

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



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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

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.

Church Staff 864-225-5341	
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Bulletin/Pulpit Announcements	weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net
Building Committee Communications	building.committee@sjccs.net
Facility Usage/Repairs	facilities@sjccs.net
Parish Registration	registration@sjccs.net
Prayer for the Sick Requests	prayers@sjccs.net
Religious Education	religiouseducation@sjccs.net

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Church & School Fax 864-225-6432

Online Giving

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



Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
<u>Weekly Collection - Sept 13, 2026</u>	
Received in Office	\$ 9,925.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 2,225.00
	<u>\$ 12,150.00</u>
 Over / Under	 \$ 1,650.00
 Second Collection-Catholic University of America	 \$ 460.00
 <i>2nd Collection - Sept 27 - Parish Charity</i>	
<u>WeShare Online Collection - August 2026</u>	
Support Our Scholars & Saints (School)	\$ 800.00
Parish Charity	\$ 815.00
School Scholarship	\$ 140.00
Assumption	\$ 60.00
Miscellany	\$ 70.00
Disaster Assistance	\$ 130.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,998.81
Thank you for your support and generosity!	<u>\$ 4,038.81</u>

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

Mark Morini , Husband of Dorothy Morini

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

20 SUNDAY—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM (Vigil) +Phyllis Rouleau rb Tom Rouleau

8:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM +Heather Ristow rb Richard & Cynthia Merker

21 Monday—St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

No Mass

22 Tuesday—Weekday

5:30PM +Veronica Bradshaw & Family rb Erika Sharp

23 Wednesday—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30AM +Bob Williams rb Linda Williams

24 Thursday—Weekday

5:30PM +Raymond Hamel rb Rich & Shirley Hamel

25 Friday—Weekday

8:30AM — +William Hubert Elias rb Fr. Gillespie

27 SUNDAY—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM (Vigil) +Joe & Lucille Jones rb Robert Jones

8:30AM +Timothy Loughery rb Jan Heithaus

11:00AM People of the Parish

Daily Mass Readings

20 SUNDAY—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a (133)

21 Monday—St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643)

22 Tuesday—Weekday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 (450)

23 Wednesday—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)

24 Thursday—Weekday

Ecc 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 (452)

25 Friday—Weekday

Ecc 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 (453)

26 Saturday—Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; BVM

Ecc 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)

27 SUNDAY—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 (136)

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

Sep 20: Brenda Lankford, Kimberly Williams, Doug Alexander, Kenneth Yuravich, George Chastain, Alisha Rumbos, Mary Beth McCarty, Ronald Bendig, Kathleen Turner, Debbie Lollis, Jack Kelli Chastain, Filbert Vigil, Marsha Cox, Kathy Silvers, Darrin Coles, Nancy Zielke, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, John Surer, Jane Sherman, Sherion Black, Tommy Wallace

Sep 13: Connie Bennett, Lynn Herold, Leif Hope, Jeanne Dutton, Juliana Rose, Frann Melanaski, Rosemary Gregory, Alexa Rose Surer, Lynn Imes, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Bayne, Nick Sbrocchi, Michael Brady

Sep 06: Laura Nunn, Diane Krolak, Barbara Kaliski, Bridgett Hutchinson, Ewa Pedzimaz, Carolyn Schilling, Terry Alexander, Steve Hughes, Denise Wallace, Ashley Addison, Ciara Kline, Jacob Surer, Rose Sbrocchi, Scott Cooley, Don Black, Daniel Amic, Josh Manning

