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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

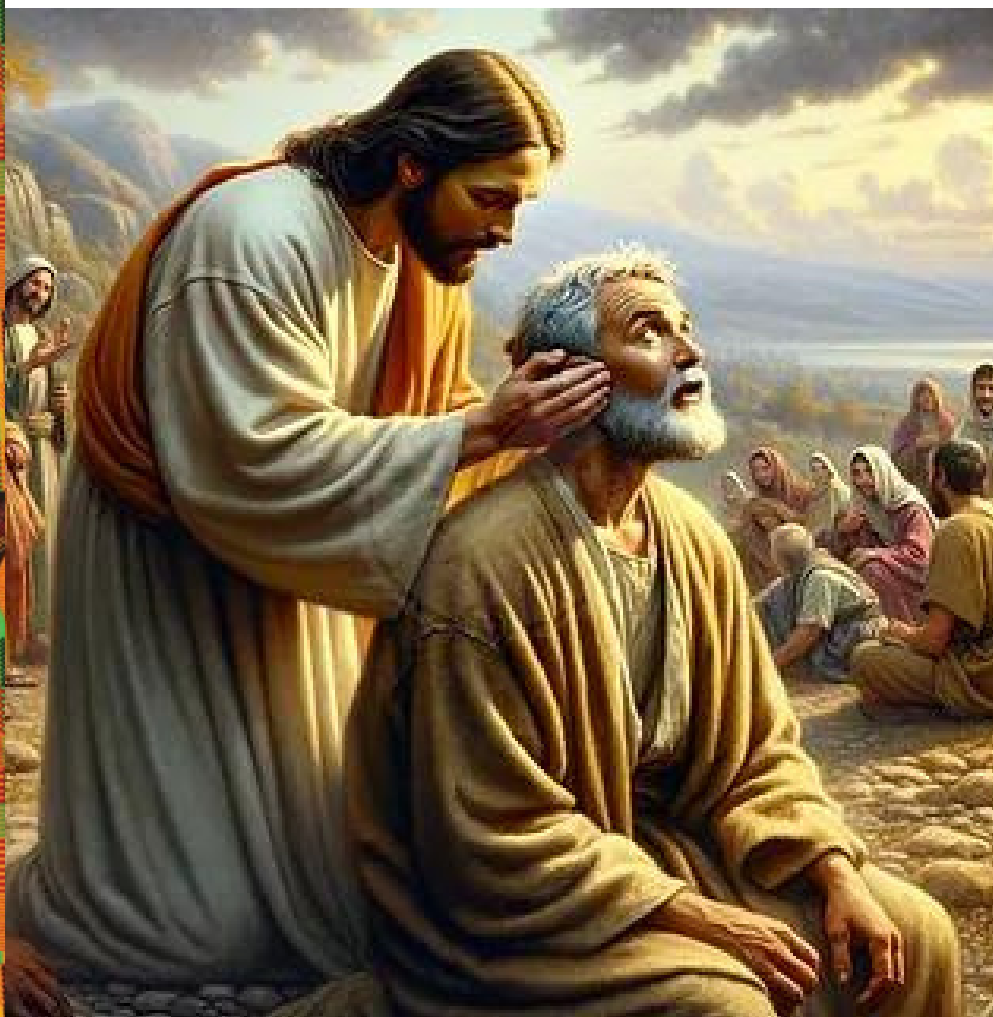
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Parish Office: 864-233-7717

*Welcoming all people to
worship God in the genius of
African American Catholic Spirituality*

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2024



www.stanthonysgvl.org

PARISH INFO

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org if you would like to register. Please visit www.stanthonysgvl.org for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11 AM & 6 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 11 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 12 PM (Noon) - 1:00 PM
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Or by Appointment

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthit St.
Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM
Friday 9 AM - 12 PM
Phone: (864) 233-7717
Website: www.stanthonysgvl.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167
Website: www.stanthonygschoolgvl.org

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0
Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626
Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



The men and women that serve in the armed forces do so with a form of sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to the Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stresses they face each day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 9/7

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 9/8

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

TUESDAY, 9/10

- 11 AM Fr. Mwape

WEDNESDAY 9/11

- 11 AM Kathy Reilly

THURSDAY, 9/12

- 11 AM

FRIDAY, 9/13

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 9/14

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 9/15

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM



It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46).

