

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 9:30am—Noon



NOVEMBER 01, 2026
ALL SAINTS

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:12a

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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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Online Giving

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

Church Weekly Budget Income	$	10,500.00
Weekly Collection - Oct 25, 2026		
Received in Office	$	7,985.00
WeShare Online Giving	$	1,170.00
	$	9,155.00
Over / Under	$	(1,345.00)
Second Collection-Building Fund	$	498.00

2nd Collection - Nov 8 - Support our Scholars & Saints (SOS)

WeShare Online Collection - September 2026		
Support Our Scholars & Saints (School)	$	235.00
Parish Charity	$	425.00
School Scholarship	$	90.00
Building Fund	$	70.00
Catholic University of America	$	115.00
Capital Campaign	$	1,943.81
Thank you for your support and generosity!	$	2,878.81

Prayer to the Holy Trinity
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
direct and protect, guide and provide,
inspire and set on fire my heart for
Love of You and my neighbor in all things. Amen

Please pray for

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

May the faithful departed be aided by our prayers.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Mass Intentions

01 SUNDAY: *All Saints*
5:00PM (Vigil) +Harry & Aurelia Bendig rb Joe & Donna Bendig
8:30AM People of the Parish
11:00AM +E. John Pysar rb Maryanne Pysar

02 Monday: *All Souls' Day*
8:30AM +Michael Morrissette rb Bob & Christine Morrissette
5:30PM People of the Parish

03 Tuesday: *St. Martin de Porres, Religious*
5:30PM +Grace Hook rb Keri Stevens

04 Wednesday: *St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*
8:30AM +William Hubert Elias rb Fr. Gillespie

05 Thursday: *Weekday*
5:30PM +Len Krolak rb Krolak Family

06 Friday: *Weekday*
8:30AM Rachel Feasel & Family rb Erika Sharp

07 Saturday: *Weekday*
9:30AM Priest's Intentions
5:00PM (Vigil) +Charlene Vickery Wewers rb Fritz Wewers Jr.

08 SUNDAY: *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30AM +Len Krolak rb Diane Krolak
11:00AM People of the Parish

Daily Mass Readings

01 SUNDAY: *All Saints*
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a (667)

02 Monday: *All Souls' Day*
Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)

03 Tuesday: *St. Martin de Porres, Religious*
Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24 (486)

04 Wednesday: *St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*
Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33 (487)

05 Thursday: *Weekday*
Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10 (488)

06 Friday: *Weekday*
Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8 (489)

07 Saturday: *Weekday*
Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15 (490)

08 SUNDAY: *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary* Time
Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 (154)

Wedding Anniversary Blessing
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

Nov 01: Brenda Lankford, Kimberly Williams, Jane Alexander, Kenneth Yancy, George Chestnut, Ashley Jenkins, Mary Beth McCaskey, Ronald Brooks, Kathleen Turner, Debbie Collins, Joe Keith Chestnut, Hubert Vipi, Martha Cox, Kathy Shives, Dawn Coles, Nancy Clarke, Bob Lindsey, Frank McMeen, John Stree, Jane Chapman, Sharon Clark, Tommy Walker
Oct 25: Connie Bessick, Lynn Piccola, Jeff Pege, Joanne Patton, Juliana Ross, Susan McNamara, Rosemary Gregory, Alice Montelaro, Jay Mease, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Payne, Nick Sheroth, Michael Brady, Susan McClure, Daniel Annie, Tom Grein
Oct 18: Pope Leo XIV, James Nunn, Diane Krolak, Sandra Kaliski, Bridget Hutchinson, Dave Pedersen, Carolyn Schilling, Tony Alexander, Steve Hughes, Donna Wallace, Ashley Anderson, Grace Fine, Jacob Suce, Rose Stroehig, Josh Manning, Jane Ross, Scott Cooley, Don Black

