

Diocese of Charleston

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Mass Schedule
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am
Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 pm
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
Monday, 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



NOVEMBER 15, 2026
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and faithful servant."
- Mt 25:21

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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 - Nov 8, 2026		
Received in Office	$	9,085.00
WeShare Online Giving	$	1,581.00
	$	10,666.00
Over / Under	$	166.00
Second Collection- SOS	$	605.00
2nd Collection - Nov 22 - International Ministries & Missions		
WeShare Online Collection - October 2026		
Support Our Scholars & Saints (School)	$	235.00
Parish Charity	$	365.00
Church Repairs & Maintenance	$	145.00
Building Fund	$	70.00
Christmas	$	25.00
World Mission	$	160.00
Capital Campaign	$	7,898.81
Thank you for your support and generosity!	$	8,898.81

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 repose of the soul of:

Antonio Lockard, *Son of Scott Lockard*

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

15 SUNDAY: *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00PM (Vigil) **+Phyllis Rouleau** rb Tom Rouleau
8:30AM **People of the Parish**
11:00AM **Sergio & Hannah Interiano** rb Murray & Margie Daw

16 Monday: *Weekday*
8:30AM **+Ben Blascovich** rb Playford Family

17 Tuesday: *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
5:30PM **+William Hubert Elias** rb Fr. Gillespie

18 Wednesday: *Weekday*
8:30AM **+Paul Koster** rb Janine Koster

19 Thursday: *Weekday*
5:30PM **+Erasmo Mario Troia** rb Mary Heuskin

20 Friday: *Weekday*
8:30AM **Eric & Jenny Reesman Family** rb Jan Heithaus

22 SUNDAY: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
5:00PM ***(Vigil)*** **+Michael Angoli** rb Marilyn Angoli
8:30AM **+Ann Kohlmayer** rb Kathie Kohlmayer
11:00AM **People of the Parish**

Daily Mass Readings

15 SUNDAY: *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 (157)

16 Monday: *Weekday*
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43 (497)

17 Tuesday: *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10 (498)

18 Wednesday: *Weekday*
Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28 (499)

19 Thursday: *Weekday*
Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44 (500)

20 Friday: *Weekday*
Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48 (501)

21 Saturday: *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40 (502)

22 SUNDAY: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46 (160)

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 15: 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, Ron Crain
Nov 08: 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, Jane Ross, Scott Cooley, Don Black, Ella Brown, Camille Ching Nalbadian, Joey Cox, Annette Caccavo
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

Additions or Deletions? Please email prayers@sjccs.net

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT NOV 14
- CWS Angel Tree Distribution, After Mass
- Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot
- Organ Practice, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM
- Mass, 5:00 PM
- KofC Trivia Night – 6:45 -10:00 PM, Parish Hall

SUN NOV 15
- CWS Angel Tree Distribution, 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
- Sacramental Parent Class #3, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Hall
- 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

MON NOV 16
- Mass, 8:30 AM
- Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM
- Organ Practice, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
- Parish Hall in Use, 3:30–4:30 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 17
- Organ Practice, 9:00–10:45 AM
- Mary's Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, Parish Office Small Conference Room
- Mass, 5:30 PM
- Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM

WED NOV 18
- 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 Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:00–8:30 PM, Church

THU NOV 19
- Organ Practice, 9:00–10:45 AM
- Mass, 5:30 PM
- Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM
- Men Walking with Christ, 6:30–7:30 PM, Parish Office

FRI NOV 20
- Mass, 8:30 AM
- Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM

SAT NOV 21
- CWS Angel Tree Distribution, After Mass
- Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot
- Private Event, 8:00 AM–8:00 PM, Parish Hall
- CWS Rosary & Meeting, 8:00–11:30 AM, Parish Office
- Organ Practice, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
- Private Event, 12:00–1:30 PM, Church
- Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM
- Angel Tree Gift Intake, 4:30–6:30 PM, Parish Office
- Mass, 5:00 PM

