

# St. Joseph Catholic School

1200 Cornelia Rd • Anderson, SC



STARTING OFF OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR WITH A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE ON AUGUST 21ST, 2017.



Students, parents, and parishioners gathered together at the school on August 21st to enjoy food, fellowship and fun.

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*  
Matthew 5:16



St. Joseph Catholic School, a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Anderson, SC, integrates all learning with faith by empowering preschool, elementary, and middle school students to achieve their full potential as children of God. St. Joseph Catholic School endeavors to assist parents, as primary educators of their children, in nurturing the necessary intellectual, spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and moral skills to become productive, ethical citizens in the Catholic tradition by providing a sanctuary where academic excellence and spiritual growth can flourish.



First Day of School



Blessing of the School



Annual Fund Brunch



Blessing of the Animals

## Celebrating 50 years of academic excellence

Curiosity, inquisitiveness, passion for knowledge, joy in discovery, and the thrill of learning something exciting and new are all crucial components of each student's experience at St. Joseph Catholic School.

Fifty years ago, in September 1967, the doors of our St. Joseph Catholic School opened for the very first school year! Needless to say that a lot has changed since then, not only pertaining to the school buildings and grounds and to the staff, but especially related to education which has evolved tremendously. At St. Joseph's we are constantly enhancing our "Landscape for Learning."

Curiosity, inquisitiveness, passion for knowledge, joy in discovery, and the thrill of learning something exciting and new are all crucial components of a rewarding, successful, and excellent education, the type of education that we try to cultivate at St. Joseph's.

When offering a "Landscape of Learning" we are also mindful of every child's individual growing needs, just like we do with plants in a garden. Different types of plants planted in the same soil, with the same amount of nutrients, sunlight, water, carbon dioxide (my science students probably detect the photosynthesis equation here,) would



*Mrs. DePape and Mrs. Swinyer on the first day of school.*

grow very differently. Yes, some would thrive, some would be just fine, but others might have a hard time, and some might not even survive at all. If each of these different types of plants were to be able to grow according their specific needs, we would have created a beautiful, and lavish garden.

Here at St. Joseph Catholic School we have, because of our small class sizes and dedicated teachers, the ability to strive to create the right learning environment for each child so that we may create such a bountiful garden. We help form our students so they may be prepared to enter the ever changing world, critically and creatively, to be able to be part of solving the problems of tomorrow.

God Bless,

Nadine DePape  
Interim Principal

### *Welcome to our new teachers!*



Mrs. Alston Beckman  
Art



Dr. Amy Hallenbeck  
English & Social Studies



Mrs. Alice Henderson  
PreK & Kindergarten



Mrs. Erin Rockenhaus  
Science



Mrs. Donna Woods  
3rd Grade



*Our teachers worked hard to provide a delicious brunch, proving that not only are they excellent teachers, but excellent chefs as well!*

## ANNUAL FUND KICKOFF

Thank you to all who came out to support us at our annual fund kickoff brunch on October 1, 2017. If you were unable to attend and would still like to support our Annual Fund Drive, please fill out the enclosed envelope and drop it in the mail or return it to our school.

This year's annual fund will continue to provide need based scholarships to any qualifying family desiring a Catholic education.

Since its inception in 2013, your contributions have totaled over \$72,000.00 and this year enabled 82 students to attend St. Joseph Catholic School.

Because of your continued support, we are able to provide a Catholic education to anyone regardless of race, religion, or income. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Your contributions of time, prayer, talent, and financial support play an invaluable role in keeping our doors open. **THANK YOU!**

## *Dear Parishioners, Teachers, Students, And Employees,*

I give thanks to the Holy Spirit for all of you. You are gifts from God to our beautiful parish here at St Joseph's. I have been here for about 11 months and I am joyful that God sent me here. I am constantly surprised by joy, by your help, your kind words, your devotion, your generosity, and your love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We can do all things in Him who strengthens us (Phil 4:13).

We have had an increase of 24 students in our St Joseph's school this year. I can tell you that each student brings a wonderful presence to our family here. Each and every teacher is dedicated to the spiritual and intellectual growth of our children. So many of our parents and parishioners have been devoted to the spiritual and financial support of St Joseph's. God loves a generous heart. Thank you all.

Let us always keep in mind that it is the Holy Spirit who gives success to the work of our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Please continue to pray, participate, and support our parish and our school so that we may be a beacon to Jesus Christ in Anderson, in South Carolina, and in the world.

Pray for me and each other as I do daily for you all.

I remain, your most loyal and humble servant in Christ Jesus,

Fr Philip Gillespie



# Through the years... 1967 - 2017



Check our next publication for more pictures from the past!



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