

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



MAY 17, 2026
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



*Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."
- Jn 17:1*

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	
17 SUNDAY— <i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>	5:00PM (Vigil) +Phyllis Ann Rouleau rb Jan Heithaus
	8:30AM People of the Parish
	11:00AM +E. John Pysar rb Maryanne Pysar
18 Monday— <i>Saint John I, Pope & Martyr</i>	No Mass
19 Tuesday— <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30PM Rav Burger rb Fr. Gillespie
20 Wednesday— <i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>	8:30AM Ben & Anna McCormick rb The McCormick's
21 Thursday— <i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	5:30PM Tim & Lauren Heithaus & Family rb Jan Heithaus
22 Friday— <i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	8:30AM Gala Donors rb School
24 SUNDAY— <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	5:00PM (Vigil) +George Martin rb Janice Zeglen
	8:30AM +Vivian Reidmiller rb Carmelites
	11:00AM People of the Parish

Online Giving

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



Daily Mass Readings	
17 SUNDAY— <i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 (58)
18 Monday— <i>Saint John I, Pope & Martyr</i>	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)
19 Tuesday— <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)
20 Wednesday— <i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)
21 Thursday— <i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)
22 Friday— <i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)
23 Saturday— <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)
24 SUNDAY— <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (63)

Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
<u>Weekly Collection - May 10, 2026</u>	
Received in Office	\$ 12,215.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 1,546.00
	\$ 13,761.00
Over / Under	\$ 3,261.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 885.00
<i>2nd Collections-May 24, 2026 - Support our Scholars & Saints (SOS)</i>	
<u>WeShare Online Collection - April 2026</u>	
Support Our Scholars & Saints (School)	\$ 800.00
Parish Charity	\$ 682.29
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 55.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 110.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 450.00
School Scholarship	\$ 70.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,000.95
Thank you for your support and generosity!	\$ 7,203.24

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

May 17: George Chastain, Mary Beth McCarty, Filbert Vigil, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, Darrin Coles, Ronald Bendig, Alisha Rumbos, John Surer, Jane Sherman, Kelli Chastain, Kathy Silvers, Sherion Black, Debbie Lollis, Doug Alexander, Kimberly Williams, Nancy Zielke, Marsha Cox
May 10: Connie Bennett, Lynn Herold, Leif Hope, Jeanne Dutton, Jim Semak, Frann Melanaski, Rosemary Gregory, Alexa Rose Surer, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Bayne, Ron Miskelley, Juliana Rose, Nick Sbrocchi, Michael Brady, Lynn Ines
May 03: 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, Jacob Surer, Ray Burger

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
Maria Rosado, 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*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT	MAY 16	<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
SUN	MAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Hall • Faith & Reason, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office • Mass, 11:00 AM • Confirmation Practice, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM, Church • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM
MON	MAY 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary’s Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM • Knights of Columbus Leaders Meeting, 5:15 PM–6:45 PM, Parish Office • Boy Scouts, 6:00–8:00 PM, Parish Hall • Women’s Cursillo Group, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office
TUE	MAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:30 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00 –7:00 PM • Youth Group, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
WED	MAY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30 –10:30 AM, Parish Office • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM • Church in Use, 4:10–5:50 PM & 7:00–8:30 PM • Hispanic Ministry - Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, 4:30–5:30 PM, Parish Office • Aristotle Reading Group, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office
THU	MAY 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:30 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM • Men Walking with Christ, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM, Parish Office
FRI	MAY 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • Church in Use, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
SAT	MAY 23	<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
SUN	MAY 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Confirmation Reception, 8:00 AM–6:00 PM, Parish Hall • Mass, 8:30 AM • Cancelled - Sunday Bible Study • Mass, 11:00 AM • Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation, 3:00 PM • Cancelled - Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM



Alert: Scam Incidents from CCSC
 The Charleston office of Catholic Charities of South Carolina has received calls from five individuals reporting scam-related incidents. In these cases, individuals are being asked for money by people claiming to represent CCSC's immigration services. This issue has become increasingly serious.