Additions or Deletions? Please email prayers@sjccs.net

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT	SEP 19	• Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Church in Use, 9:30–12:30 AM • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	SEP 20	• Mass, 8:30 AM • OCIA, 9:30–10:45 AM, Parish Office & OCIA en Español, 12:30–1:45 PM, Parish Office • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Hall • Religious Education, 9:50–10:50 AM, School • Mass, 11:00 AM • Baptism, 12:30 • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM
MON	SEP 21	• Church in Use, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM • Women's & Men's Cursillo, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office • Boy Scouts, 6:30–8:00 PM, Parish Hall
TUE	SEP 22	• Church in Use, 8:00–11:00 AM • Mary's Prayer Cenacle 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, Parish Office Small Conference Room • Parish Hall in Use, 5:30–7:30 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM • Private Meeting, 6:30–8:00 PM, Parish Office
WED	SEP 23	• Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM –4:00 PM • CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30–10:30 AM, Parish Office • Church in Use, 4:00–7:00 PM • Youth Group, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Hall • Aristotle Reading Group, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office
THU	SEP 24	• Church in Use, 8:00–11:00 AM • Private Meeting, 3:00–4:00 PM, Parish Office Small Conference Room • Mass, 5:30 PM • Parish Hall in Use, 5:30–7:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM • Two by Two Meeting, 6:30–7:30 PM, Parish Office
FRI	SEP 25	• Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • Private Meeting, 1:00–2:00 PM, Parish Office Small Conference Room
SAT	SEP 26	• Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • CWS Meeting, 8:00–11:30 AM, Parish Office • Church in Use, 9:30–12:30 AM • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	SEP 27	• Parish Coffee & Doughnuts, After Masses • Mass, 8:30 AM • OCIA, 9:30–10:45 AM, Parish Office & OCIA en Español, 12:30–1:45 PM, Parish Office • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Hall • Religious Education, 9:50–10:50 AM, School • Mass, 11:00 AM • Baptisms, 12:30 • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM • Parish Mission - Steve Ray, 7:00 PM

Italian Stuffed Shells – Tickets on Sale After Weekend Masses**A GLANCE AHEAD**

SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Sunday Bible Study	CWS, Night Out, 22 nd	Women's Cursillo Group, Mondays
Women's/Men's Cursillo Group, Mondays	Spirit Night, 23 rd	Hilltoppers, 6 th
Youth Group, Wednesdays	40 Days for Life, 23 rd	Knights of Columbus Meeting, 6 th
Aristotle Reading Group 23 rd	CWS, Rosary & Meeting, 26 th	Youth Group, Wednesdays
OCIA, Sundays	Parish Mission - Steve Ray, 27 th	Craft Fair 10 th

PASTOR'S CORNER**From a sermon by blessed Isaac of Stella, abbot****(Sermo 11: PL 194, 1728-1729)*****Christ will forgive no sin without the Church***

The prerogative of receiving the confession of sin and the power to forgive sin are two things that belong properly to God alone. We must confess our sins to him and look to him for forgiveness. Since only he has the power to forgive sins, it is to him that we must make our confession. But when the Almighty, the Most High, wedded a bride who was weak and of low estate, he made that maid-servant a queen. He took her from her place behind him, at his feet, and enthroned her at his side. She had been born from his side, and therefore he betrothed her to himself. And as all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son because by nature they are one, so also the bridegroom gave all he had to the bride and he shared in all that was hers. He made her one both with himself and with the Father. Praying for his bride, the Son said to the Father: I want them to be one with us, even as you and I are one.

And so the bridegroom is one with the Father and one with the bride. Whatever he found in his bride alien to her own nature he took from her and nailed to his cross when he bore her sins and destroyed them on the tree. He received from her and clothed himself in what was hers by nature and gave her what belonged to him as God. He destroyed what was diabolical, took to himself what was human, and conferred on her what was divine. So all that belonged to the bride was shared in by the bridegroom, and he who had done no wrong and on whose lips was found no deceit could say: Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak. Thus, sharing as he did in the bride's weakness, the bridegroom made his own her cries of distress, and gave his bride all that was his. Therefore, she too has the prerogative of receiving the confession of sin and the power to forgive sin, which is the reason for the command: Go, show yourself to the priest.

The Church is incapable of forgiving any sin without Christ, and Christ is unwilling to forgive any sin without the Church. The Church cannot forgive the sin of one who has not repented, who has not been touched by Christ; Christ will not forgive the sin of one who despises the Church. What God has joined together, man must not separate. This is a great mystery, but I understand it as referring to Christ and the Church.

Do not destroy the whole Christ by separating head from body, for Christ is not complete without the Church, nor is the Church complete without Christ. The whole and complete Christ is head and body. This is why he said: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the Son of Man whose home is in heaven. He is the only man who can forgive sin.



**239 Praying Days
Until Pentecost!
Come Holy Spirit!**

PASTORAL VISITS - Remember to call the office when you or a family member are in need of a pastoral visit so proper sacraments can be offered at the time of the visit.

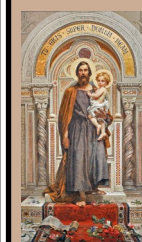
MASTER PLAN NEWS

School Expansion (Phase 1) Update: 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.

