

Diocese of Charleston

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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General Contact ~ church.info@sjccs.net

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



FEBRUARY 15, 2026
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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Mass Intentions	
15 SUNDAY—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00PM	+Joseph Bonacci rb Carol Bonacci
8:30AM	Teresa Campbell rb Lauren Scheving
11:00AM	People of the Parish
16 Monday—Weekday	
No Mass	
17 Tuesday—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
5:30PM	+Perry Roper rb John & Linda Firneo
18 Wednesday—Ash Wednesday	
8:30AM	+Luis Alberto Ruiz rb Ruiz Family
12:00PM	People of the Parish
5:30PM	+Mary Helen Kern rb Friend
19 Thursday—Thursday after Ash Wednesday	
5:30PM	Lionel Elom rb Marie Abalo
20 Friday—Friday after Ash Wednesday	
8:30AM	+Oliver Thompson rb Kevin Thompson
22 SUNDAY—First Sunday of Lent	
5:00PM	+Lisa Marie Coles rb Darrin Coles
8:30AM	People of the Parish
11:00AM	+Jack Deloplaine rb Kathy Deloplaine

Online Giving

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



Daily Mass Readings	
15 SUNDAY—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 (76)	
16 Monday—Weekday	
Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)	
17 Tuesday—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)	
18 Wednesday—Ash Wednesday	
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)	
19 Thursday—Thursday after Ash Wednesday	
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)	
20 Friday—Friday after Ash Wednesday	
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)	
21 Saturday—Saturday after Ash Wednesday	
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)	
22 SUNDAY—First Sunday of Lent	
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22)	

Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
Weekly Collection - February 8, 2026	
Received in Office	\$ 10,217.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 4,121.00
	\$ 14,338.00
Over / Under - Ice Storm	\$ 3,838.00
Building Fund	\$ 765.00
<i>2nd Collection-February 22, 2026: Black & Indian Missions</i>	
WeShare Online Collection - January 2026	
Support Our Saints	\$ 410.30
Parish Charity	\$ 425.31
Church Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 145.00
School Scholarship	\$ 75.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 75.00
Christmas	\$ 45.00
Capital Campaign - Building for Now & the Future	\$ 10,150.95
Thank you for your support and generosity!	\$ 11,326.56

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

February 15: 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
February 8: 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
February 1: 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

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
Mary Helen Kern, Parishioner
Catherine Musacchia, Parishioner
Don Hendricks, Husband of Donna Hendricks

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT	FEB 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM • School Gala, 6:30 PM, Bleckley Station
SUN	FEB 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • OCIA 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office & Small Conference Room • RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School • Mass, 11:00 AM • OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM
MON	FEB 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary’s Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM • Hispanic Ministry - Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, 5:00 PM, Parish Office
TUE	FEB 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funeral Mass Don Hendricks 11:15–12:30 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM • Catholicism for Dummies, 6:30–7:45 PM, Parish Office • Youth Group, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
WED	FEB 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Cancelled Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration • CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30–10:30 AM, Parish Office • Catholicism for Dummies, 10:15–11:30 AM, Parish Office • Mass, 12:00 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Sacramental Parent Class, 7:00–8:30 PM, Parish Office • Clase Sacramental para Padres, 7:00–8:30 PM, Escuela
		Ash Wednesday
THU	FEB 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM
FRI	FEB 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass - Students will not be present, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • Lenten Supper - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 5:30 PM Parish Hall • Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, Church
SAT	FEB 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • OCIA Day of Recollection, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM Parish Office • CWS Meeting, 9:00–11:00 AM Parish Hall • Funeral Mass Mary Helen Kern 11:00 AM–12:30 PM • Funeral Meal, 12:00–2:30 PM, Parish Hall • OCIA Day of Recollection, 12:00–2:00 PM Parish Office • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	FEB 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–11:00 AM, Parish Hall • OCIA 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office • RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School • Mass, 11:00 AM • OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM

A GLANCE AHEAD

FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
OCIA Classes, Sundays, 9:45 AM	Lenten Supper - KofC Fish Fry, 20 th	OCIA, Sundays, 9:45 AM & 12:30 PM (Esp)
OCIA Classes, Domingos, 12:30 PM	OCIA Day of Recollection, 21 st	Youth Group, Tuesdays
Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed	CWS Meeting, 21 st	Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed
Youth Group, Tuesdays	Aristotle Reading Group, 25 th	Hilltoppers, 3 rd
Gala, 14 th	CWS - Lenten Supper, 27 th	Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 7 th
Sacramental Parent Class, 18 th	Confirmation Year 2 Retreat, 28 th	CMC- Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 7 th
Clases Sacramentales para Padres, 18 th		Aristotle Reading Group, 11 th & 25 th