A GLANCE AHEAD

MAY	MAY	JUN
Sunday Bible Study	Aristotle Reading Group, 20 th	Sunday Bible Study
Youth Group, Tuesdays	Men Walking with Christ, 21 th	Youth Group, Tuesdays
Hispanic Ministry, Wednesdays	Pentecost Sunday Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation, 24 th	Hispanic Ministry, Wednesdays
Faith & Reason, 17 th & 24 th		Women's Cursillo Group, Mondays
Confirmation Practice, 17 th		Hilltoppers, 2 nd

PASTOR'S CORNER



May 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of May 16-17, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Half of the collected funds stay in South Carolina, and the other half support the collective communication work of the bishops and other Catholic projects throughout the United States.

With the establishment of its Rome bureau in 1950, Catholic News Service (CNS) has become an important source of news about our popes and the Vatican for Catholic newspapers, magazines and websites all over the world. Today, CNS Rome's staff continues to serve us by providing articles, photographs and videos to approximately 100 Catholic newspapers, magazines and dioceses. It reaches a large social media audience, including spreading the Good News to over a million followers across various social media platforms.

Your support for the Catholic Communications Campaign allows Catholic News Service to provide its coverage free of charge to dioceses in our country and around the world. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit usccb.org/ccc.

Thank you for considering a gift to this important mission to spread the news of Christ Jesus and his Church worldwide.

In Christ's love,

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



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

MASTER PLAN NEWS

School Expansion (Phase 1) Update: (July 1 Completion)
Work Has Begun!
Thank you for your cooperation.
Your patience is greatly appreciated.
Please do not cross any cones or go beyond the caution tape at any time.

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: \$2,213,721.59
Participation Rate: 38%

SAINT RITA of CASCIA
The True Story

Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story
A compelling docu-drama that tells the whole story of the amazing life of St. Rita of Cascia, the very popular saint who lived in Italy in the 14th century. Famous as the patroness of hopeless situations, St. Rita dealt with many very difficult and tragic events in her life. Through it all she developed a profound faith in God that was the source of her great strength, and why she is such a popular saint for all those dealing with difficult events in their own lives.

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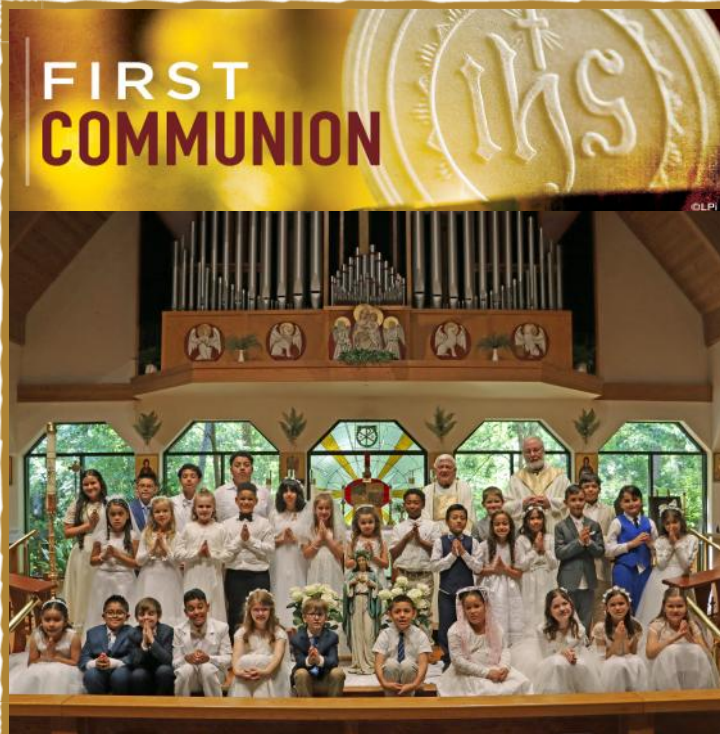
CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES

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| <p>Listen:
Kresta in the Afternoon ~ Ave Maria Radio
Catholic Radio ~ Search: MediaTrix"
Fr. McTeigue, SJ ~ Search: The Catholic Current</p> | <p>Read:
Magnificat~www.Magnificat.com
Magnifikid~Search MagnifiKid</p> | <p>Watch:
The Chosen ~ Search The Chosen EWTN
for Mass, Movies, Programs @ EWTN.com</p> |
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Pentecost Sunday Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation of our current School and RE students

Celebrated by
Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune
Sunday, May 24, 2026
3:00 PM

* This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.