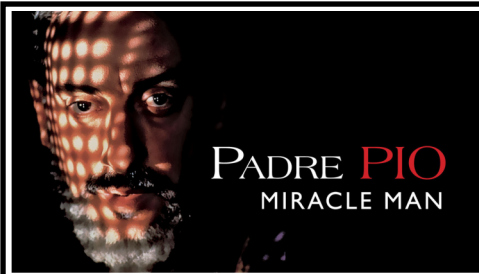
New Parish Hall (Phase 2) Update:

- 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: \$2,220,022
Participation Rate: 43%**



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Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

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

Read:

Magnificat ~ www.Magnificat.com
Magnifikid ~ Search MagnifiKid

Watch:

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

The Footprints of GOD

St. Joseph Catholic Church & School
1200 Cornelia Road
Anderson, SC 29621

Presents
STEVE RAY

Swimming Upstream -
Living a Catholic Life in a Pagan World

Sunday, September 27
at 7 PM



Steve and Janet Ray are the producers of the Catholic DVD series *The Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine* which are featured on EWTN and NETFLIX.

Steve is the best selling author of numerous books including *Crossing the Tiber*, the story of his conversion to the Catholic Church. He is in great demand as a speaker for conferences and parishes around the world and is a regular guest on *Catholic Answers Live*, *Ave Maria Radio*, *Relevant Radio*, *EWTN* and many others. Steve and Janet have guided thousands of Pilgrims to the Israel and other Biblical Lands.

SJCCS Youth Group

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
in the Parish Hall
6:00-7:00pm

6th-12th Graders
Parents welcome

Faith Food Fun

For more information contact
beth.diedrick@sjccs.net



OCIA

Not Catholic?
Interested in learning about the Catholic faith or joining the Catholic Church?

Already Catholic?
Do you need First Communion or Confirmation?
Would you like to learn more about your faith?
Invite a friend!

Classes have begun
English 9:30-10:45 AM
Spanish 12:30-1:45 PM

PLEASE REGISTER
Forms are available in the Narthex and Parish Office

For more information, contact
Jan Heithaus 864-225-5341
jan.heithaus@sjccs.net

2026 - 2027

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education classes have begun

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

For more information:
Beth Diedrick
864-225-5341
religiouseducation@sjccs.net

HEAVEN IN STONE AND GLASS
a new documentary from Bishop Robert Barron



Regal Starlight Cinema - Anderson

Showtimes:
Sunday, Sep. 20 at 6:00 PM
Wednesday, Sep. 23 at 4:05 PM & 6:35 PM

ST. JOSEPH SCHOLA

Open to all singers high school age and up

REHEARSALS
WEDNESDAYS 7-8 PM & SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

At the 11 a.m. Mass, our schola sings a wide range of works, from the motets of Palestrina, to the classical masterworks of Mozart, to beautiful, contemporary sacred pieces. We also lead the faithful in singing hymns and responsorial psalms.

Don't know how to read sheet music? No problem! Come before rehearsal starts on Wednesday to learn how.

If interested, please email David Niepke at david.niepke@sjccs.net or text him at (864) 518-7850.

CATHOLIC WOMEN SERVING

Presenting
Italian Stuffed Shells
October 10-11, 2026

Pick up during the Craft Fair or After all Masses
Pre-ordering Recommended
on September 19, 20, 26 & 27
After all Masses





40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign of prayer, fasting, and public vigils at abortion facilities. There are two major campaigns each year, although Greenville keeps vigil every day. Scripture tells us our responsibility is to “*Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter*” (Proverbs 24:11). Are you?

This ministry’s backbone is prayer, and you are needed as a witness to join us in praying outside the Greenville abortion facility during the Fall campaign, starting September 23rd.

Please make this a priority, for the sake of those children who may be sacrificed without your participation.

Visit www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up on the vigil calendar or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Deacon Bob at 828-860-5622. Help spread the word about this important life-saving effort.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally: Tuesday, Sept 22nd at 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm, parking lot of *Christ the King Church*, 1223 Grove Rd., Greenville, SC. Guest speaker Megan Pillow, prayers led by local church representatives. There will be music, prayer, and a light meal. Parking is on the premises. Come and enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement. Please bring a chair if needed.

Life Chain: Sunday, Oct. 4th, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Woodruff Road, Greenville, and different locations in SC. Please join others across the country and Canada for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. Your church is assigned the same place on the route as last year. Life Chain guidelines request that we use approved signs and stand at least 10 feet apart. Call or text Ingrid at 864-991-5873 for sign pick-up information and other questions.