Additions or Deletions? Please email prayers@sjccs.net

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT	**OCT 31**	• KofC Trivia Night – Ticket Sales After Mass • Organ Practice, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	**NOV 01** **All Saints' Day**	• KofC Trivia Night – Ticket Sales After Masses • Mass, 8:30 AM • OCIA, 9:30–10:45 AM, Middle School Hall / OCIA Esp., 9:30–10:45 AM, 8th Gr Classroom • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office • All Saints' Day & All Souls' Day Presentation, 9:50 AM, Parish Hall • Religious Education, 9:50–10:50 AM, School • Mass, 11:00 AM • First Sunday Adoration, 12:30–3:00 PM, Church • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM
MON	**NOV 02** **All Souls' Day**	• Mass, 8:30 AM - Students will be present • Organ Practice, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM • Parish Hall in Use, 3:30–4:30 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Women's Cursillo, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office Small Conference Room • Boy Scouts, 6:30–8:00 PM, Parish Hall
TUE	**NOV 03**	• Organ Practice, 9:00–10:45 AM • Mary's Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, Parish Office Small Conference Room • Hilltoppers, 11:30 AM–2:00 PM, Parish Hall • Mass, 5:30 PM • Hall in Use, 5:30–7:30 PM, Parish Hall • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM
WED	**NOV 04**	• Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM, Church • CWS – Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30–10:30 AM, Parish Office • Organ Practice, 4:00–7:00 PM • Youth Group, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Hall • Aristotle Reading Group, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office • Choir Rehearsal, 7:00–8:30 PM, Church
THU	**NOV 05**	• Organ Practice, 9:00–10:45 AM • Book Group, 3:00 & 6:30 PM, Parish Office • Mass, 5:30 PM • Hall in Use, 5:30–7:30 PM, Parish Hall • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM • Vespers, 6:30–7:30 PM, Church • Young Adult Bible Study, 7:30–8:30 PM, Parish Office
FRI	**NOV 06**	**• Cancelled Mass, 8:30 AM** **• Cancelled First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** **• Cancelled Confessions** • Mass, 10:00 AM, followed by Blessing of the School
SAT	**NOV 07**	• KofC Trivia Night – Ticket Sales After Mass • Poppies for Sale After Mass • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • CMC – Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM, Parish Hall • First Saturday Mass, 9:30 AM • Lay Carmelites, 10:30 AM–2:00 PM, Parish Office • Organ Practice, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM • School Open House, 12:00–2:00 PM • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	**NOV 08**	• KofC Trivia Night – Ticket Sales After Masses • Poppies for Sale After Mass • Mass, 8:30 AM • OCIA, 9:30–10:45 AM, Middle School Hall / OCIA Esp., 9:30–10:45 AM, 8th Gr Classroom • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office • Religious Education, 9:50–10:50 AM, School • Mass, 11:00 AM • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Get to know Fr. Amal



Father Amal Leyton Gonsalvez was born in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, India, and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Thoothukudi on April 15, 2007. He served as a parochial vicar and pastor in his home diocese until 2016, before pursuing advanced studies in Sacred Scripture in Paris, Belgium, and Jerusalem. He holds a Licentiate and Doctorate in Sacred Scripture from the Institut Catholique de Paris and a Ph.D. from the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium. His academic formation has deepened his love for Sacred Scripture and his desire to share the Word of God with others. His mother and his brothers continue to live in Thoothukudi, India.

Father Amal now serves as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Anderson. As he begins this new chapter of his priestly ministry in South Carolina, he looks forward to getting to know the parish community, celebrating the sacraments, accompanying people in their faith journey, and serving the people of God with a joyful and generous heart.

He is grateful for the warm welcome he has received and looks forward to growing together in faith, hope, and love with the parish family of St. Joseph.



197 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.



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: 47%



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Forming Catholics for Life

Counting Down to Christmas – Celebrating ADVENT as a Catholic | Ep. 1

Advent is only a few weeks away. Can you believe it? Join us over the next few weeks as we prepare for this season with "How to Advent."

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!

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CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES

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

Read:
Magnificat~www.Magnificat.com
Magnifikid~Search MagnifiKid

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

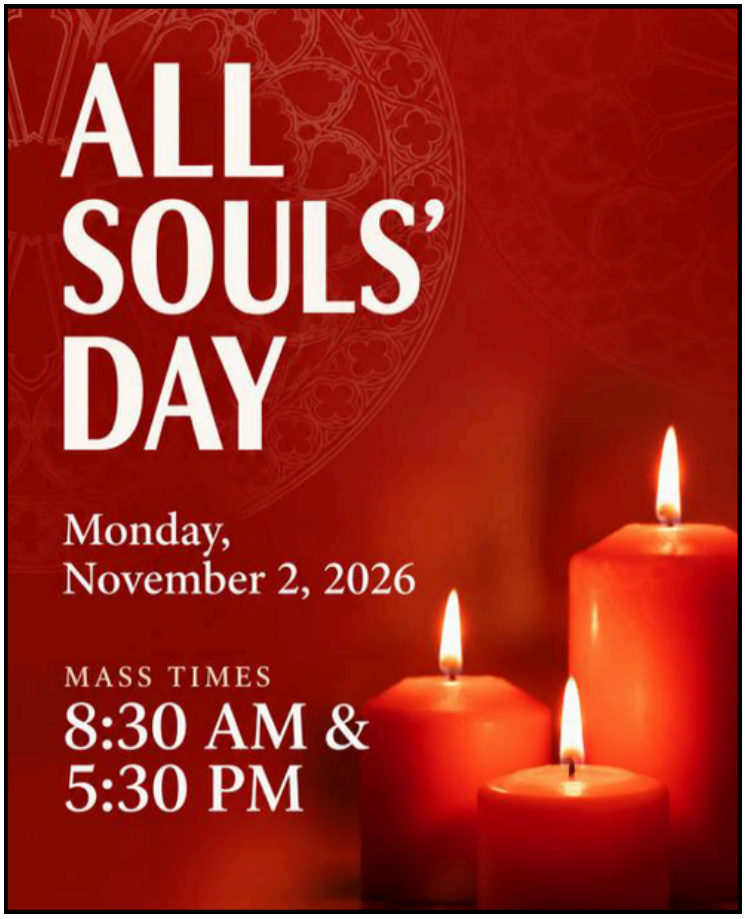
ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, November 1, 2026

After the 8:30 AM Mass
Parish Hall

Join us to explore the meaning of
All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Have you ever wondered about purgatory?
Take a look at pictures of the Museum of the Holy Souls in Purgatory in Rome. Come to learn more!



HILLTOPPERS MONTHLY SOCIAL

Are you over 50?

Please Join us for the FUN!

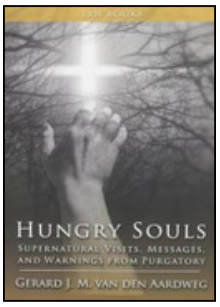
Tuesday, November 3rd 11:30AM

PARISH HALL

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



Catholic Book Discussion Group
Come join us!



Hungry Souls:

Supernatural Visits, Messages, and Warnings from Purgatory

By Gerard J. M. VanDen Aardweg

Thursday, November 5
3 PM or 6:30 PM

Hungry Souls recounts Church-verified accounts of earthly visitations from the dead in Purgatory.
Accompanying these accounts are images from the "Museum of Purgatory" in Rome, which contains relics of encounters with the Holy Souls, including numerous handprints burned into clothing and books—marks that cannot be explained by natural means or duplicated artificially.
What is Purgatory, and what can we do to help the souls there?
Contact Jan Heithaus in the parish office for more information.

Upcoming Book for December:
No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy





NEW PRISON MINISTRY INTEREST GROUP

"When I was in prison, you visited me." (Matthew 25:36) In response to Christ's call to care for the vulnerable and marginalized, we are exploring the possibility of starting a parish prison ministry.

Whether through letter writing, prayer support, donating Catholic literature or rosaries, or visiting local facilities, there are many ways to answer this Gospel call.

If you feel a nudge from the Holy Spirit to learn more or help us gauge interest in forming a group, please contact John Napiorkowski at detroiter57@hotmail.com. Thank you!





ANGEL TREE 2026

CWS is pleased to announce that our Angel Tree gift giving project will begin on

Saturday, November 14th

Put a smile on a child's face this **CHRISTMAS** season - please consider taking an angel.

The Angel Tag contains the child's list - you DO NOT have to buy all items on the list. The purpose is to give guidance to parishioners.

Parishioners will be given instructions on how to return gifts.

Please note, we cannot accept used gifts.

All gifts should be either wrapped or put in a holiday bag.

We will have CWS attendants in the Narthex to help you.

CWS APPRECIATES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT.

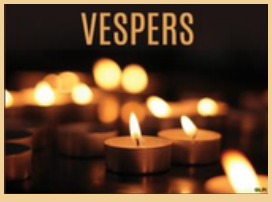
If you have any questions, please contact Patty Armstrong (864) 634-5701

MEN WALKING WITH CHRIST



November 19

3rd Thursday of each month After the 5:30 PM Mass in the Parish Office



THURSDAYS 6:30-7:30PM, Church



THURSDAYS 7:30-8:30 PM, Ages 18-30 Parish Office

Pray the Rosary Everyday!