- Schuyler Alexandra Arias
- Dilianny Cecilia Ayala Caceres
- Matias Balcarcel
- Abigail Cuizon Bardowell
- Lara Belinovski De Luca
- Mel Belinovski De Luca
- Mason Burnett
- Angel Jared Cortes-Alonso
- Eden Florence Crocker
- Kevin Delgado
- Charlotte Noel Drake
- Abigale Doris Estrada
- Iker Key Fujimura Alatorre
- Javier Alexander Gaona
- Maddox Josiah Hamilton
- Emily Grace Kozak
- Elana Emerson LeBoeuf
- Eli Edward LeBoeuf
- Rodrigo Lopez Hernandez
- Emily Grace Manning
- Samantha Aguado McBain
- Ciara Erin McLaughlin
- Lya Mercado Tortolero
- Evelyn Nino Chavez
- Dannae Guadalupe Padilla Granados
- Adriel Sebastián Polanco Rodríguez
- Garrett Michael Slaughter
- Noah Spuri Gomes
- Reagan Patrick Thurston
- Fernando Anthony Valente Guevara
- Maddox Bryce Wingard

**2026 - 2027
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SCHOOL YEAR**

**Registration
Now Open!**

K4 through Confirmation
Registration forms available
in the Narthex
and Parish Office

For more information,
please contact
Beth Diedrick

864-225-5341
religiouseducation@sjccs.net

**Religious Education
Ministry**
is looking for volunteers for the
2026-27 school year

Qualifications:

- Be an active Catholic in good standing with the Church
- Be Approved by the pastor and the DRE or Faith Formation Coordinator
- Be cleared by a background check conducted by the Diocese's Office of Child and Youth Protection
- Complete the prescribed Safe Environment Training Program required of Catechists and all serving in ministry
- A willing spirit and a desire to evangelize

Contact
religiouseducation@sjccs.net
for more information

**SUMMERTIME
BBQ**

JUNE 6TH & 7TH

PICK UP AFTER EACH MASS IN THE NARTHEX
PICK UP ONLY - PRE ORDER TICKETS!

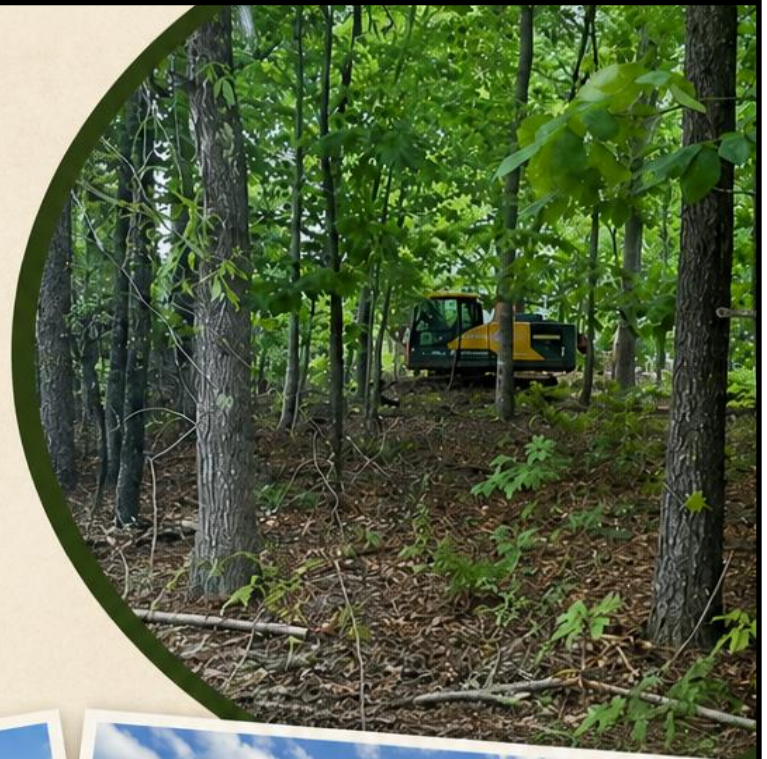
**\$15 / 1 LB
BBQ PULLED PORK**

**TICKETS ON SALE
AFTER MASS
5/23, 5/24, 5/30, 5/31**

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT
FELLOW KOC BROTHER &
LOCAL SEMINARIAN
PATRICK DUGGAN

PROGRESS TOWARDS A NEW PARISH HALL!