Rosaries for Life: Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, for the conversion of our society, and for an end to other assaults on human Life. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to familylife@charlestondiocese.org

Sidewalk Counseling Training: Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy 864-506-0964, or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

IMPORTANT

Cornelia Parking Lot is OPEN for weekend Masses.

It remains CLOSED during the week for school use.

Please note that the exit closest to the playground is EXIT ONLY.

The entrance closest to the woods is ENTRY ONLY.

Please follow all arrows for traffic flow.

CATHOLIC WOMEN SERVING

Ladies Night Out

Food ♥ Fellowship ♥ Fun

PB&J

Pints, Bites & Jams

109 E. Calhoun Street
Anderson, SC 29621

Tuesday, September 22nd
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

10% of all sales for the day will go to
Anderson Cancer Association

Join us for a meaningful evening supporting our community.

RSVP

Terenick Medina

Text: 864-280-0235

Email: terenickmedina@gmail.com

FAITH ♥ FRIENDSHIP ♥ COMMUNITY

Stop by the Parish Hall

Sunday, September 27th

after 8:30am and
11:00am Mass times

Grab a donut, stay for a
cup of coffee!

COFFEE
&
DONUTS

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The Knights of Columbus wants to thank St Joseph Catholic Church for your support of our BBQ fundraiser for Seminarian Patrick Duggan! With your support, we were able to present Patrick with a check for \$1,000!

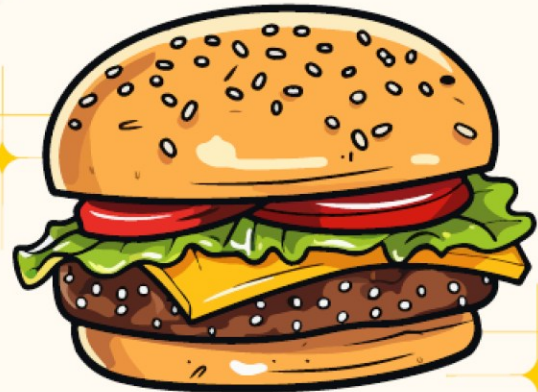
Thank you!



Now Enrolling!
Mon-Fri
8:30am-3:00pm



Spirit
NIGHT



Sept 23rd
5-8pm



Join us for a Spirit Night at HipBurger Anderson where 10% of all credited sales go back to support us!



It's Official!
Voted 2026
Best Private
School

Knights of Columbus
present the

20TH ANNUAL GOLF Tournament

in memory of Bubba Marchant & Rick Heithaus

COBB'S GLEN COUNTRY CLUB

- Individual \$125
- Teams \$500

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
October 16, 2026

AGENDA

11:00am	Golf Registration & Box Lunch
12:00pm	Shotgun Start

PRIZES / ADD ONS

- 1st & 2nd Place Awards
- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Drive (Men & Women)
- Hole-in-One Contest - All Par 3's

Sponsorships Available

Contact Tom Holahan 864-314-4444

23 OCTOBER 2026

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.charlestanddiocese.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@charlestanddiocese.org

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

For confidential email: VAC@charlestanddiocese.org

SEPT. 26 | 9-3

Spend a fun, relaxing day away with your spouse

A Better Marriage
RETREAT

A DAY LONG RETREAT WITH WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES, TALKS, AND LUNCH LED BY KEITH AND TAMI KISER GOTTMAN LEADERS OF THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE AND CO-OWNERS/DIRECTORS OF HEART RIDGE RETREAT CENTER SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

St Finbar Hall, 900 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC
Register Here: tinyurl.com/BetterMarriageSept26
For more info: familylife@charlestondiocese.org



a marriage lifeline

RETRouvaille
of Western Carolina

HelpOurMarriage.org

MARRIAGE TROUBLES?

Retrouvaille is a ministry with Canonical recognition that helps save troubled marriages through a multiple-week program, beginning with a weekend.

We operate this program with the support and blessing of the Charlotte, Charleston and Raleigh Diocesan Family Life Offices. We pray that you will help get word of this life-giving opportunity to those in your community that need it.

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

Our next program begins Oct 2-4, 2026.

For information, www.helpourmarriage.org or call Bill & Lyn Folsom 727-343-6701

Not counseling or group therapy.

All contacts and names held in absolute confidence.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL - GREENVILLE

OPEN HOUSE

Prospective families are invited to join on Sunday, September 27 from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Tour the campus, hear directly from school leaders about the Middle School and High School and talk with faculty, staff, parents and students to learn what sets Saint Joseph's apart.