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR:

Individuals

Alice Rigler	Gregory Kuhn	Melvin Armstrong
Ann Fournier	Hazel Hill	Michael Davis
Ann Moore	Jen Duhe	Olivia Brown
Ann Nechodom	Jonathan Turner	Rhonda Brown
Annette Martin	Joseph Neito	Richard Cortese
Anthony Davis	Joyce Croce	Richard Palmer
Bill Higgins	Juliet Roy	Sabrina Walker
Carl Sunderlin	Julius Pinson Jr.	Sammy Huguet
Charlene Palmer	Laura Drummond	Sandra McNaughton
Chester Williams	Laurie Rappl	Sharon Bryant
Clarice Hanly	Lillie Davis	Sharon Patton
David Burnett	Lori Cortese	Sherri Hoffman
Dee Dee Dzikowicz	Lori McGinley	Stephan Pleasant
Donna Neeley	Malik McCauley	Steve Miller
Donna Nickels	Margaret Morris	Stuart MacNaughton
Dorothy Baker	Marie Therese Isdiore	Tara Cleary
Drew Butterfield	Marilyn Daly	Thelma Williams
Elaine Greggs	Martha Cotel	Tom James
Ellaniose Johnson	Mary Cormican	Troy Koon
Eric Kuhn	Mary Curran	Tyler Daly Korybski
Erica Hardy	Matthew Bryson	Wilbert Morgan
Billy Mayes	Maureen Lukovic	Willie Davis
	Megan Counihan	Ruth Henderson

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing	Scott Cely Family
Dana Lacher	Michael & Ruth Walters
Duhe Family	Tessa & George Skoniecki
Catherine & Michael Branca	Deacon Richard Murtaugh
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu	Deacon Steve & Susan Olson
Karen Randall & Family	Deacon Winston Wright

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair Nicole Campbell Little

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family.

If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2.

Thank you!

SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY INFO

ACTIVE PARISHIONER

The criteria for an Active Parishioner are:

- Weekly participation in worship through attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer at St. Anthony's on regular basis (**Time**)
- Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (**Talent**)
- Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving (**Treasure**)

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony **must be registered members** for **at least six months** prior to reception of these Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility.

Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Pre-registration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Parish Pastoral Council

Tony Smith, Chairperson.....803-727-5072
Mary Lee Tierney, Secretary.....864-363-0570

Parish Finance Council

Sandy Thompson, Chairperson.....252-622-1945
Chery O'Malley, Secretary.....864-360-4667

Eucharistic Ministers/Scripture Readers

Paul Herr.....864-907-9356
Kyle Herr.....864-907-9355

Altar Servers

Marie Paula Jaramillo.....864-365-9877

Women's Council

Kathleen Merritt.....864-331-2633

Men's Club

Ralston Moore.....864-386-4852
David Quast.....864-906-2632

Food Pantry

Carol Moeller.....864-380-4155

30's & 40's Group

JJ Reinheart.....607-382-9620
Renee Puckett Smith.....678-409-0408

Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry

Mike Cumby.....864-417-8973

Gala School Fundraiser

Jean Hever.....864-608-5256

Health Ministry

Rita O'Rourke.....864-979-7544

Hiking Ministry

Paul Herr.....864-907-9356

Homebound Ministers

Donna Moerke.....404-374-4019

Housing Ministry

Mike Mathers.....864-483-5477

Knights of Columbus

Jim Teter.....540-809-7809
Richard Cortese.....864-201-8162

Knights of Peter Claver

Paul Latimore.....864-299-0847

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

Mary Ann Boyd.....619-517-2191

Living Waters Bible Study

Nicky & Lillie Jones.....864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012