SUN NOV 22
- CWS Angel Tree Distribution, After Masses
- Angel Tree Gift Intake, 8:00 AM–12:30 PM, Parish Office
- Mass, 8:30 AM
- OCIA, 9:30–10:45 AM, Middle School Hall / OCIA Esp., 9:30–10:45 AM, 8th Gr Classroom
- Sacramental Parent Class #4, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Hall
- 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

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE - I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER

Article 1 'I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH'

V. God Carries Out His Plan: Divine Providence

302 Creation has its own goodness and proper perfection, but it did not spring forth complete from the hands of the Creator. The universe was created "in a state of journeying" (in statu viae) toward an ultimate perfection yet to be attained, to which God has destined it. We call "divine providence" the dispositions by which God guides his creation toward this perfection: By his providence God protects and governs all things which he has made, "reaching mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and ordering all things well." For "all are open and laid bare to his eyes," even those things which are yet to come into existence through the free action of creatures.

303 The witness of Scripture is unanimous that the solicitude of divine providence is concrete and immediate; God cares for all, from the least things to the great events of the world and its history. The sacred books powerfully affirm God's absolute sovereignty over the course of events: "Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases." And so it is with Christ, "who opens and no one shall shut, who shuts and no one opens."

As the book of Proverbs states: "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established."

304 And so we see the Holy Spirit, the principal author of Sacred Scripture, often attributing actions to God without mentioning any secondary causes. This is not a "primitive mode of speech," but a profound way of recalling God's primacy and absolute Lordship over history and the world, and so of educating his people to trust in him. The prayer of the Psalms is the great school of this trust.

305 Jesus asks for childlike abandonment to the providence of our heavenly Father who takes care of his children's smallest needs: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' . . . Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."



183 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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The Jesse Tree EXPLAINED – The (Not) Christmas Tree You've Never Heard of | Ep 3

The often-forgotten Jesse tree reminds us of God's faithful fulfillment of all his promises (of which there are so many throughout all of salvation history!). In Christ, he keeps every promise he has made, from Adam and Eve to John the Baptist. His promises of peace and salvation apply not just to ancient Israel, but to all of us today. Join us in learning about this hidden gem of an Advent tradition and how it can help you and your family walk through Advent in the light of Sacred Scripture.

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Fr. McTeigue, SJ ~ Search: The Catholic Current

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

YOUTH GROUP THANKSGIVING DINNER
Wednesday, November 18, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.
Bring a homemade dish and a friend or family member to share your faith and food with!
For more information: beth.diedrick@sjccs.net

ST. JOSEPH SCHOLA - CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM & Sundays at 10 AM

VESPERS
Thursdays from 6:30–7:30 PM in the Church.
Except the 3rd Thursday of each month.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Ages 18–30, Thursdays from 7:30–8:30 PM in the Parish Office.
Except the 3rd Thursday of each month.

MEN WALKING WITH CHRIST
November 19 - 3rd Thursday of each month.
After the 5:30 PM Mass in the Parish Office
Topic: Discussion on the series, "The Chosen"
Dinner: Roasted Chicken

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Spend some quiet time with Our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration. If you can commit to a time of prayer, please sign up to help ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

ANGEL TREE 2026 Instructions for returning gifts
Please bring Angel Tree gifts directly to the Parish Office
Gifts CANNOT be accepted at the School or in the Narthex.

