

Easter Sunday

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	1,090,422.82
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 4-5-09.....	32,220.45
Parish Debt (as of 4-1-09).....	143,895.95

"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,916,561.35

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Providence: Mary Kahaly

Richland: Janette Gleaton, Albert Elias

SAINTS SOCCER CAMP

The SAINTS Soccer Camp will be held the week of June 15 to 19. Sessions are from 9:00 AM to Noon. The camp is open to boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age and will be directed by Saint Joseph Athletic Director, Todd Wilkinson. Applications are available at the church and school offices. The fee is \$65 which includes a camp T-shirt. Please pre-register by Monday, June 1. For further information, please contact Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908.

The application is also available online at www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth_athletics.html

CARD OF THANKS

Our third annual Seder Meal was a tremendous success, thanks to the Moms Group who volunteered to take this on as a project and ministry for the future. The evening was both meaningful and fun. I also want to thank the other volunteers who came forward to help, especially the students from our Confirmation Class and from Cardinal Newman School.

Again, thank you for all your support,

Fr. Harris

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SHOP IS STILL OPEN

They have not closed nor moved and are located at 655 St. Andrews Rd. They carry many inspirational and religious gifts for all occasions. For directions, hours, or to place an order, please call 561-9733.

SCHOOL NEWS



*The Administration, Faculty,
Staff and Students
Of Saint Joseph School
Wish You and Your Families
A Happy and Blessed Easter*

The School will be closed April 10 and will re-open on Monday, April 20. During the week, we will have some work done on the third wing of the school and the gymnasium floor will be waxed. We will be doing a bit of spring cleaning, and then return to the last six weeks of school! May God bless you!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

We wish everyone a blessed Easter. There will be no youth group today, Easter Sunday, so that we may celebrate this day with our families.

Next Sunday, April 19 we will have Youth Group from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM. We will gather in the lobby of the Parish Hall/Gym.

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

St. Joseph Women's Society **Day Guild** and **Evening Guild** will meet together on Sunday, April 19 after the 12:15 PM Mass in Kamler Hall (school cafeteria.) **Austin Hughes** will be our guest speaker for **"Everything you need to know about stem cells."** Call Teresa Chmura at 540-1904 for more information.

All ladies are welcome and invited to attend.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

We will offer this session for all high school youth on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM in the school library. This program will help youth recognize the warning signs of dangerous situations leading to sexual abuse. For more information, please call John Waters 254-7646 ext. 23.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of **Marceline McLean**. May her soul rest in peace.

The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
EASTER MONDAY - April 13
and will reopen
8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 14

April 12, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be NO Religious Education classes this week. Classes resume on Wednesday, April 22.

Parents of Religious Education students preparing to receive their First Holy Communion are reminded that the booklet "The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist" is due on April 22 when the children return to CCD.

PARISH DINNERS

There will be NO parish dinner this week. Dinner resume on Wednesday, April 22.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

This weekend at the Great Easter Vigil Mass twenty new converts are being baptized or received into full communion with the Catholic Church:

Amanda Nelson Caldwell
Nathan Curtis Caldwell
Kristina Marie Delp
Kelly Anne Durham
Jonathan Sturtevant Fletcher
Danielle Nicole Frangos
Mary Meena Fullard
Ashlyn Brooke Landen
Lindy Hurley Landen
Laura Brant Lenski
Robert Quentin Noble
Tiffany Louise Noble
Julie Corrington Noland
Alyssa Marie Sakara
Corey Michael Sakara
Jessica Renee Sakara
Kristopher Brian Sipes
James Daniel Snow
Cheryl Lee Walker
Andrew Brooks Whiteside.

Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall/Gym immediately following the Great Easter Vigil Mass and welcome our newest members.