Meal Ministry

Dana Lacher.....864-354-0049

Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry

Delores Martinez.....864-201-2204

Prison Ministry

Richard Krainas.....864-360-1098
Gwen Whitner.....864-297-0123

Young Families

Ruth Roberston..... sapfamilies@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Anna Vunkin-Chow..... sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com

Micah Ministry

David Quast.....864-906-2632



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will Continue On the First Friday's of each month from 12pm-5pm

Please consider taking time with Jesus this week.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Don't we live in a time of paradoxes, my friends? I mean, with technology, we're more "connected" than ever before, right? Yet many of us feel deeply isolated and alone. We're glued to our screens, endless scrolling, but true and authentic human connection seems to elude us.

But there's good news, my friends! The key to unlocking our loneliness is found in the open and loving arms of Jesus Christ. He is the ultimate master when it comes to forging connections that are deep, meaningful, and healing.

Just think about it: Jesus didn't just talk to lepers from a distance; He reached out and touched them. He broke down barriers of fear and stigma with a simple, compassionate touch. And we cannot forget St. Francis, who took it even further when he kissed a leper - now that's love and acceptance on a whole new level!

Jesus didn't just talk about inclusivity; He lived it. He shared meals with tax collectors, sinners, and the marginalized—those rejected by society. So, I ask you, are we willing to invite someone different to our dinner table?

And what about the Samaritan woman? Jesus chatted with her, a member of a group that Jews typically avoided and despised. He saw beyond the labels and recognized her true worth. How can we, here at St. Anthony's, embrace diversity and unity? Perhaps it starts with sharing more than just a pew.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus heals a deaf and mute man with a single and powerful word: "Ephphatha," which means "Be opened." That's an invitation for all of us. When we interact with others, are we truly listening with the intent to understand, or are we just waiting to make our point? Do our words build up our sense of community or do they tear it down like a wrecking ball?

"Ephphatha" invites us to open our hearts and minds, to embrace kindness and encouragement, and to live out the joyful spirit of Afro-American spirituality.

When we open ourselves to Christ's healing touch, we step into a new world of connection—with God, with others, with ourselves, and even with nature. So, here's food for thought, how can we live as "opened" people on a daily basis?

Authentic connection happens when we dare to be vulnerable and transparent. When someone hurts you, remember how much Christ has forgiven you. Extend that same radical grace, and witness how it heals relationships and breathes new life into them. Is there someone you've been meaning to call or reconnect with? Don't wait another second, my friend.

In a world yearning for authentic connection, we can be the change agents, reflecting Christ's loving touch and breaking down walls of isolation and division. We can do this, church!

Let us pray for Jesus to open our hearts, helping us see others through his lens of love, acceptance, and compassion.

In Christ, we are reborn as new creations, designed for connection that reaches into eternity. Let's embrace it with everything we've got! Again, "Ephphatha"!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 8, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Sept. 9, Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

Sept. 10, Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

Sept. 11, Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

Sept. 12, Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

Sept. 13, Memorial of John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

Sept. 14, Feast Day of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

September 15, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Scripture online at <https://bible.usccb.org/>



BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to Kyle Hall (kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org) by **end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions may have to be edited due to space constraints.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

Collections for August 31-September 1 Masses

Envelopes/Cash	\$12,880.00
Online Giving	\$11,935.77
Total	<u>\$24,815.77</u>

2nd Collection: Catholic University	\$1,352.00
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Giving Online makes it easier and more convenient to contribute to St. Anthony's Church. Scan the QR code to the right by opening your camera app to start giving online.

Stewardship is not only about the needs of the Church, rather it is about our desire to give back to God in thanksgiving, by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us.

**The true spirit of Stewardship is
"Equal Sacrifice and not Equal Giving."**



PARISH LIFE

St. Anthony Basketball



Registration for the 2024-2025 season is now open
Boys & Girls age K4 thru High School Seniors
Return completed registration form and entry fee to:
Johnny Payne, Event Mgr. at St. Anthony or email to
johnnypayne@charlestdiocese.org
864-616-0923 Cell/text

Sign up for Basketball at St. Anthony

Contact: Johnny Payne
St. Anthony Catholic Church
307 Gower St. Greenville SC 29611

Or
Email: johnnypayne@charlestdiocese.org

**text your email address
to Johnny Payne @ 864-616-0923
to request Registration Form .**

RCIA Classes – Starting September 9th

Are You Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith?