Learn more about Personalized Family Tuition and how we make a life-changing education accessible to all families.

Please visit www.sjcatholicsschool.org or scan the code to register.



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
FROM NOON UNTIL 8 P.M.**



LIVE MUSIC



FOLKLORE DANCE



FOOD FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES * INFLATABLES * GAMES

ST. MARY MAGDALENE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
2252 Woodruff Rd.
Simpsonville, SC 29681

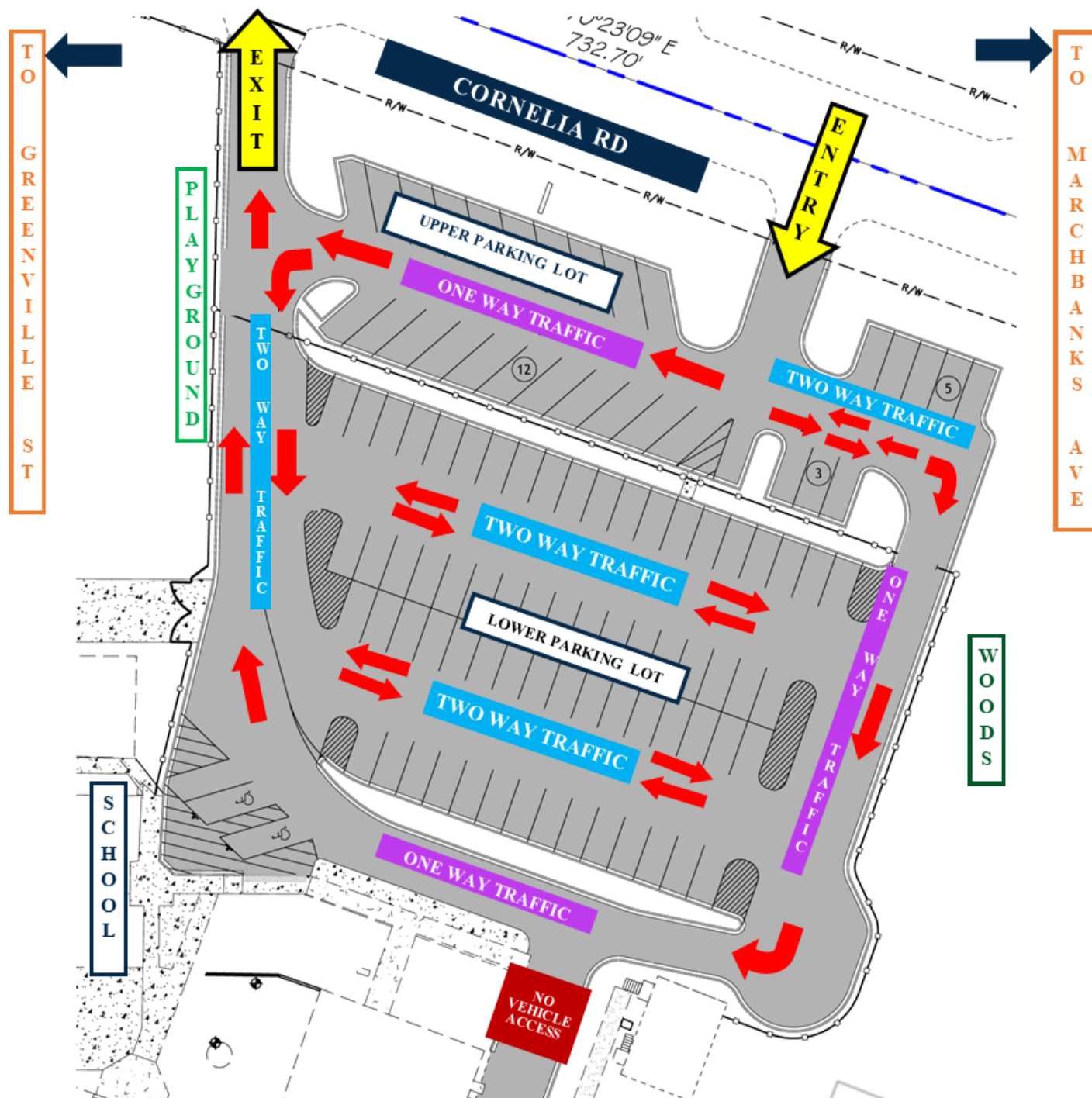
**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

No pets, please, but service dogs are always welcome.