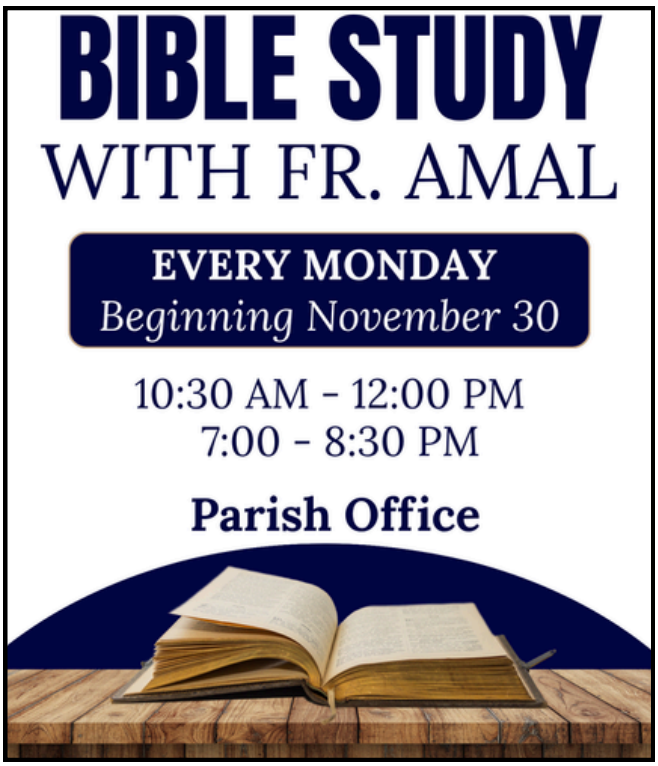
Saturday and Sunday
November 21st to December 6th
CWS will be set up at the end of the Office ramp to receive your gifts. 15 minutes prior and after each weekend Mass.

Monday through Friday
November 23rd to December 4th
Office Staff will be available to receive your gifts.
Monday: Noon – 3:30 PM
Tues-Thurs: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Questions or concerns please call:
Patty Armstrong (864) 634-5701

WINTER COAT DRIVE
November 1st - December 31st
Donations of coats, jackets, knitted hats, gloves, and scarves are needed for men, women, and children. All sizes accepted.
New or gently used items only. For questions, please contact:
Darrin Coles at 864-556-2475.







Church Annual Reporting

For the

Period Ending June 30, 2026 & Fy2027 Budget

		FY2026 Actual		FY2027 Budget
Revenue:				
Offertory / We Share	36.04%	$ 707,148.93		$ 713,702.00
Designated Collections	4.51%	$ 88,531.97	(1)	$ 69,330.00
Other Income	0.28%	$ 5,478.96		$ 3,945.00
2nd Collections	0.88%	$ 17,271.00		$ 12,750.00
Designated Funding	58.28%	$ 1,143,445.91	(2)	$ 121,100.00
Total Revenue		**$ 1,961,876.77**		**$ 920,827.00**
Expenditures:				
Salaries and Benefits	19.87%	$ 351,354.41		$ 372,623.21
Church	4.75%	$ 83,985.24		$ 65,890.00
Administration, Operations, & Maintenance	6.27%	$ 110,902.78	(3)	$ 118,845.00
Rectory	1.17%	$ 20,759.73		$ 21,210.00
Religious Education	0.37%	$ 6,494.76		$ 7,600.00
Diocesan Assessment / Property Insurance	5.69%	$ 100,658.09		$ 119,659.08
School Support	60.08%	$ 1,062,280.31	(4)	$ 54,000.00
Parish Charity	0.54%	$ 9,624.16		$ 13,200.00
2nd Collections / Transit	1.24%	$ 21,983.00		$ 17,450.00
Total Expenditures		**$ 1,768,042.48**		**$ 790,477.29**
Operating Surplus - Net Income		**$ 193,834.29**		**$ 130,349.71**

