, 5:00 PM</li> </ul>  |
| <b>SUN</b> | <b>JAN 25</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass, 8:30 AM</li> <li><b>Cancelled Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–11:00 AM, Parish Hall</b></li> <li>OCIA 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office</li> <li><b>Cancelled RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School</b></li> <li>Mass, 11:00 AM</li> <li>School Open House, 12:00 –2:00 PM</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 26</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary's Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM</li> </ul>   |
| <b>TUE</b> | <b>JAN 27</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>Catholicism for Dummies, 6:30–7:45 PM, Parish Office</li> <li>Youth Group, 6:30, Parish Hall</li> </ul>  |
| <b>WED</b> | <b>JAN 28</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> </ul>   |
| <b>THU</b> | <b>JAN 29</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>CWS Meeting, 6:30–8:30 PM, Parish Office</li> </ul>  |
| <b>FRI</b> | <b>JAN 30</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 31</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot</li> <li>School Chili Cook Off, 1:00–3:00 PM, Parish Hall &amp; School</li> <li>School Choir Concert, 3:00 –3:45 PM, Hall</li> <li>Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM</li> <li>Mass, 5:00 PM</li> </ul>  |
| <b>SUN</b> | <b>JAN 01</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>First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:30–3:00 PM followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Penitential Prayers beginning at 3:00 PM.</li> <li>OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office</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                     | Sacramental Parent Class, 18 <sup>th</sup>    |
| OCIA Clases, Domingos, 12:30 PM               | OCIA Clases, Domingos, 12:30 PM                    | Men's Club General Meeting, 19 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed             | Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed                  | CWS - Lenten Supper, 27 <sup>th</sup>         |
| Youth Group, Tuesdays                         | Youth Group, Tuesdays                              | Confirmation Year 2 Retreat, 28 <sup>th</sup> |
| Confirmation Year 1 Retreat, 24 <sup>th</sup> | Hilltoppers, 3 <sup>rd</sup>                       |   |
| CWS Meeting, 29 <sup>th</sup>                 | Catholic Book Group, 5 <sup>th</sup>               |   |
| School Open House, 25 <sup>th</sup>           | Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 7 <sup>th</sup>     |   |
| School Chili Cook Off 31 <sup>st</sup>        | CMC- Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 7 <sup>th</sup> |   |
| School Choir Concert, 31 <sup>st</sup>        | Gala, 14 <sup>th</sup>                             |   |



**PASTOR'S CORNER**

From the constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council  
(*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, nn. 7-8. 106)

***Christ is present to his Church***

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.



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



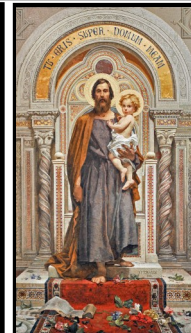
## MASTER PLAN NEWS

***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.

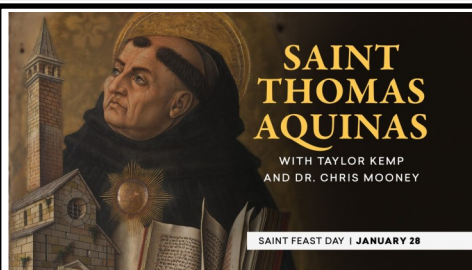
***New Parish Hall (Phase 2) Update:***

- 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 \$3Million  
Total Giving: \$2,140,964  
Participation Rate: 35%**



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**Catholic Radio** ~ Search: MediaTriX"  
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**Read:**

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**Magnifikid** ~ Search MagnifiKid

**Watch:**

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





**Every Tuesday!**

# YOUTH GROUP

## Weekly Meeting

**Come Together in Faith, Friendship, and Fun!**

- Uplifting Prayer and Discipleship
- Encouraging Devotional Message
- Time of Fellowship with other Youth
- Snacks & Fun Activities!

**EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 PM**

**SJCCS Parish Hall**

**Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12**

For More Information:  
Gabriel.woofter@sjccs.net



IN HONOR OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS!

