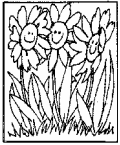


OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual .....	118,992.69
Weekly Budget .....	28,846.15
Offertory -- 7-27-08 .....	22,253.00
 Parish Debt (as of 7-17-08) .....	241,566.35
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged .....	3,117,479.71
Received .....	1,384,992.34

In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, *shared*, will always be more than enough.

TRIBUTES



The flowers on the Main Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Ehrhardt father of Katherine Ehrhardt in celebration of her marriage to Danny Traub this weekend.



Congratulations to Dolores and Timothy Brown on their 50th wedding anniversary. (August 2.)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the families of Dolores Adams and Eugene Johnson (brother-in-law of Lois Barnett). May their souls rest in peace.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

The next movie night will be on Wednesday, August 13 from 7:30 to 9:45 PM in the Choir Room of the Rowland Education Building. We will provide plenty of popcorn and drinks. Feel free to bring your own chair.

WELCOME SUNDAY

All are invited to our Community Welcome Sunday, August 10. We will have refreshments after the 8:15, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM Masses. Please join us in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building to visit with old friends and meet new parishioners.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

July 11 to August 8

Mon - Thurs: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 1:30 - 4:30 PM  
Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Providence: Pat Zimmerman

Baptist: Austin Hughes, Jr., Hugh Fenzel, James C. Bryant



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parish Friends,

We are counting down the days until the start of school. New teachers will begin meeting on August 13, and the rest of our faculty will join them on August 14 for in-services. The students come back on August 20.

This week marks our last week of summer office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will be closed Friday, August 8. On August 11, the offices will be open from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday-Friday.

Parents, please encourage your children to finish their summer reading and to complete their Summer Bridge Activities! Let's start the school year on the right foot—prepared and enthusiastic for what is to come! Have a blessed week!

FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for Saint Joseph's Fall soccer teams is now underway. We will form teams for parish boys and girls ages 4 through 11 (as of August 1) in the YMCA - CUFC recreational league. Applications and information are available at the church and school offices and online at:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth\_athletics.html

You may also register online at:

columbiaymca.org/branches/downtown/sports.html.

It is very important that you note on your application that you wish to be on a Saint Joseph team; be as specific as possible. The deadline for registration is August 25; late registrations will be assessed an additional \$20 fee.

Due to the YMCA's partnership with CUFC, there will be a number of changes in the way teams are put together. Please note the FAQ documents available on the websites. For information, please contact Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

I Care I Share Sunday is this week. There is a great need for canned fruit, non-perishable fruit juices, rice, cold cereal, canned vegetables or any other food items. As always, thank you for your support and generosity.

NURSERY NEWS... COMING SOON...

The nursery will reopen August 24 for children ages 0-3 at the 8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses. Check upcoming bulletins for the new location.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Registration is now open for our 2008-09 Religious Education Program. The fees are \$50 per child, or \$150 per family.

**Parents** will have an opportunity to register their children for our Religious Education program **on Sunday, August 10** following all morning Masses. You may download the form from the parish website at:

[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious\\_education.html](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious_education.html)

or stop by the parish office.

**Parents of last year's 8 grade CCD program are asked to return their child's textbooks, if they have not already done so.** The books will be used for this year's 8 grade program.

**RCIA CLASSES**

**Everything you always wanted to know about the Catholic Church, but were afraid to ask:** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the means of inquiry into the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in learning more about the Church in a friendly, informal environment, or if you are considering becoming a Catholic, plan to attend the RCIA Inquiry Classes beginning **Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 PM** in the Rowland Education Building, Room C. There is no obligation – only an opportunity to learn. For more information, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906.

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be Friday, August 15. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM. Please note there will **not** be a Vigil Mass on Thursday evening.

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS**

**In July 2008 we welcomed the following new members into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

- Christopher Jack Majchrzak**
- Alexandra Michelle Goodwin**
- Beatrice Pia Marie Hawthorne**
- Tania Sofia Puente**

**Also in July 2008 the following couples were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:**

- Susanne Marie Harris & Michael George Verzwyvelt**
- Corrine Lyn Pfrommer & John Matthew Ritchie**
- Ashley Taylor Horne & Matthew Stephen Williams**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 3**

- 8:15 AM Mr. Robert Collins, Sr. +**
- 10:30 AM Mr. Thomas Monahan +**
- 12:15 PM Dr. Robespierre Tumbokon +**
- 5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph**

**Monday, August 4**

- 7:30 AM Rosary**

**Tuesday, August 5**

- 7:30 AM Mr. Joe Caiolo +**
- 5:30 PM Fr. Lee A. Selzer +**

**Wednesday, August 6**

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Rosemary Havenner Pittman +**

**Thursday, August 7**

- 7:30 AM Mr. Barbara Kalb (I)**

**Friday, August 8**

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Carmen E. Novellas +**

**Saturday, August 9**

- 5:30 PM Mrs. Ana McLaughlin (I)**

**Sunday, August 10**

- 8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph**
- 10:30 AM Joshua & Madeline Rushman (I)**
- 12:15 PM Mr. Matthew Thomas +**
- 5:30 PM Mr. W. James Dixon +**

**NOTES FROM THE PASTOR**

**Please come early enough for Mass** in order to spiritually and prayerfully prepare yourself and your family. This will also give you ample time to visit the restrooms and avoid unnecessary distractions during Mass. Please maintain the reverence and dignity of the Mass.