As part of the construction of the detention pond we needed extra “clay” dirt. This resulted in taking a step forward in grading the land that will become our new Parish Hall.



**Dates to look forward to:
(all dates subject to weather delays etc.)**

May 26, 2026

Closing of Cornelia side parking lot.

Get ready for a new and bigger parking lot!!!

Any time after June 3...

- Removal of the portables (pray for a quick sale).
- Widening of the current alley next to the hall.
- K4 Playground moving to its bigger, better location at the back end of the school.
- Regrading of school playground area to improve drainage.
- Delivery of two new buildings for school expansion early/mid July.

Beginning August 12, 2026 Things to look forward to

- Better drainage in all of those low spots!
- Concrete repair and expanded patio between Church and School.
- More access to the Church and Parish Hall for activities and meetings.



NOW ENROLLING: 3K - 8TH GRADE

New Middle School Facility

3K - 8th Grade

SC ESTF PROVIDER

(864) 760-1619 | sjccs.net/school
1200 Cornelia Rd, Anderson, SC

Visit Our Website



Thank you to everyone who participates in fundraisers, volunteers their time, offers prayers, and encourages our students and staff throughout the year. Your generosity, dedication, and faith-filled support make a lasting difference and help our school continue to grow and thrive. We are truly blessed.

Results of our latest fundraisers:

The Taste of St. Joseph
\$6,064.88

Boosterthon - "Walk for St. Joseph"
\$8,970.00



Space Available



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Led by qualified local educators, Camp Invention® is a fun-filled summer adventure designed to ignite your child's imagination and boost their confidence! Explore this year's all-new program where campers team up with friends to tackle fun, hands-on STEM challenges and bring their big ideas to life!

Discounts cannot be combined

✦ Join Our Mission — Educating for Eternity! ✦



We're growing!

Our Catholic school family is seeking joyful, faith-filled educators who feel called to inspire young hearts.

Positions:

Elementary Teacher (2026-2027)

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

✉ Email: Haymcc.Giuliani@sjccs.net

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Grades: Rising K - 6th

Campers are grouped by grade

Location: St. Joseph Catholic
1200 Cornelia Rd, Anderson, SC 29621

Dates & Time: June 15 - 19, 2026 | 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Cost: \$285 (before discount)

Payment Plans Available up until 4/16/2026

Sibling Discounts at INVENT.ORG/CISAVE

Before and After Care Available: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM | Additional \$100

Camp Director: Kristin Pulido | kristin.pulido@sjccs.net | 864-760-1619

Register at
Invent.org/cisave
or 800-968-4332



We are proud to be a
**Newman Guide
Recommended School!**

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: Mary Nicole Cook (843) 856-0748 or (800) 921-8122 or mcook@charlestdiocese.org

For confidential email: VAC@charlestdiocese.org

May 2026

VIA FIDELIS:
THE FAITHFUL WAY




UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

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UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY May | Marian Apparition

Learn about a particular Marian apparition, such as at Lourdes or Fatima.



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Feasts & Solemnities

MAY 2: ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP

St. Athanasius is known as the great defender of Jesus' true divinity during a period of heated division within the Church. As bishop of Alexandria in Egypt, St. Athanasius came into conflict with other influential Church leaders and several emperors. His staunch defense of the teachings of the Council of Nicaea led to his exile from Alexandria on five separate occasions.

MAY 14: ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (who had betrayed Christ). Choosing him is one of the first things the Apostles do after Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:15-26). This is the first example of a successor to one of the Apostles. Today, our bishops stand as successors of the Apostles, and the Holy Father is the successor to their leader, St. Peter.

MAY 17: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter (see Acts 1:3) and traditionally falls on a Thursday (since Easter is on a Sunday). In most of the United States, the celebration is transferred to the following Sunday. By ascending with his resurrected body, Jesus gives us hope of one day sharing in heavenly communion with the Father.

MAY 24: PENTECOST

Pentecost literally means "fifty" and takes place 50 days after Easter. In the Acts of the Apostles, the first Christian Pentecost coincides with the Jewish feast of Pentecost (*Shavout*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew), at which the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai is commemorated. The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost shows the enduring presence of God with his Church as the one who gives her life and inspires her action. In the sacrament of confirmation, we share in a special way in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help us carry out the mission of the Church: to spread and defend the faith as witnesses.