JOIN US FOR

# Mass & Muffins

Friday, January 30, 2026

Mass at 8:30am  
Breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall

RSVP KATHY MASSEY  
KATHY.MASSEY@SJCCS.NET  
864-760-1619





# 4th Annual CHILI COOK-OFF

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**

**PARISH HALL**  
1:00-3:00 PM

**Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards!**

**Why come?**  
Delicious Chili  
Fun for All Ages  
Prize for the winner

**COST OF ADMISSION -**  
**BRING CANS TO DONATE TO THE CAN DRIVE!**

**WANT TO ENTER THE CONTEST?**  
CALL KATHY: 864-760-1619  
KATHY.MASSEY@SJCCS.NET




# FEED THE HUNGRY!

**Help the Anderson Soup Kitchen!**

**ANDERSON SOUP KITCHEN**

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

**DONATIONS**

## CLASS COMPETITION!

**Bring in Canned Goods & Help Your Favorite Class WIN!**

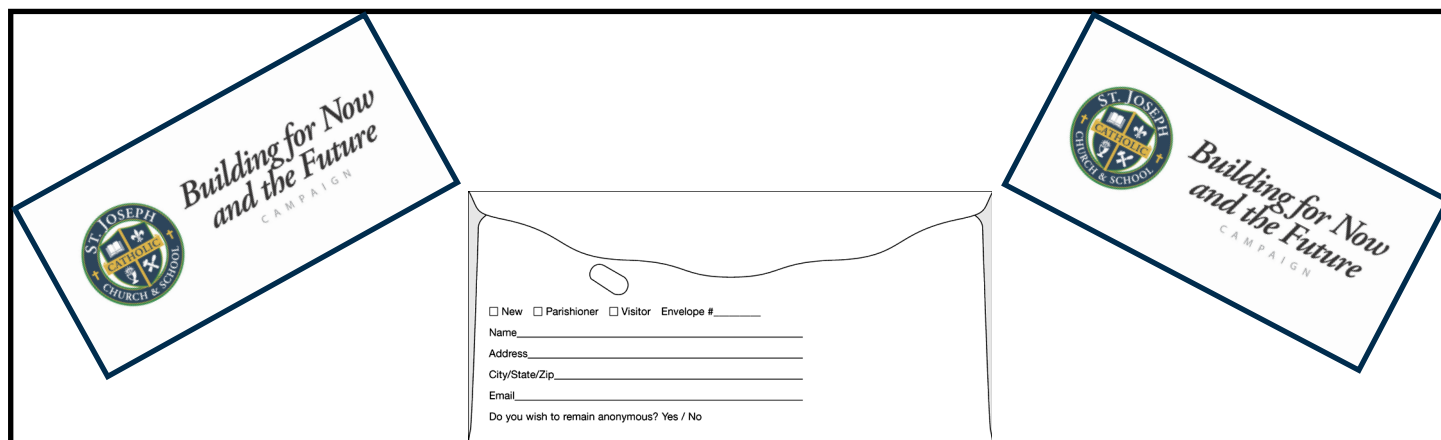
**CLASS A**

**OUR GOAL: HELP STOCK THE SOUP KITCHEN!**

**CLASS B**

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**





## ***Building for Now and the Future Capital Campaign Payments***

- Envelopes are available in the pews and at the Parish Office for your convenience.
- Please fill out the back of the envelope for proper credit.
- Envelopes may be placed in the collection or dropped off at the Parish Office.
- If making payments with through bill pay or RMD IRA Contributions, please note that the contribution is for the ***Capital Campaign - Building for Now and the Future.***
- Your contributions to this campaign will be noted on your end of year giving statements.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Edwards email: [kate.edwards@sjccs.net](mailto:kate.edwards@sjccs.net).

We thank you for your generosity.

 An advertisement for the Lent series on Formed.org. It features a central image of a person standing on a desert landscape with the text "HOW TO LENT" and "FORETOLD". Below the image, it says "Watch Now! Only on formed". At the bottom, it mentions "An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE" and "This year, you'll be ready for Lent."
 

Watch Now! Only on **formed**

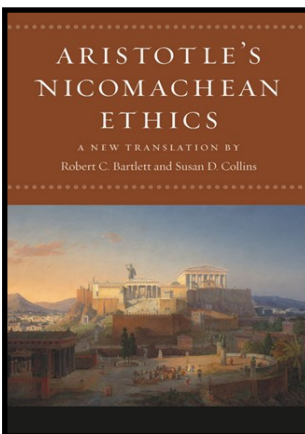
An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

**This year, you'll be ready for Lent.**

Dive deep into the mystery of Christ this Lent with two brand new series on Formed and a mini journal to help guide you!

Login to watch [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) to watch the two new series!  
*How to Lent* will be available on February 12  
*Foretold* will be available on Ash Wednesday, March 5

## Aristotle Reading Group



**Begins February 11th  
with Dr. John Pascarella**

**alternate Wednesdays  
at 6pm**

**in the Parish Office**

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

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





## Now Enrolling 3K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades! ESTF Applications Now Open

If your household income falls below what is listed on the chart, then you are eligible to apply for \$7600 for private school tuition - per student!