St. Anthony will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches. These sessions are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those questions you may have about the Church. We will start the journey on Monday, September 9th. Please Contact Deacon Phil Allen if would like further information at 864-706-2999 or email philallen@charlestdiocese.org.

“A Matter of Balance”



Each year 1 in 4 Americans over the age of 60 experiences a fall with various injuries. Health Ministry and Bon Secours St. Frances have partnered to offer St Anthony’s a program called “A Matter of Balance” to reduce falls. The program will be held for 8 weeks in the church lobby on Mondays from 1PM until 2:30PM starting September 16th. The program includes exercises to improve flexibility, strength, and balance.

Participants also learn about home safety, reducing injury related to falls, recovery after a fall and various topics on fall prevention.

If you have questions about the program, you may call Rita O’Rourke at (864)979-7544. The program is limited to 15 participants.



St. Anthony



PARISH PICNIC

Conestee Park
3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY OCT. 6th

Please signup for
Side dishes in Lobby



For more details call/text 864-616-0923
email johnnypayne@charlestdiocese.org



The St. Anthony of Padua Women’s Bible Study will resume after summer break on September 12. It will meet weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am, in the Social Hall. It is a time of study, prayer and fellowship. All women are invited. The program this fall is entitled, *Mercy Is*. To sign up, call Nancy Quast at (414) 736-6290 or use the sign-up sheets in the lobby of the church.



TOGETHER, WE CAN END ALZHEIMER’S.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s - Greenville, SC

OCTOBER 5, 2024

Fluor Field at the West End

Gates Open at 8:00 AM

Opening Ceremony at 8:45 AM



**WALK TO END
ALZHEIMER’S**
ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION

JOIN OUR TEAM!
act.alz.org/goto/sap

PARISH LIFE



MINISTRY FAIR

SEPT. 21-22, 2024

AFTER ALL MASSES

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

OUR MINISTRIES

- Religious Education Formation
- Music Ministry
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Scripture Readers
- Altar Servers
- Women's Council
- Men's Club
- Food Pantry
- 30s and 40s Group
- Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry
- Gala School Fundraiser
- Transportation Ministry
- Health Ministry
- Hiking Ministry
- Homebound Ministries
- Housing Ministry
- Knights of Columbus
- Knights of Peter Claver
- Knights of Peter Claver Auxiliary
- Living Waters Bible Study
- Meal Ministry
- Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Young Families
- New Parishioners Committee
- Stewardship Committee
- St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School
- Athletics and Events
- Finance Council
- Parish Council
- Parish Staff
- Micah Program
- Safety Ministry
- Children's Liturgy

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

WOMEN'S COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15
1:30 PM
SOCIAL HALL

ALL ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR! - REMINDER TO BRING DONATIONS OF SOCKS, GLOVES, HATS AND SCARVES FOR THE FOOD PANTRY COMMUNITY

Keep up with us on Facebook!

Christmas Parade Float Planning

We will have a Float in the Greenville Christmas Parade on December 7. Our Float Theme is "The Wise Ones Still Seek Him". We will have a Float Planning Committee meeting on Monday, September 9 at 7 PM in Classroom A on the Church campus. Come join us in working on this project to celebrate Christ's Birth and our Church and School. Questions or if you cannot attend this meeting but want to participate, please call David Quast, 864-906-2632.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SEPTEMBER 8- SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday, September 8	Monday, September 9	Tuesday, September 10	Wednesday, September 11
9:00am- Men's Club Breakfast Social Hall	7:00pm- Christmas Float Planning Classroom A	6:00pm- Prison Ministry Classroom A	6:00pm- Religious Education Assigned Classroom
	7:00pm- RCIA Class Social Hall	6:15 PM- Unity Choir Practice	6:00pm- Men's Club Meeting Gallivan Center
		6:30 PM: Living Waters Bible Study ZOOM	

PARISH LIFE



IT'S ITALIAN NIGHT is beginning again! Please plan to come for great food and fellowship after 5:00 Mass on Saturday, September 14 in the Social Hall. We can't wait to see you!