MAY 25: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Mary has many titles, and there are different days these are commemorated. She is the Mother of God by conceiving and giving birth to Jesus, and she is our mother, too, because we are united to Christ in baptism. Mary is a model of true discipleship for the Church. As "Mother of the Church," she exemplifies the motherhood that the Church exercises. Just as Mary enables Christ to be present in the world through the Incarnation, so too the Church's mission, as the body of Christ, is to enable Christ's continued presence in the world.

May 31: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The doctrine of the Trinity tells us who God is. There is one God in three distinct persons. These three persons are in real relation to each other. Yet, they each fully possess the one divine nature. This is why we invoke the one divine "name" when making the sign of the cross (i.e. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit").

A CHURCH THAT TEACHES

*Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church
85-90, 100, 890-891, 897-900, 940, 1262-1274, 1279-1280*

- Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, the work of the Apostles is carried on with the Bishops as their successors
- The authentic interpretation of the the Deposit of Faith takes place through the Magisterium, or teaching office of the Church
- Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this living teaching office is exercised by the Pope, who is the successor of St. Peter and Bishop of Rome, and the bishops in communion with him
- This office can be exercised infallibly (or without error) in doctrinal proclamations (regarding faith or morals) by the Pope or by the entire College of Bishops with the Pope (especially in an ecumenical council)
- It can also be exercised infallibly by the Pope and Bishops in their "ordinary Magisterium" when there is agreement on the definitiveness of a doctrine
- Supported by the Magisterium, all members of the Church, albeit in different ways, are called to share the faith with others and "make disciples of all nations" (see Mt 28:19)
- Through faith in Christ and Baptism one becomes a member of the Church, the People of God
- By virtue of their Baptism, all the faithful are given a share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ
- The laity live this in away fitting the "secular" (or 'everyday') nature of their way of life
- The laity, therefore, have a particular calling to both holiness and the apostolate, being sent out to bring Christ to the world and everyday life





UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

MAY 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read: John 8:31-59

REFLECT:

1. What is the image of discipleship that Jesus gives in this passage? How can we attain to that image in practice?
2. Jesus speaks here of slavery to sin and contrasts it with the freedom of the life of the disciple, where one finds truth. In what ways are we affected by slavery to sin? In ways do we find freedom in Christ?
3. Why do think Jesus is so harshly criticized by those he is speaking to in this passage? How does this passage reveal who Jesus is and how he changes our relationship with God and with the world?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 4

The Catholic Church is the Body of Christ and the oldest institution in the world. For over 2,000 years, she has continued to be taught by the Lord Jesus and guided by his Holy Spirit. Faithful to the task given to her, she proclaims her teachings at all times and in every place. The teachings of the Church are enlightened by sacred Scripture. They are founded upon sacred Tradition, especially the Church fathers, the living priesthood and the constant witness of the baptized through the ages.

The remedy to the disbelief of our age, therefore, is the life of a strong, well-formed, intentional disciple of Jesus Christ. It will be the hope and joy that exude from the witnesses of the Lord Jesus that will most challenge and collapse the disbelief and false belief of our times.

For this reason, I call on all the baptized to fan into flame the grace you have received from God, pursue a path of Christian formation, know our faith, live it without compromise and be one of the disciples whose life of grace will heal the secularism of our age and bring God back into the hearts of all men and women.

REFLECT:

1. In this selection, the bishop discusses the “Deposit of Faith,” sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition. What are some concrete ways that we can become deeper immersed in scripture and tradition in this year devoted to a deeper understanding of the faith?
2. What does “the life of a strong, well-formed, intentional disciple of Jesus Christ” look like in practice? How can we strive towards developing that life?
3. What are ways that we can “bring God back into the hearts” of those we encounter?



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A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or orders, of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons.

Deacons are ordained for a ministry of service, which they carry out under the authority of the Bishop. All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Altar, and Charity.



**PERMANENT
DIACONATE**

ARE YOU CALLED?



Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served."



THE DIACONATE IS A VOCATION OF LIFE-LONG SERVICE OF WORD, LITURGY AND CHARITY. THE DEACON IS TO EXTEND THE SACRAMENTAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST'S SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH AND INTO THE SECULAR WORLD.