Apply now at  
[www.scschoolchoice.com](http://www.scschoolchoice.com)

| PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD | HOUSEHOLD INCOME:<br>500% FPL<br><i>General application eligible</i> |
|----------------------|--|
| 1                    | \$78,250   |
| 2                    | \$105,750  |
| 3                    | \$133,250  |
| 4                    | \$160,750  |
| 5                    | \$188,250  |
| 6                    | \$215,750  |
| 7                    | \$243,250  |
| 8                    | \$270,750  |

**Gala Tickets on Sale after Mass**  
**Jan 24 & 25**  
**Jan 31 & Feb 1**  
**Feb 7 & 8**

 The poster features the school's logo at the top left. The main text reads "OPEN HOUSE" in large blue letters, followed by "NOW ENROLLING 3K - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE" in blue. The date and time are "JANUARY 25, 2026 12 PM - 2 PM" in red. The website "WWW.SJCCS.NET" and phone number "864-760-1619" are listed. At the bottom, it says "FIRST STEPS AND ESTF PROVIDER" in red. There are illustrations of books, a pencil holder, and a red apple.

The poster has a decorative border with lemons and oranges. It says "ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS" at the top. The main text is "from Italy with love" in a cursive font. Below that, it says "BLECKLEY STATION 310 S MAIN STREET, ANDERSON SC 29621". On the right, it says "Admit One FEBRUARY 14, 2026 - AT 6:00 PM".

The poster lists sponsorship packages for a gala. On the left is an illustration of a lemon tree. The packages are: Platinum Sponsorship Package \$5,000, Oro Sponsorship Package \$2,500, Argento Sponsorship Package \$1,000, Bronzo Sponsorship Package \$500, and Individual Gala Tickets \$125. On the right is a QR code and the St. Joseph Catholic Church &amp; School logo.

**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)

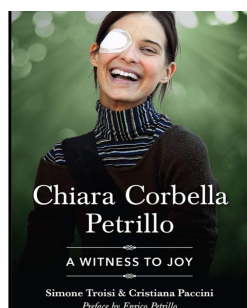
**Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:** Jeniffer Medina, (843) 225-8136

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



## Catholic Book Discussion Group

### Come join us!



### A Witness to Joy

Thursday, February 5  
3pm or 6:30 pm

In the Parish Office  
Conference Room

How does one suffer great tragedy with not only resignation, but with great joy?  
Chiara Corbella Petrillo lost 2 children at birth before giving birth to her third child.  
Then she lost her own life at age 28 due to cancer.  
Yet both she and her husband radiated joy as they also experienced the deep sorrow.  
She said yes to everything God sent her way, becoming a true child of God. And as her days on earth came to an end, her husband Enrico looked down on his wife and said, "If she is going to be with Someone who loves her more than I, why should I be upset?"

Contact Jan Heithaus [jan.heithaus@sjccs.net](mailto:jan.heithaus@sjccs.net)  
for more information.

**Book for March:**

Characters of the Passion By Fulton J. Sheen

## 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)

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[Stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:Stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org)  
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This leadership role oversees daily operations, supports and mentors staff, ensures diocesan and state compliance, and works closely with parish leadership and families to strengthen school-parish connections.

A qualified candidate should be a practicing Roman Catholic, have experience in early childhood education and administration, strong leadership and communication skills, and a degree or certification in Early Childhood or Elementary Education. Three years of relevant experience is preferred.

A job description outlining responsibilities and requirements is available at [www.smmcc.org/events](http://www.smmcc.org/events).

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Mike Sylvester, Pastoral Associate, at [mikes@smmcc.org](mailto:mikes@smmcc.org).



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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  
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**Meetings: Every Monday**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Father Friend Hall

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

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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**

## 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.

864-225-5341

jan.heithaus@sjccs.net

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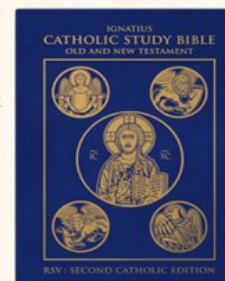
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**Altar Guild****Assistance Requested*****Do you have time to assist in the upkeep and maintenance of the Church?***

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  
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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

[tllicari@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:tllicari@charlestandiocese.org)

### Clemson

Stephanie Manasa

[stephanie@saclemson.org](mailto:stephanie@saclemson.org)

### Coastal Carolina

Theo Lombardi

[tlombardi@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:tlombardi@charlestandiocese.org)

### College of Charleston/Charleston Southern

Tom Gregory

[cofccsa@gmail.com](mailto:cofccsa@gmail.com)

### Francis Marion

Dr. Christine Masters-Wheeler

[cmasters@fmarion.edu](mailto:cmasters@fmarion.edu)

### Furman

Rev. Jonathan Duncan

[jduncan@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:jduncan@charlestandiocese.org)

### Presbyterian

Giovani Briguenta

[gbriguenta@presby.edu](mailto:gbriguenta@presby.edu)

### USC

Kelly Guilbeau

[kelly@stthomasmoreusc.org](mailto:kelly@stthomasmoreusc.org)

### Winthrop

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