Religious Education registration (CCD) is now available on the parish website. Please click on Religious Education sign-up under Parish Life or scan the QR Code Below.



MINISTRIES IN ACTION

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF: September 14-15, 2024

SATURDAY, 9/14: 5PM	SUNDAY, 9/15: 8AM	SUNDAY, 9/15: 10AM	SUNDAY, 9/15: 12 PM
ALTAR SERVERS Mary Grace Gilchrist Maria Paula Jaramillo	ALTAR SERVERS Jacob Power Chris Power	ALTAR SERVERS Olivia Avery Patrick Doyle Rita Galley	ALTAR SERVERS David Mitchell-Dela Cruz Madison St. Pierre Nick St. Pierre
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Erena Allen (Host) Renee Puckett Smith (Cup 1) Tony Smith (Cup 2) Emilie Cantrell (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Bonnie Carfolite (Host) Mark O'Rouke (Cup 1) Michael Hemmert (Cup 2) Dianne Hemmert (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Mary Morris Wiliams (Host) Camilla Hertwig (Cup 1) Mary Ann Turner (Cup 2) Ronnie Hudson (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Jessie Bowens (Host) Carol Moeller (Cup 1) Emir Ramirez (Cup 2) Dawn Davis (Cup 3)
SCRIPTURE READERS Ingrid Smith (Lector 1) Rick Floyd (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS David Carolite (Lector 1) Kimberly Clarke (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Deidre Cooper (Lector 1) Sandy Thompson (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Leanna Ramirez (Lector 1) John Grgory (Lector 2)
USHERS Ken O'Malley Mark Combs Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Kathy Peot	USHERS Mike Ayers Lynn Sholl Robert McDowell Lillie Jones Nicky Jones Jeff Sholl	USHERS Bob Dastou Mike Connor Dan Krick Jim Stavakas Armando Krick	USHERS Tom Moeller Mariel Hunkeler Bryant Boyd Charity Meacham Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley

SEPTEMBER 8- SEPTEMBER 15

<u>Thursday, September 12</u>	<u>Friday, September 13</u>	<u>Saturday, September 14</u>	<u>Sunday, September 15</u>
9:00am- Women's Bible Study Social Hall		10:00 AM- Pickle Ball Gymnasium 6:00pm- Italian Nite Social Hall	9:00am- Men's Club Breakfast Social Hall 1:30pm- Women's Council Meeting Social Hall

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL



News! The Annual School Gala will be on
Saturday October 5th at 7: in the school gym

We know that this switch-up may come as a surprise, but it will help us lower the cost substantially and direct more funds to the school to support our kids.

Just because we changed the venue doesn't mean that we have skimped on the fun!

The Country Western Gala promises to be a fun- filled night, with live and silent auctions, catered foods a DJ and more.

If you bought a ticket, you can use it on October 5th

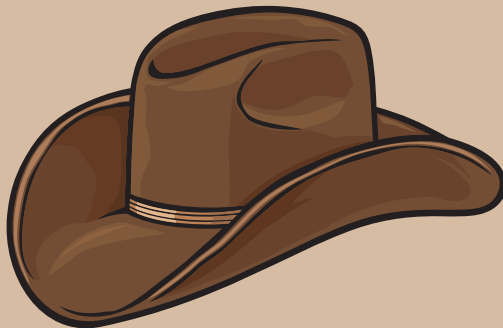
If you need a refund or unable to attend the event but want to donate your ticket amount to the school just mail your tickets, name and address, with your intent by

September 30th to:

Emilie Cantrell, 103 Meiland Drive, Greer, SC 29650

Tickets, at \$100. each will be sold at the door.

So Saddle Up! See you October 5th!



**SAVE
THE DATE**