PASTOR'S CORNER



Feb. 1, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of Feb. 17-18, our diocese will take up the second collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

The second collection will go towards ministries in and around Ukraine that provide spiritual and social assistance to displaced persons and refugees from the war. The collection also continues to assist the Catholic Church in 27 other countries that suffered under communist oppression, helping them to rebuild churches, run Catholic schools, and evangelize among people whose parents and grandparents risked prison or worse if they spoke of their faith. The Catholic Church works to shelter war victims, helps them heal spiritually and emotionally from trauma and prepares them to rebuild a shattered nation.

Through your compassion, the Church shelters the suffering, heals the wounded in spirit, and helps rebuild lives rooted in faith and love. May God bless you for your kindness and solidarity.

"...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5).

In Christ's love,

Handwritten signature of Jacques Fabre-Jeune.

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston



99 Praying Days until Pentecost!
Come Holy Spirit!

MASTER PLAN NEWS

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

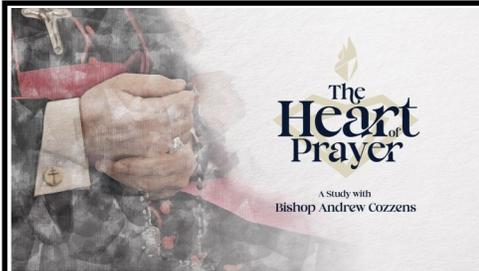
- Master Plan for School Expansion is complete.
- Geo Technology Exploration is Complete.
- Civil Engineering Site Plan is underway, submitted to the City of Anderson.
- School Loan Approved by Diocese of Charleston

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: \$2,175,997
Participation Rate: 35%



Trailer | Heart of Prayer

Heart of Prayer invites participants into an intimate and peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth.

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for Mass, Movies, Programs @ EWTN.com



CATHOLIC APPEAL of South Carolina

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**?

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 96 parishes, 20 missions, 32 Catholic schools, and multiple ministries throughout the Diocese of Charleston and the state of South Carolina.

Can the funds raised by the Catholic Appeal be used for anything other than their stated purpose?

No! Donations to CASC are restricted for use to the stated ministries, programs, and Catholic education only. Your donations directly support and grow these missions — they **are not** to “keep the lights on at the Chancery.”

Does my gift make a difference, even if it's small?

Yes! Each of us must discern what we can give in response to God's generosity to us. All intentional gifts are acts of good stewardship and faith. Together, everyone in the diocese makes a tremendous difference — accomplishing far more than any one of us could on our own. Mother Teresa reminded us, “Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

LEARN MORE!

Please contact the Office of Stewardship & Mission Advancement

charlestdiocese.org/catholic-appeal
843-261-0438 | catholicappeal@charlestdiocese.org



Why should people give to the Appeal?

God bestows gifts and talents on us to spread his love and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are stewards of these gifts that include our time, talent and financial resources. Jesus taught us, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (*Mt 25:40*). Let's go forth, together, as good stewards of God's grace and support each another!

Why do we need these ministries & programs?

The ministries supported by the Appeal provide tangible ways to assist many in need, to support Catholic education and formation of young people, to provide seminary training for our future priests, and grow our charitable Catholic community. We are called to serve and invite others into communion with Jesus Christ and his Church by living out the Gospel. The Catholic Church offers outreach and services to the needs of people in our diocese throughout the Palmetto State.



First Week of Lent ~ Prayer!

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18th

Mass Times at 8:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Friday, February 20th, Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Free!

Lenten Supper 5:30PM, Hall

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Day of Abstinence

Almsgiving for Lent

“To this end always dispose of a part of your means by giving them heartily to the poor; you impoverish yourself by whatever you give away. It is true that God will restore it to you, not only in the next world, but in this, for nothing brings so much temporal prosperity as free almsgiving, but meanwhile, you are sensibly poorer for what you give. Truly that is a holy and rich poverty which results from almsgiving.” St. Francis de Sales, An Introduction to the Devout Life, Chapter 15

Collection of Food Items for:

The Good Neighbor Cupboard & The Hope Mission

Items Collected at

Weekend Mass - Lenten Dinners - Stations of the Cross

Peanut butter - Jelly - Powdered Milk - Boxed Cereal - Individual Packets Of Oatmeal.

