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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... STEP RIGHT UP!

St. Joseph Catholic Church and School Presents the

24th Caritas Christi Gala — *Under the Big Top!*

Saturday, February 28, 2026

STUART, FL — St. Joseph Catholic Church and School invite the community to the **24th Caritas Christi Gala**, themed “**Under the Big Top**,” on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, from 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm, at **Hutchinson Shores Resort & Spa** in Jensen Beach.

Guests will experience an extraordinary evening as the ballroom transforms into a dazzling Big Top inspired wonderland. Enjoy gourmet dining, live music, a DJ, and captivating entertainment featuring stilt walkers, jugglers, a caricature artist, and both silent and live auctions offering unique experiences and treasures.

More than a night of fun, the Gala celebrates the heart of St. Joseph Catholic Church and School and the community it serves. Attendees will connect with parishioners, alumni, business leaders, and supporters who share a passion for faith, education, and service.

“Your partnership directly supports our mission and enhances the educational experience for every student,” said Mindy Miller, Principal of St. Joseph Catholic School. Father Noel McGrath, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, added, “Every sponsorship, ticket, and donation makes a meaningful impact and helps us continue to serve our vibrant faith community and ministries.”

With gratitude for her example of faith and service, the Caritas Christi Gala Committee is thrilled to honor **Ashley Vitale** with the first annual Spirit of St. Joseph Award for her many years of devoted service to St. Joseph Church and School as well as the community.

Sponsorships, underwriting opportunities, and tickets priced at \$250 per person are available now and must be reserved in advance. Donations are also welcome.

Join us Under the Big Top for an unforgettable evening of faith, fun, and fellowship in the spirit of generosity and celebration.

Event Committee: Jenni Backer, Esther Carson, Allysa Eberst, Kris Giachino, Melanie Knapik, Mindy Miller, Carmela Rincon, Catherine Tolton, Angela Trybul, Ashley Vitale, Ethel Vasko, Elizabeth Wilson, and Kathy Wunder.

To learn more about the Gala, please visit www.sjcschargers.com/giving/caritas-christi-gala or contact the Development Team at (772) 287-6975 or development@sjscf.org.

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