864-288-4884

office@smmcc.org

www.smmcc.org



PARKING LOT TRAFFIC INSTRUCTIONS

ENTER: Use **ONLY** the Cornelia Rd. **ENTRANCE** near the Woods.

UPPER PARKING LOT: After entering, you may turn **LEFT** or **RIGHT**. The **LEFT** side is **TWO-WAY**. The **RIGHT** side is **ONE-WAY**.

LOWER PARKING LOT: Horizontal Parking Areas **TWO-WAY TRAFFIC**.

EXIT: **ONLY** through the Cornelia Rd. **EXIT** near the Playground.

ALLEY: **NO VEHICLE ACCESS**. Do not enter or exit through the alley.

IMPORTANT: Do not drive against the arrows.

Do not use the **EXIT** as an entrance or the **ENTRY** as an exit.



You Are Invited

To celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, marking the 800th anniversary of his death, the Secular Franciscans invite you to the Transitus after the 5 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Saturday, October 3rd. This brief service recalls Francis's last moments before his new birthday to the heavenly kingdom on the vigil of his feast day. A reception will follow in Guadalupe Hall for finger foods, desserts, fellowship--and to honor an extraordinary saint who rebuilt the Church on the foundation of his great humility!

SJCCS Respect Life Annual



Life

CHAIN

Sunday, October 4th
1:30-2:30pm

Join us for a Silent Hour of Prayer and Solidarity for Life
Meet at Firestone
Clemson Blvd, Anderson SC
to pick up signs



*"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
(2 Chronicles 7:14)*



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

**We are happy to have you with us
and invite you
to become a registered parishioner.**

Registration forms are available
in the Narthex and at the Parish Office
or you may request a form by emailing

[**registration@sjccs.net**](mailto:registration@sjccs.net)



FATHER/SON RETREAT



OCTOBER 16-17

FEATURING THE
CHANGES AND CHALLENGES PROGRAM



TARGET AGE: 5TH-7TH GRADE BOYS & DADS.
REGISTRATION, COSTS, & DETAILS:
[HTTPS://FAMILYHONOR.ORG/CHANGES-AND-CHALLENGES-FATHER-SON](https://familyhonor.org/changes-and-challenges-father-son)

Come Spend Time Having Fun and Learning Together.



Mother of

ALL NATIONS

17
OCTOBER



Cardinal Newman School
2945 Alpine Rd
Columbia, SC
8:30 am - 4:30 pm



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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.

SEPTEMBER 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read Sirach 1:1-30

REFLECT:

1. This passage from Sirach praises wisdom, saying that all wisdom comes from God. What or who do you think of when you think of wisdom? How is God reflected in that example?
2. In this passage, wisdom and fear of the Lord are closely connected. What do you think this means?
3. How can we best position ourselves to be receptive to God's Wisdom in our lives?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Learning the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (pg. 30)

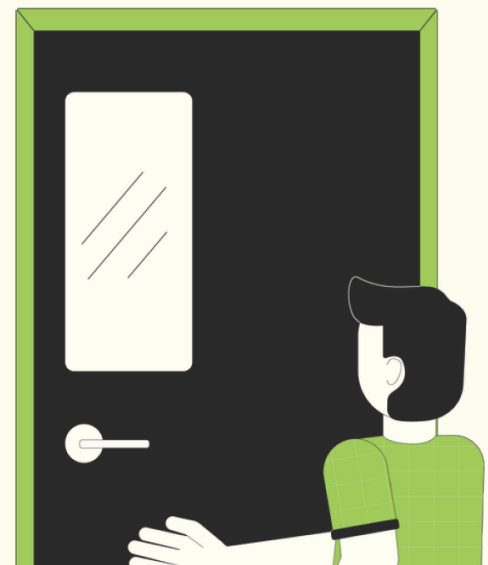
As we have called on all members of the Church to take on the work of the Lord Jesus, so we vehemently call on all Catholic Christians to read, study and pray over the Bible. I ask our parishes to walk the *Via Fidelis* and do their best to provide on-going formation in the sacred Scriptures.

Our parishes should be vibrant places where the Word of God is regularly read and studied. Our parishes should make the faithful aware of the many resources that are available to families, including podcasts, books and other catechetical resources.

REFLECT:

1. In this brief selection, the bishop encourages us to bring Scripture to prayer. Why do you think Scripture is such a vital part of a full prayer life?
2. What are some of your favorite Scripture passages to reflect on?
3. How does reflecting on God's Word in Scripture nourish our pursuit of wisdom, as describe by Sirach?