Please be generous and watch the power of compounding when we all chip in to help others!

SACRAMENTAL PARENT CLASS 4 FINAL CLASS

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
7:00-8:30 PM

Parish Office (English)
School Library (Spanish)

We will wait to begin for anyone attending
Ash Wednesday evening Mass.
(Unless completed in the last 3 years)

Questions?
Contact Beth Diedrick 864-225-5341
ReligiousEducation@sjccs.net



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

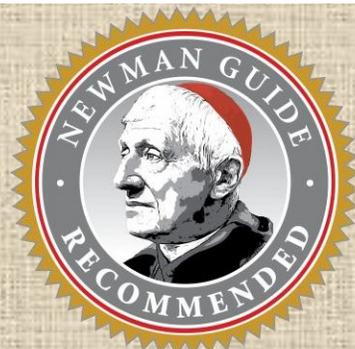
SJCCS Parish Hall
Grades 6th - 12

For More Information:

Gabriel.wofter@sjccs.net



We are proud to be a Newman Guide Recommended School!



**Now Enrolling
3K – 8th 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.sc-estf-program.com

PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	HOUSEHOLD INCOME: 500% FPL <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



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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) — **Hired!**
- K3 Teacher (2026-2027 School Year)

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

✉ Email: Haymee.Giuliani@sjccs.net

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.charlestdiocese.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@charlestdiocese.org

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

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 28
at St. Joseph's Catholic School
in Greenville, SC

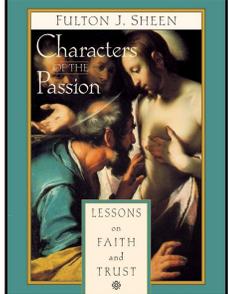
The Belonging Diocese of Charleston
Catholic Conference for Women invites you.



with Keynote Speaker,
Barbara Heil, Workshops, Vendors,
Catered Box Lunch, Music, Adoration, and Mass



Catholic Book Discussion Group Come join us!



Characters of the Passion
By **Fulton J. Sheen**

Thursday, March 5
3pm or 6:30 pm

In the Parish Office
Conference Room

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen brings to life the key figures in the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Jesus Christ: Peter, Judas, Pilate, Herod, Claudia and Herodias, Barabbas and the Thieves. He discusses the part each played, the effect of the Passion on each and the relevancy to understanding our own Catholic faith and modern culture.

Good for a Lenten meditation!
Contact Jan Heithaus jan.heithaus@sjccs.net
for more information.

Book for April:
The Life of Sister Wilhelmina



Arise

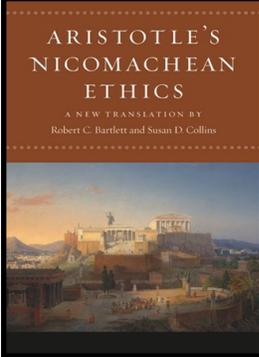
Mother/Tween
Daughter Retreat

A CHANCE TO HANG OUT,
TALK ABOUT
SOME IMPORTANT
GIRL MATTERS,
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY:
HAVE FUN!

Friday-Saturday
March 6-7, 2026




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

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.**



Guatemala MEDICAL MISSION

Join Catholic Charities of South Carolina and the Diocese of Charleston in providing medical care to the people of San Pedro La Laguna in Guatemala!





APPLY HERE:

Dates:
**MARCH
7-14, 2026**

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JESUS ON
MISSION**

**Catholic Charities
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- ✔ Bilingual Medical Missionaries Needed!
- ✔ Medical Experience Not Required

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UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

FEBRUARY 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read: Proverbs 2:1-22

REFLECT:

1. This poetic chapter of Proverbs discusses the importance of seeking wisdom and understanding. What does this passage say about this task? Do any particular portions of this passage resonate with you?
2. In what ways can we avoid following the wrong path in life? How do we ensure that we are truly following God's will?
3. What is the connection between knowledge, understanding and wisdom on the one hand, and how we live and act on the other?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 1