Fr. Philip S. Gillespie



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.charlestondiocese.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@charlestondiocese.org

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

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

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

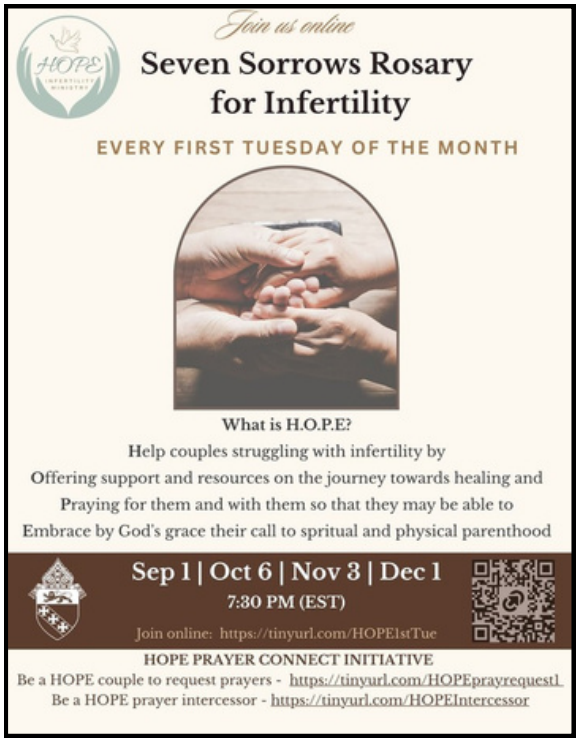
For confidentialemail: VAC@charlestondiocese.org

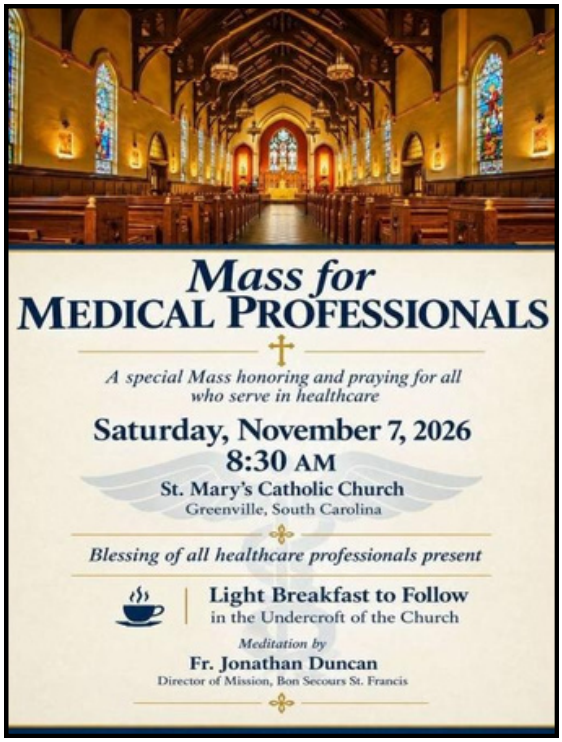
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration:

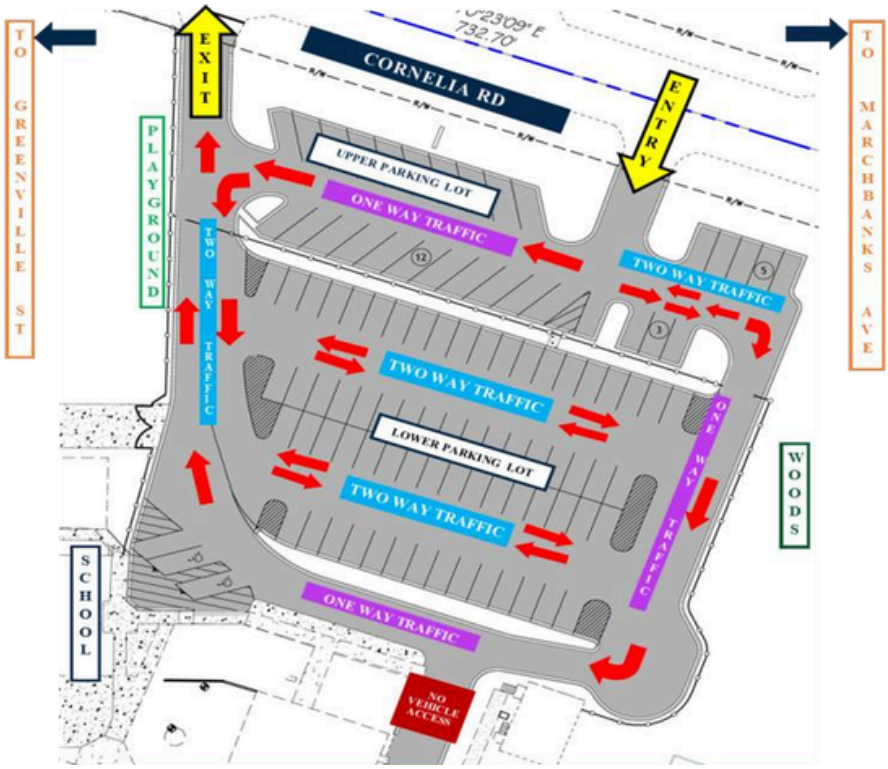
Sunday, Nov. 1st from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Christ the King Church, 1223 Grove Road.

Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign, and we will have a "Celebration of Life" afterwards. Ministry updates and refreshments will be available.





CORNELIA RD PARKING LOT
AVAILABLE FOR MASS SATURDAY/SUNDAY LOT
CLOSED MONDAY–FRIDAY FOR SCHOOL



OPEN for Weekend Masses (Saturday & Sunday)

CLOSED Monday–Friday for School Use

Please follow the designated traffic flow:

EXIT: Driveway closest to the playground.

ENTRANCE: Driveway closest to the woods.

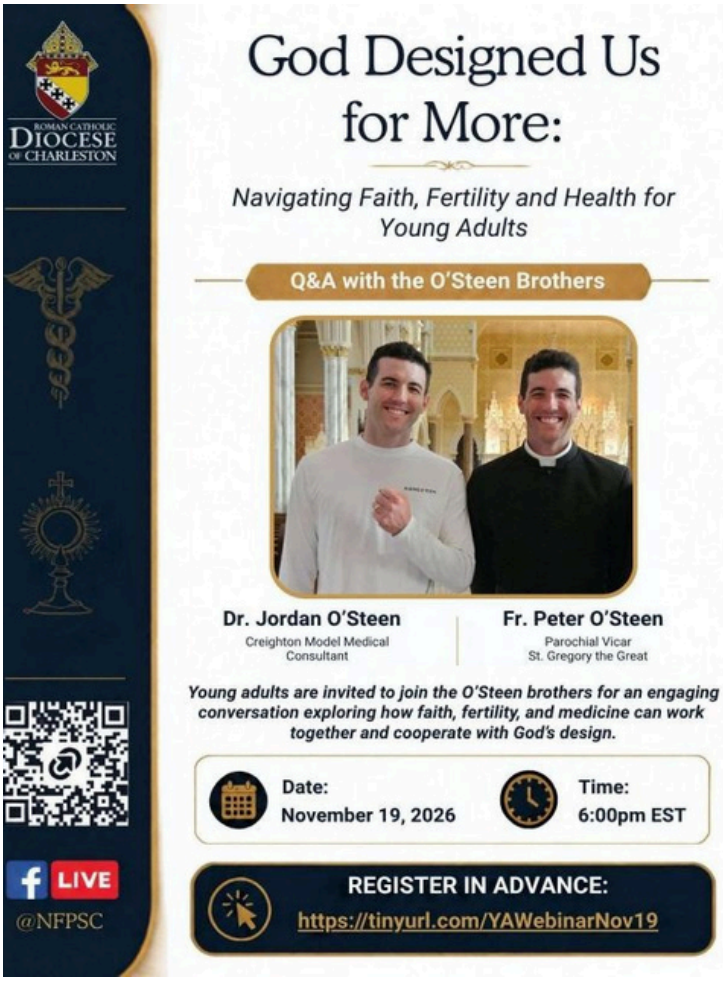
Please follow all directional arrows when entering and exiting the parking lot.

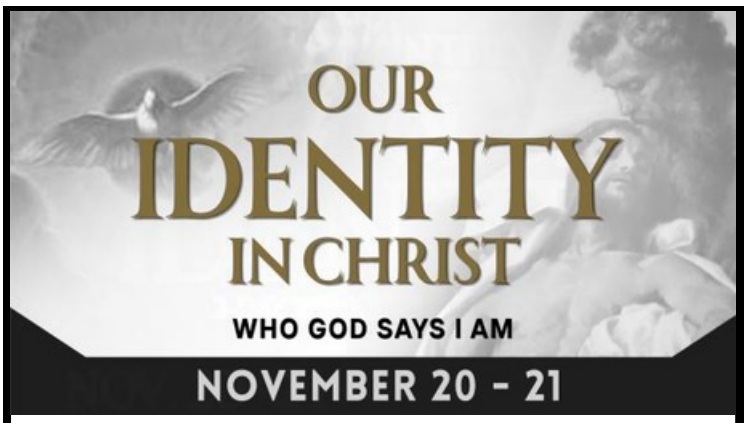
Thank you for your patience and cooperation


Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston
Office of Family Life
NOV 12 | 7:15PM (EST)
The Marriage Catechumenate Webinar Series presents:
Walking Together:
Accompaniment and Inventories in Marriage Prep
" Come and navigate the tools of accompaniment: A deep dive into Prepare/Enrich, FOCCUS, and Fully Engaged.
Laura Guida
Prepare/Enrich
Sheila Simpson
FOCCUS
Janet Dusek
Fully Engaged
REGISTER in advance: https://tinyurl.com/MarriageCatNov12
For more info, contact jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org

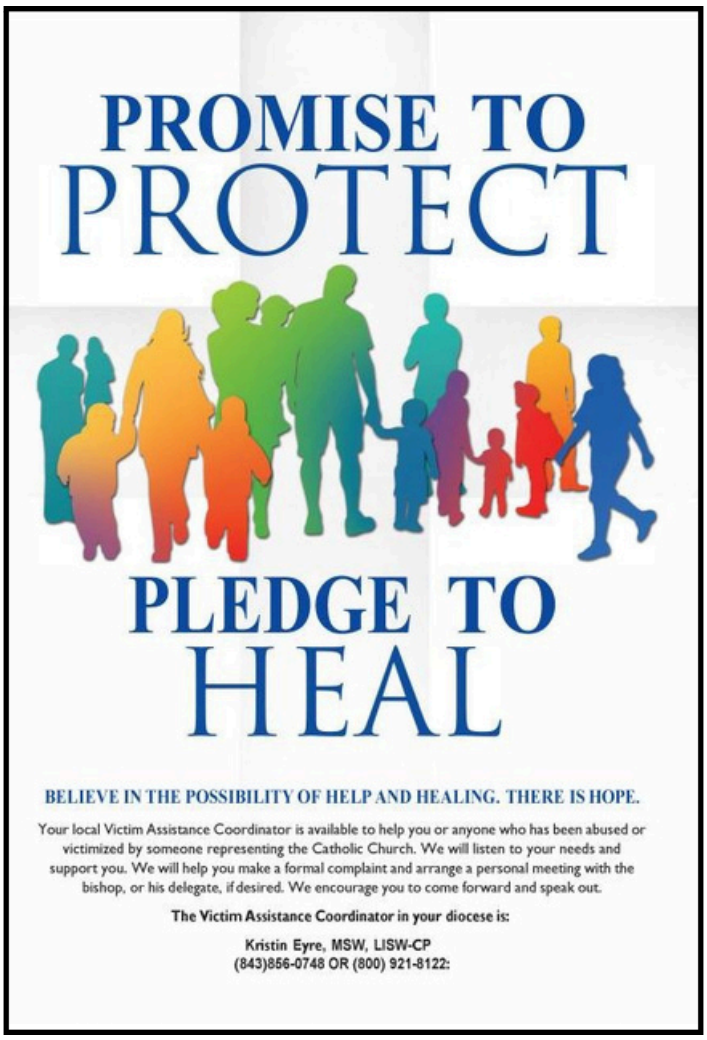

Open to All Men
Knight's of Columbus Men's Retreat
REFUGE IN HIS HEART
"Finding Strength, Peace, and Mercy in Jesus"
November 14-15
(Optional Friday night's stay, November 13)
At Heart Ridge Retreat Center
www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MensRetreat


Virtual Multilingual Rosary
One Heart, Many Voices
English | Nigerian | Spanish | Vietnamese | Portuguese | Filipino
EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
November 19 | 7:30 PM EST
All are welcome to join via ZOOM: https://tinyurl.com/MultiRosary2026


Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston
LIVE
@NFPSC
God Designed Us for More:
Navigating Faith, Fertility and Health for Young Adults
Q&A with the O'Steen Brothers
Dr. Jordan O'Steen
Creighton Model Medical Consultant
Fr. Peter O'Steen
Parochial Vicar
St. Gregory the Great
Young adults are invited to join the O'Steen brothers for an engaging conversation exploring how faith, fertility, and medicine can work together and cooperate with God's design.
Date:
November 19, 2026
Time:
6:00pm EST
REGISTER IN ADVANCE:
https://tinyurl.com/YAWebinarNov19



A two-day journey featuring Fr. Isaac Spinharney and Austin Farinholt.
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville invites you to a two-day immersion rooted in Catholic teaching and Sacred Scripture. You will renew your mind, deepen your intimacy with the Father, and awaken to the supernatural inheritance you have received in Christ.
Friday, November 20: 5:30–8:45 PM
Saturday, November 21: 8:30 AM–9:45 PM
Cost: $60
Scan the QR code to register.