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September 2026

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

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UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY


September | Fall Faith Opportunities

Participate in one faith formation opportunity offered by your parish or by the diocese.



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THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church
1803-1811; 1833-1839

- A virtue is a firm and habitual disposition to do the good and thereby live the divine life
- There are both human virtues and theological virtues
- Human virtues are acquired by repeating morally good acts, and they are elevated and purified by grace
- The four cardinal virtues are principal, or first, human virtues (the word "cardinal" means "hinge," and on these virtues hinge the entire virtuous life): prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance
- Prudence is the virtue that disposes reason to know and choose the good the means for achieving it in particular circumstances
- Prudence provides a "rule and measure" for other virtues
- Prudence guides the judgment of conscience
- In prudence one can apply moral principles in specific cases
- The term "justice" can be used to describe a virtue or a state of affairs
- When used to describe a virtue, justice refers to the disposition by which one firmly and consistently wills to give others their due
- When directed toward God, justice is called the "virtue of religion"
- When directed toward human beings, the virtue of justice disposes one to respect the rights of others and promote harmony in human relationships
- Fortitude is the virtue by which one maintains consistency in pursuing the good and firmness in the face of difficulties
- In fortitude, one's resolve to resist temptations and overcome challenges in the moral life is strengthened
- Fortitude helps one overcome fear, even that of death
- By fortitude one may even sacrifice one's own life for a just cause
- Temperance is the virtue that moderates attractions and the use of created goods
- Temperance helps the will to master one's attractions and appetites
- Temperance helps one to order one's sensitive appetites to the good
- It can also be referred to as "moderation" or "sobriety"



Feasts & Solemnities

SEPTEMBER 8: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church has commemorated Mary's birth on this day since the sixth century. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception — which commemorates Mary's conception and preservation from original sin — is celebrated on Dec. 8, nine months prior to this celebration.

SEPTEMBER 9: ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit who traveled to serve Cartagena, in modern day Colombia. This port city was a hub for the Transatlantic slave trade at the time (early 17th century). Claver served the material and spiritual needs of the enslaved peoples, calling himself their "slave."

SEPTEMBER 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

In the early fourth century, the mother of Constantine — the Roman emperor who had recently legalized Christianity — St. Helena famously journeyed to the Holy Land. While in Jerusalem, she had the original Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher built over the spot believed to be Jesus' tomb. In the process, a cross believed to be the True Cross were found. Fragments of it subsequently made their way around the world. This day commemorates the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica.

SEPTEMBER 15: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

On the day after the celebration of the Holy Cross, we remember Jesus' mother and the suffering she endured, particularly watching the cruel execution of her Son. Mary's endurance of suffering makes her a fitting intercessor for any suffering we experience.

SEPTEMBER 21: ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Prior to his calling (see Mt 9:9-13), St. Matthew was a tax collector, a famously despised occupation in first century Judea. Its association with the ruling foreign powers led to suspicion and corruption. Matthew immediately responds to Jesus' call ("Follow me") and ultimately writes the Gospel that bears his name.

SEPTEMBER 23: ST. PIO OF PIETRELICINA, PRIEST

St. Padre Pio is one of the most beloved saints of the 20th century. The Franciscan friar's reputation for holiness, love for the sick and suffering and prayerful intercession, spread around the world during his lifetime. He was given the grace of the stigmata, bearing the holy wounds of Christ's crucifixion on his hands, feet and side. In 1962, Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Krakow (now St. John Paul II) wrote to Padre Pio to ask for his prayers for a woman with throat cancer. She was healed within two weeks.

SEPTEMBER 29: STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

This feast was originally dedicated to St. Michael and called Michaelmas (Michael's Mass). In 1970, the feasts of Sts. Gabriel and Raphael were joined to it. While there are many angels mentioned in Scripture, we are only given the name of these three. Michael is mentioned in the books of Daniel and Revelation as he battles evil. Gabriel is mentioned in the Book of Daniel and is the messenger to Mary at the Annunciation. Raphael appears in the Book of Tobit as Tobiah's guide.



St. Joseph Catholic School Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

In Memory of Bubba Marchant & Rick Heithaus

OCTOBER 23, 2026

FORE! Please join us for the 20th Annual Captain's Choice Golf Tournament to be held at Cobb's Glen Country Club located at 2201 Cobb's Way, Anderson, SC. **ALL PROCEEDS** will directly benefit St. Joseph Catholic School. Bring a team or come individually – we'll all have fun!