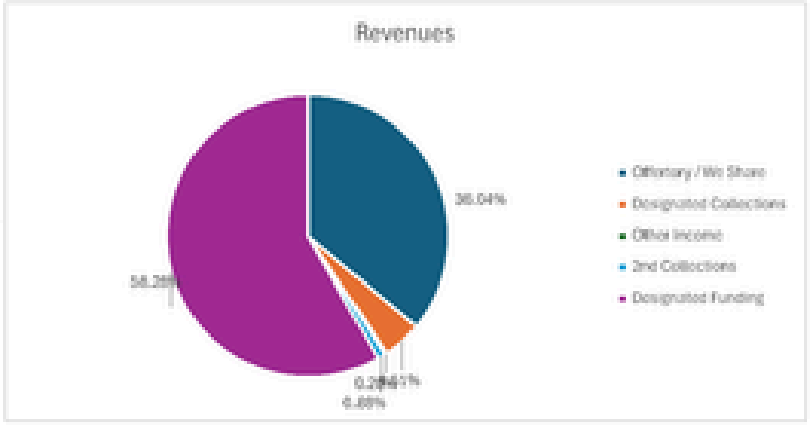
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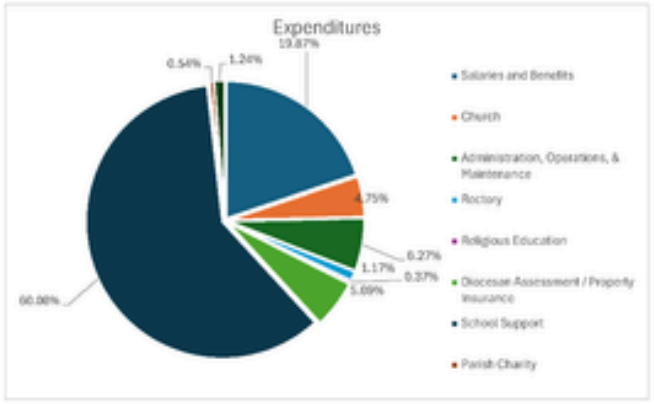
(1) Designated Collections consist of directed giving such as the Building Fund, School Envelopes, Charitable Donations, Flowers, Candles

(2) Designated Funding is Non-Assessable Funding such as Bicentennial Proceeds, Interest on Savings, Building Specific / Capital Campaign Funding

(3) Includes Office, Hall Operations, Landscaping, Cleaning, Parish Functions

(4) Includes transfer of $1,000,000 for school expansion





Public Enrollment Opens December 11th for 2027-2028!

Save The Date

Reindeer Run @ YMCA
Dec 5th



When you sign up - Be sure to Join our Team!

#iGIVECATHOLIC ON GIVING TUESDAY

December 1, 2026

Help us complete our buildings and grounds!

Hockey Night
Dec 12th
Our students will perform the National Anthem!

Annual Gala
Jan 30th

60th Anniversary
Rooted in Tradition Growing in Faith

Office Hours
M-F 7:30am - 3:15pm
864-760-1619

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 confidential email: VAC@charlestondiocese.org

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







SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL GREENVILLE PREVIEW NIGHT

Families are invited on December 2nd from 6:30-8:00 PM to hear from high school leadership, interact with dedicated faculty and current students, and experience our campus firsthand.
Register at www.sjcatholicschool.org

Pray the Rosary

Everyday!

Fr. Philip S. Gillespie

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

WHO GOD SAYS I AM

NOVEMBER 20 - 21

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

Presenters



FR. ISAAC SPINHARNEY
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal



AUSTIN FARINHOLT
Encounter School of Ministry

ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES

Join us for 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.

SESSIONS

IDENTITY & HEARING GOD'S VOICE	RENEWAL OF THE MIND	STUDENTS OF THE SUPERNATURAL	IDENTITY AS TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	THE POWER OF PEACE	BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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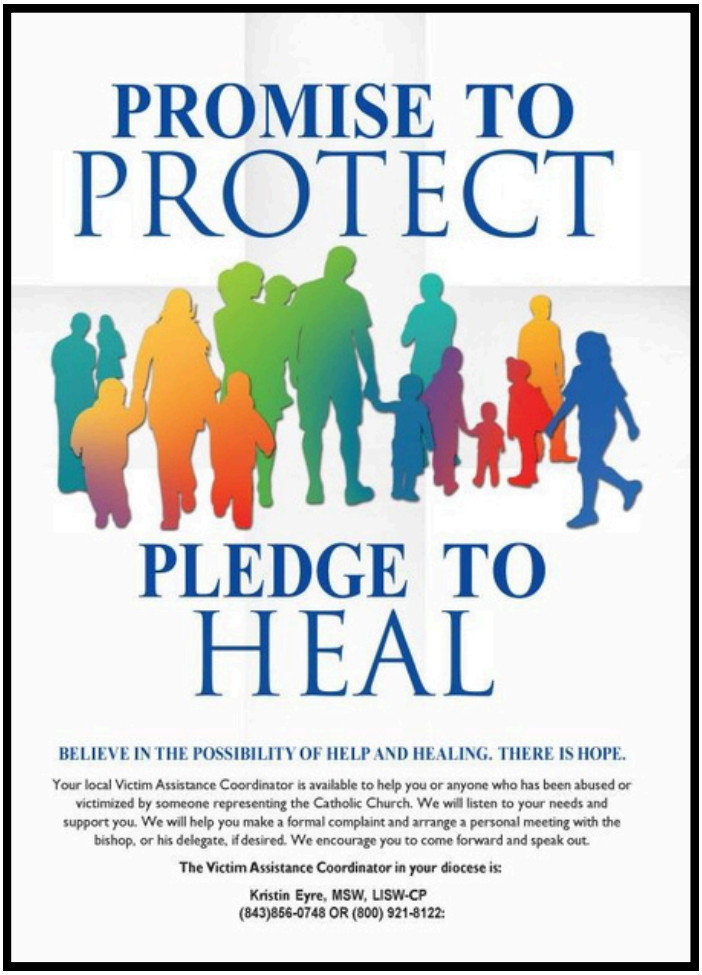
SCHEDULE:

Each day begins with praise and worship.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
5:30 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8:30 A.M. - 9:45 P.M.





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.

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: Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Parish Hall

Come be part of the adventure Scouting starts here!
If you or your child are interested in joining, please contact:

Ernest P. Lane
Organizational Representative
Knights Of Columbus #8295
706-564-7142 Epbyrd291@hotmail.com

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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VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

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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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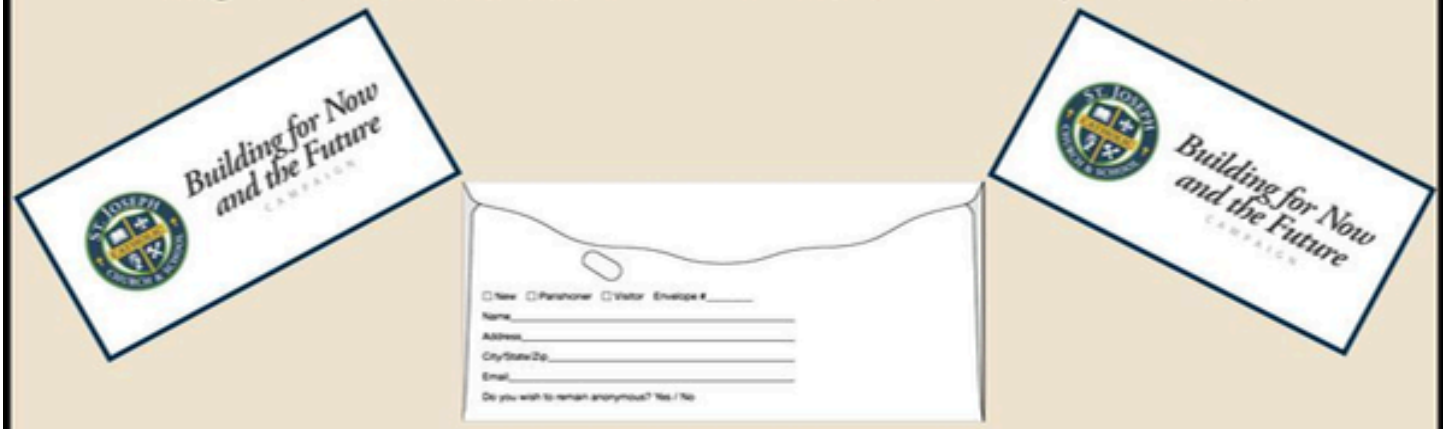
Made a pledge?

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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- *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

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.

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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

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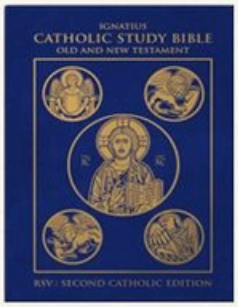
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We are excited to announce the placement of **Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)** throughout our Parish Campus! These life-saving devices are now available in key locations to ensure quick access in case of a sudden cardiac arrest.

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 nonworking 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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Stephanie Manasa
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