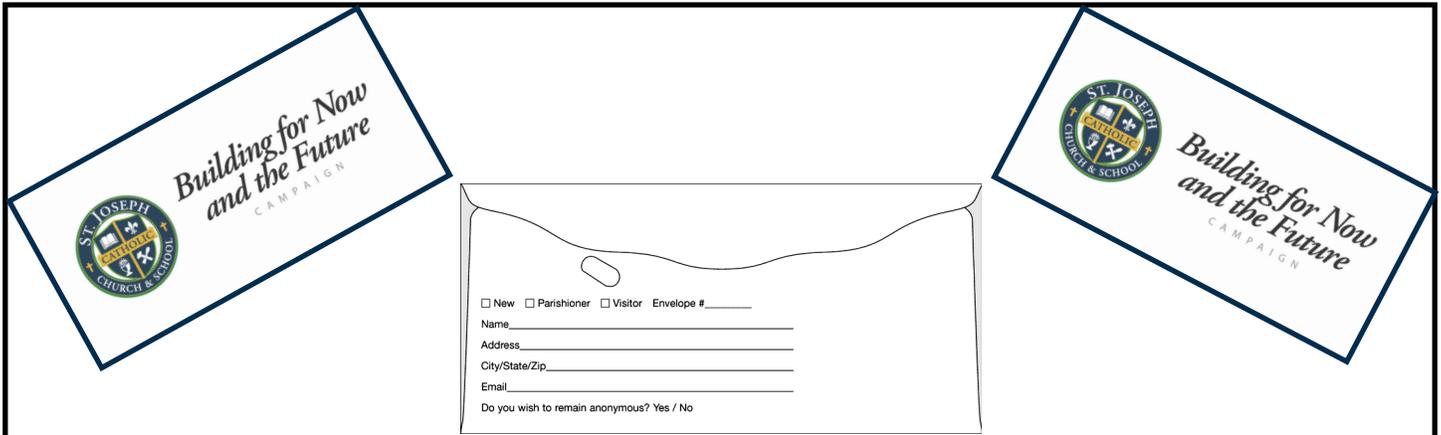
2026: Understand the Faith. In our second year, we will focus on refreshing our knowledge of the faith as a diocesan family, which will also clarify our shared mission. Once we make an effort to understand our beliefs, we will be more equipped to explain it to others who want to learn more about the profound mysteries of faith.

REFLECT:

1. In this very brief selection from the early part of the bishop's pastoral letter, the bishop gives a brief description of the upcoming year two of *Via Fidelis* (which begins Ash Wednesday), dedicated to understanding the faith: catechesis. What are your personal hopes and goals for this coming year?
2. The bishop here connects the task of understanding the faith with that of proclaiming the faith. What is this connection? Why must these two things go together in the Christian life?
3. What are some ways that you can help others grow in their understanding of the faith?



charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis



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 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.

We thank you for your generosity.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Our priests need our prayers!!!

Dear women of the parish, our priests need you and Our Lord wants to spend time with you!! Please consider spending one hour, on the day of week of your choice, before Our Savior in the Tabernacle, at the church of your choice.

Your prayers will be for Fr. Gillespie or our retired priest, Fr. Runnion. Join the Seven Sisters Apostolate, and make a real difference in the lives of these priests while Adoring Our Lord." To join either group or for more information, please contact Lisa Commerford 864-556-2136 or lcommerford@hotmail.com

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!**

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
Epbyrd291@hotmail.com

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

FertilityCare System (CrMS)

THE CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM CAN HELP YOU:

- Monitor and maintain your gynecologic health
- Share responsibility for fertility regulation between spouses
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**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
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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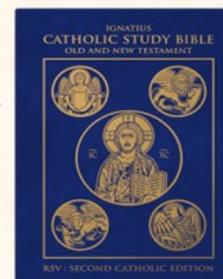
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Altar Guild
Assistance Requested

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

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

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

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

Call the Office to get on the list.



We are excited to announce the placement of

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout our Parish Campus!

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

Locations:

Church Narthex: water fountain

School: Near Playground Door

Parish Office: Main Conference Room

Remember:

Quick response is crucial during a cardiac emergency.



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

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

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

Below are the items most needed.

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

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Parish Office Communication

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

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

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

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

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



Brown Scapular enrollment

Scapulars are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

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

The Citadel	College of Charleston/Charleston Southern	Presbyterian
Tony Licari	Tom Gregory	Giovani Briguenta
tlcari@charlestdiocese.org	cofcssa@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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