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:
We're inviting boys in K5–5th grade to join Cub Scouts!
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.

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 - Parish 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!

VIA FIDELIS:
THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH
YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

NOVEMBER 2026

SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 45:1-25

REFLECT:
1. In this passage, God, through Isaiah, speaks of the deliverance of his people from the Babylonian exile by a foreign ruler, Cyrus of Persia (even calling him "anointed"). How has God worked in your life through unexpected means?
2. What does this passage say about trusting in the Creator of all? How can we internalize that message in our own lives?
3. God call all the ends of the earth to turn to him. In what ways can we take this message to heart?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Inviting Others to Join Us (pg. 30)

Many of us have friends and family members who do not share our faith. When they inevitable ask questions about our beliefs, or express an interest in learning more, we should respond in kindness and include in our answer a gentle invitation to attend the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). It is a good practice to offer to go with them so that they do not have to go alone!

OCIA, which is the catechumenate by which a non-believer is prepared for baptism, was restored by the Second Vatican Council since the catechumenate was understood to be a source of spiritual renewal for the entire Church (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 64). The order is also popularly used in our country to help already baptized Christians to prepare for reception into the fullness of the Church.

The catechumenate goes all the way back to the early Church and its restoration is a great help to the Church today in highlighting evangelization and catechetical formation. It is such a vast spiritual resource that I have used it as a help in preparing this pastoral letter and our five-year pastoral plan.

On our *Via Fidelis*, I encourage every parish to have a strong Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and to do their best to invite and welcome everyone to come and enter into the fullness of the Christian faith.

REFLECT:
1. In this selection, the bishop discussed the catechumenal process (often referred to as OCIA). Have you, or someone you know, ever had any experience with this process? If so, what was it like?
2. Why do you think the Church has an extended, gradual process to become Catholic? How might this time period help the prospective Catholic?
3. *Via Fidelis* is modeled after the catechumenate process. Why is this process of conversion instructive for all of Christians?



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November 2026

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VIA FIDELIS: **November** | Saint of the Day

Read online about the saint of the day.



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WHAT DO WE HOPE FOR?

Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church 541-546; 567; 946-962; 992-1004; 1016-1018; 1023-1026; 1030-1031; 1053-1054; 1471-1479

- The term "communion of saints" can be used to refer to the union of the Church that goes beyond time and space
- In the one Christ are united the earthly pilgrim people of God in the present and those who have passed from this life
- These latter include both those being purified who are in need of our prayer and those who enjoy glorious union with God who can intercede on our behalf
- The communion of saints is the Church
- In death, the soul is separated from the body
- The body corrupts, while the immortal soul meets its particular judgment from God and awaits a reunion with the transformed body
- This reunion comes in the final judgment when the Lord returns
- The same God who brought creation out of nothing is the one who can make this resurrection of the body possible
- Purgatory is the term we use to describe the state of those who die in the friendship of the Lord but are still in need of purification
- "Eternal punishment," the complete separation from God due mortal sin, is distinct from the "temporal punishment" from all forms of sin due to the unhealthy attachment of creatures
- The temporal punishment of purgatory does not refer to any kind of divine vengeance, but rather to the natural effects of sin on the individual
- The "final purification" of purgatory, therefore, is entirely different from the damnation of hell
- Those who die in God's grace and friendship and do not need purification live forever with God
- Heaven is the perfect life of communion lived with the Trinity
- This "beatific vision" of God is made possible only by God's grace, since humanity is incapable of its own natural capacity to see the transcendent God as he is
- Heavenly communion with God is the fulfillment of the deepest human longing and a state of perfect happiness
- In his earthly ministry Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God as a future reality and one that he made present
- All are called to this kingdom which is characterized by God's loving mercy
- The fullness of the kingdom of God will come at the end of time



Feasts & Solemnities

NOVEMBER 1: *ALL SAINTS*
As our lectionary readings begin to turn our attention to the "Last Things" at this time of year. It is a fitting time to celebrate all the saints, both those that the Church has identified through the process called "canonization" and those we might not know about. We are united to them all in the communion of saints.

NOVEMBER 2: *COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS')*
As a complement to the celebration of the saints enjoying union with God, it is also fitting at this time of year to pray for all who have died and entrust them to the Lord's care. This is a good time pray for our deceased loved ones, all those in purgatory, and especially those who do not have anyone to pray for them. We should be mindful to pray for these intentions at other times of the year.