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 Business Name _____

Team/Individual Registration

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2. _____
Name/Email
3. _____
Name/Email
4. _____
Name/Email

Tournament Information

Schedule

- 11:00am – Registration/Box Lunch
 12:00pm – Shotgun Start

Prizes

- 1st & 2nd Place Awards
- Closest to the Pin (Men & Women)
- Long Drive (Men & Women)
- Hole-in-One Contest - All Par 3's

Add-Ons

- Red Tees/Mulligans/Marshmallow Throw

Payment Method:

Cash, Check, and Credit Cards Accepted*

Please add 3% for CC payments

To register for play or sponsorship, please return form to school office.

St. Joseph Catholic School
 1200 Cornelia Road
 Anderson, SC 29621

Payments by cash or check are to be submitted to the school office. Credit card payments can be made by using the QR Code or by visiting

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLV7R348MXRN4/checkout/DLWGT2NVIQPBH22RU35K2U3>



Questions?

Tom Holahan (864) 314-4444
 Tom Morris (864) 934-1563
 Haymée Giuliani (864) 760-1619

Registration Deadline: Oct 16, 2026

Capital Campaign

Made a pledge?

Please use envelopes in the pews or available at Parish Office to make your payment.



Haven't pledged yet?

Pledge forms available in the Narthex for your use.



☐ New ☐ Parishioner ☐ Visitor Envelope # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Do you wish to remain anonymous? Yes / No



Please fill out the back of the envelope for proper credit.

Capital Campaign Payments

- 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.

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Are you looking for a fun and wholesome activity
for your child?
We're inviting boys in K5-5th grade to join Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouting is all about:
Learning outdoor skills
Building character and confidence
Serving the community
Making new friends
Having fun adventures as a family

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

Ernest P. Lane
706-564-7142

Epbyrd291@hotmail.com

Once we have enough interest, we'll set up an informational
meeting to go over details such as meeting nights, Dens, and
how BSA operates.

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

JOIN BOY SCOUTS ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Are you looking for a fun, wholesome, and
adventurous activity for your son?
We're inviting boys ages 11-17 (5th-12th grade) to join
Boy Scouts!

Scouting is all about:
Learning outdoor skills
Building leadership and character
Serving the community
Making lifelong friends
Having adventures that prepare you for life

Meetings: Every Monday

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Father Friend Hall

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

Ernest P. Lane-Charter Organizational Representative
Knights Of Columbus #8295
706-564-7142

Epbyrd291@hotmail.com

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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

Look for the colored label on each book spine!

*"A room without books is like a body without a soul."
- St. Thomas Aquinas*

MEN WALKING WITH CHRIST

October 15th

**After the 5:30 PM Mass
in the Parish Office.**

**3rd Thursday of each
month**



HILLTOPPERS MONTHLY SOCIAL

**Are you over 50?
Please Join us for the FUN!**

**Tuesday, October 6th
11:30AM
PARISH OFFICE**

Solo? Bring a friend! You will
meet interesting people and
form new friendships.

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

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.

FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM (CRMS)

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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

Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

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Old and New Testament

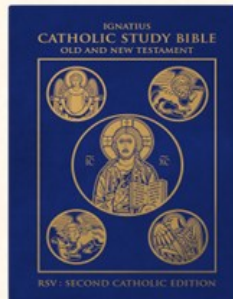
~Leather Edition ~

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.

It explains the historical, cultural, literary, and archaeological background of Scripture, while at the same time looking to the Fathers, Doctors, and Councils of the Church for insight into its theological and spiritual teachings. The result is a veritable library of Bible study resources, all under one cover, designed to help readers understand the written Word of God and apply its lessons to their lives today.

Key Features

- 7" x 10" trim size
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- Nearly 18,000 footnotes providing clarification from within the Catholic tradition.
- 50+ maps to help you track the geographic locations.



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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. Familiarize yourself with the locations of these AEDs and how to use them. Your safety is our priority!

Training:

CPR/AED training out of date? Never been trained? Interested? Please call the office and have your name added to a list. When we have a full class we will arrange for training.



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

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

As a Food Pantry, we feed over 500 families a month
and continue to need your help!
Below are the items most needed.

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NUTRITIOUS CEREALS, MAC 'N CHEESE, PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE

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Parish Office Communication

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

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

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

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

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



Brown Scapular enrollment

Scapulars are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

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

The Citadel
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