HELP NEEDED

St. Joseph Hospitality Committee is in need of volunteers to help with upcoming receptions after the following Masses:

April 21- Volunteer Appreciation Mass
May 9 - First Communion (two Masses)
May 21 - Confirmation

If you would like to offer your service for any or all of these receptions, please contact Gayle Michaelis at 315-6808 (cell), 647-9319 (home), or Dancer4Snow@sc.rr.com

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:15 AM Mr. Rueben H. Leichtle +
8:30 AM Mrs. Gertrude Wymelenberg +
10:30 AM Sonja & Julia Piasecki (I)
12:15 PM Mr. William Foiles +
5:30 PM No Mass

Monday, April 13

7:30 AM No Rosary

Tuesday, April 14

7:30 AM The end to abortion
5:30 PM The deceased members of Schickory Joseph Family

Wednesday, April 15

7:30 AM Mrs. Genevive Olczak +

Thursday, April 16

7:30 AM Mr. William Wilson +

Friday, April 17

7:30 AM Mrs. Cindy Blackman +
8:15 AM No Mass

Saturday, April 18

5:30 PM Mr. George Goodwin +

Sunday, April 19

8:15 AM Mr. Pasquale Biondi +
10:30 AM Mr. Joseph Harrera (I)
12:15 PM Mrs. Christine Mahoney +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Christ wants mankind to know about his mercy before he returns to judge the world. The first Sunday after Easter has been designated as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the world. The beginning of the **Divine Mercy Novena** will be on Good Friday following Stations of the Cross (12 noon.) On each of the nine days, the Novena asks prayers for a different group of souls in order to immerse them in the sea of His Mercy. This devotion, unlike others, **requires the practice of Mercy - extended to one's neighbors daily by word, by work and by prayer** as a second foundation. To receive the grace of this Novena one must go to confession within two weeks of Divine Mercy Sunday and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy devotion will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 19.

"The best way to prepare for death is to spend every day of life as though it were the last. Think of the end of worldly honor, wealth and pleasure and ask yourself: And then? And then?"

St. Philip Neri on the Last Things

April 12, 2009

SAVE THE DATE

**July 6-11
VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**



"Crocodile Dock"

**Adult Volunteers - Call Lisa
787-2564**

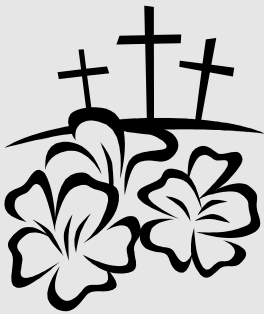
**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
MASS & RECEPTION**



On Tuesday, April 21, there will be a Mass followed by a reception to express appreciation and gratitude to all those parishioners who so unselfishly volunteer their time, energy, and talents to our Church. All Volunteers, are invited and encouraged to attend.

MASS: 6:00 PM

RECEPTION: In the gym, immediately following Mass.



*Fr. Harris
and the Staff of St. Joseph Church
wish you a
Blessed Easter.*



**Chili Challenge
& A Movie**

Saturday, April 25
following the 5:30 PM Mass
Parish Hall/Gym

*Another family activity sponsored by
your St. Joseph Knights of Columbus.*

Does your Chili have what it takes?

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

To enter your chili or more information,
contact Brian 695-8445 or Towranger@aol.com
\$1.00 per person / vote.

Not hot for chili??

For a buck we'll also have hot dogs and chips!

Movie: "Bernadette"

starts at 7:15 PM ~ admission free!

For movie related or general questions
contact Skip 622-7932.

**SENIOR
SPRING DANCE CLASS**

Please register Friday, April 17 at 10 AM
St. Joseph School, 3700 Devine Street.

SCHEDULE (all classes 10 - 11 AM)



- Lesson #1 : Friday, April 17**
in Kamler Hall (cafeteria)
- Lesson #2 : Friday, April 24**
in the Parish Hall/Gym
- Lesson #3 : Friday, May 1**
in the Parish Hall/Gym
- Lesson #4 : Friday, May 8**
in the Parish Hall/Gym

No Fee or Partner Required!

**Taught by Sal & Janice Di Maria
and Frank Melonas**