THE WORD

Proclaim the Gospel and Preach • Teach the Catholic Faith • Evangelize Believers and Unbelievers

THE ALTAR

Assist Bishops and Priests at the Liturgy • Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion • Administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, Preside at Wake Services and Rites of Burial • Preside at Devotional Services

CHARITY

Perform Charitable, Administrative, and Social Welfare Duties • Visit the Sick, Feed the Hungry • Minister to the Imprisoned • Minister to the Bereaved

FORMATION

- New classes form every two years
- Discernment and formation lasts 5 ½ years
- Catholic men must be aged 35-60 at time of application to be eligible to apply
- Scan the QR code for more requirements and information.








For information on exploring a vocation as a deacon in the Diocese of Charleston: charlestdioecese.org/diaconate. Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: bjustice@charlestdioecese.org.

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

Book Category Color Guide

*Take a book home to read and return when finished. **Please don't keep them forever!***

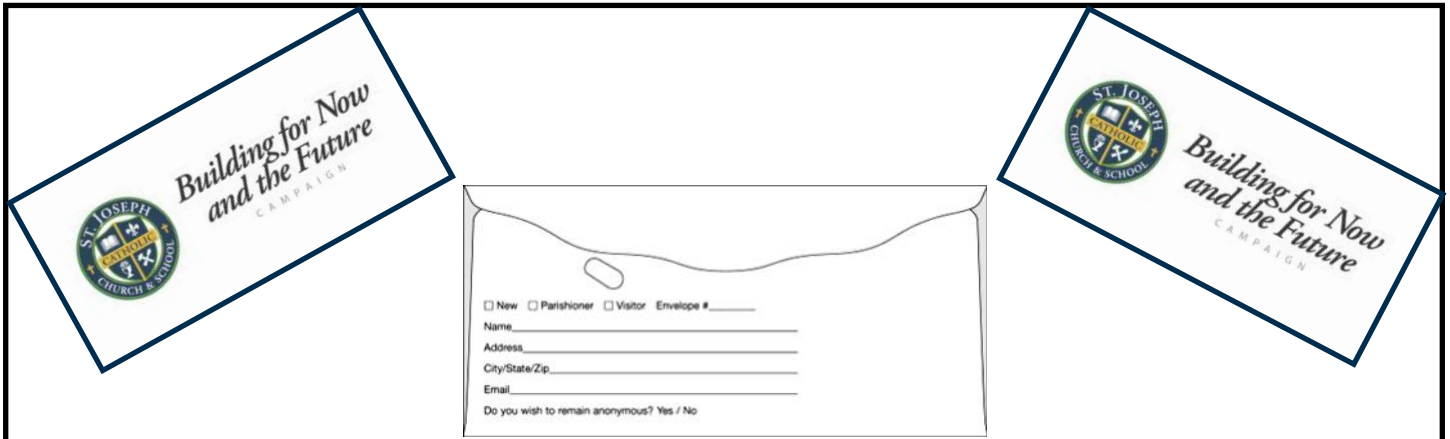
Our library uses a color-coded system to help you identify book categories.

-  *Blue – Mary*
 -  *Light Green – Popes / Saints / Holy Men & Women*
 -  *Orange – Family*
 -  *Yellow – Spirituality*
 -  *Purple – Prayer*
 -  *Red – Sacraments / Jesus / Holy Spirit / Bible*
 -  *Green – Apologetics / Catechism / Church Teachings*
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Look for the colored label on each book spine!

“A room without books is like a body without a soul.”

– St. Thomas Aquinas



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
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**Come be part of the adventure
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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

Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

RSV Second Catholic Edition

Old and New Testament

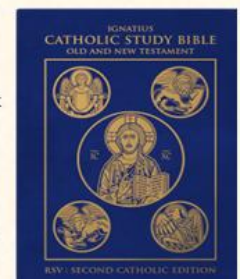
~Leather Edition ~

More than any other study edition of the Bible on the market, the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible draws insights from the best of modern scholarship as well as the best of the Catholic tradition of interpretation through the ages.

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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

GNC is sponsored by Knights of Columbus
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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@charlestdioocese.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
Theo Lombardi	Rev. Jonathan Duncan	Courtney Hull
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