NOVEMBER 13: *ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN*
Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized. Born in Italy, she had a long-standing desire to serve as a missionary to China. Pope Leo XIII convinced her to sail in the other direction and serve in the United States. Despite difficulties and challenges, her service to the poor, sick, uneducated, and others in need, left a lasting imprint in this country.

NOVEMBER 21: *PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*
The feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not to be confused with the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2) commemorates Mary's dedication in the Temple by her parents, Anna and Joachim. An early Christian tradition said the couple was childless, and Mary's birth was the fulfillment of the promise of an angel. According to that tradition, they dedicated her to God in the Temple as a child.

NOVEMBER 22: *OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*
This celebration marks the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before we enter the season of Advent. While it points to Christ's universal kingship of all times and places, it can be a reminder for each of us to ask whether we have allowed Christ to reign as king in our own hearts.

NOVEMBER 24: *ST. ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS*
This day commemorates St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and 116 other martyrs who gave their life for the faith in Vietnam from the 17th-19th centuries, a time of great persecution of Christians and missionaries. Hundreds of thousands of people were martyred whose names we do not know. These 117 men and women represent all those Vietnamese martyrs.

NOVEMBER 30: *ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE*
In John's Gospel, St. Andrew is the one who tells his brother, Peter, about Jesus and brings Peter to the Lord (1:40-42). He is thought to have evangelizes in Asia Minor and around the Black Sea, and is, therefore, the patron saint of Romania, Ukraine and Russia. According to tradition, St. Andrew was martyred on an X-shaped cross, representing the first letter in "Christ" in Greek (the letter *chi*, which looks like the letter X).

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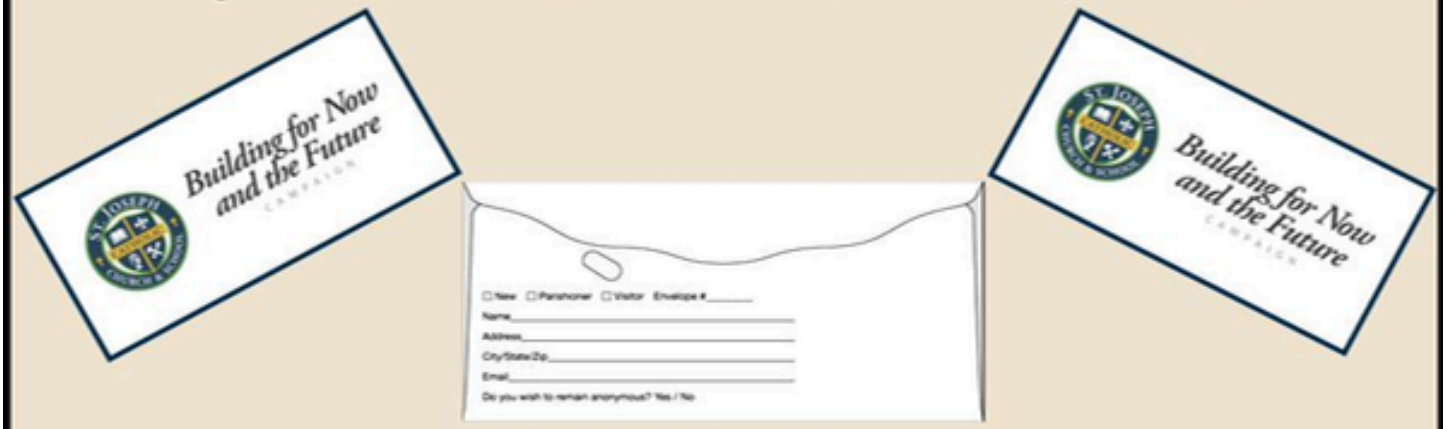
Made a pledge?

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.



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.

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
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- *Yellow* – Spirituality
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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

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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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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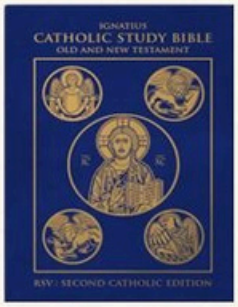
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We are excited to announce the placement of **Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)** throughout our Parish Campus! These life-saving devices are now available in key locations to ensure quick access in case of a sudden cardiac arrest.

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.

Good Neighbor Cupboard

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 PDF format. All requests must be editable and submitted at least two weeks in advance of publishing date. Note: at Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, & Thanksgiving the deadlines are often well ahead of the print date.



Brown Scapular enrollment

Scapulars are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

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

The Citadel
Tony Licari
tlicari@charlestondiocese.org

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