Also, the amount of **noise and conversation** before and after Mass has become a distraction to those who wish to spend time in prayerful thanksgiving. Please reserve loud conversation for the outside of the church.

**SENIOR LIFE**

**Biltmore at Christmas - December 9 to 11**

\$260 pp. double occupancy

Biltmore Estates ~ Harrah's Cherokee Casino ~ Tour of Asheville ~ Folk Art Center ~ St. Lawrence Basilica; includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, snacks on the bus, all gratuities and transportation.

A \$75 deposit is due by August 7 and final payment is due October 3. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Senior Life Ministry and send to: Mary Anne Hess, 1923 Stanley Street, Columbia, 29204. For more information or reservations, please call Mary Anne Hess at 787-5211.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (VIRTUS) TRAINING CLASSES

St. Joseph will offer VIRTUS training on:  
Tuesday, August 12, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM  
Choir Room (Room D) Rowland Education Building

Participants must register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Please contact John Waters at 540-1920 for more information or help with registration.

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Speaking on reconciliation, Fr. Bill Casey, Superior General of the Fathers of Mercy, reminds us that confession, "the forgotten Sacrament," is the ordinary means for the forgiveness of mortal sins after baptism and a veritable treasury of graces and spiritual strength for us in our daily struggles against temptation and sin. Discover how this Sacrament can transform your life if you allow it!


## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Robert Boni, General Agent, at (843) 824-5632.

## ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Give the "Gift of Life." The Annual Parish Blood Drive, sponsored by St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday, September 21. For those of you who are regular donors, please remember that you must wait 56 days between donations. If you would like to contribute to our blood drive, you must not donate at any other location after July 26. Please mark your calendars and help make this year's blood drive the most successful one yet. For more information, please contact Bernie Chapman at 865-1651, or e-mail: [berchapman@bellsouth.net](mailto:berchapman@bellsouth.net)

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

 The St. Gianna Respect Life Guild will be having a business meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 4 in the St. Francis de Sales House. Anyone interested in promoting respect for all human life from conception to natural death is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus. For more information call John Staab at 736-4131 or to join our e-mail tree, send an e-mail to: [info@stgiannaguild.org](mailto:info@stgiannaguild.org), or visit us online at [www.stgiannaguild.org](http://www.stgiannaguild.org).

## BOOK DRIVE

The Catholic Charities Office of the Diocese of Charleston is holding its first ever summer book drive to benefit Prison Ministry in our Diocese. If you have any used books, please consider donating them to this very worthy cause. Please drop off all your hard and soft cover books at Catholic Charities located at 1529 Assembly Street, phone 254-9776.

## LIKE LISTENING TO MUSIC?

Please join us for an afternoon of wonderful classical music sung by baritone Wesley Brax. Former member of the St. Joseph's Adult choir, Wesley now attends Florida State University and is a sophomore vocal performance major. This recital will be held in St. Joseph Church on Sunday, August 10 at 3:00 PM. Please support this member of our parish family with your attendance.

## ST. JOSEPH K of C COUNCIL NEWS AUGUST CALENDAR

- 7 Regular Business meeting, First Degree, Parish House, 7:30 PM
- 12 156th birthday, Fr. Michael J. McGivney
- 17 Family Corporate Communion, 8:15 AM Mass, breakfast at Lizards Thicket follows
- 21 Family Night, covered dish, Surge with Service presentation, Parish House, 7:00 PM

For more information, call Sam Kopack 783-4056

## THE YEAR OF St. PAUL

Pope Benedict has declared June 2008 - June 2009 as "the Year of St. Paul," in celebration of the 2000 anniversary of the saint's birth. "This 'Pauline Year' will take place in a special way in Rome, where for 2,000 years under the papal altar of this basilica, lies the tomb that according to experts and undisputed tradition has conserved the remains of the apostle Paul." In Rome a series of liturgical, cultural, and ecumenical events as well as various pastoral and social initiatives will be celebrated, all of them inspired by Pauline spirituality. "Also, in every part of the world, similar initiatives will be organized in dioceses, sanctuaries and places of prayer by religious institutions, institutions of study and assistance, which carry the name of St. Paul or which have been inspired by him and his teaching." Benedict XVI explained that this year must have an important ecumenical dimension. "The Apostle of the Gentiles, who dedicated himself to spreading of the good news to all peoples, spent himself for the unity and harmony of all Christians," the Pope said. "May he guide us and protect us in this bimillenary celebration," he added, "helping us to advance in the humble and sincere search for the full unity of all the members of the mystical body of Christ."



## **THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CRIER**

**July/August 2008**

We continue to receive many phone calls requesting emergency financial assistance, grocery/gasoline gift cards, clothing, toiletries, and household items. Currently, we are in need of the following items:

- grocery/gas gifts cards (any dollar amount)
- men's white socks
- men's underwear
- women's underwear (especially larger sizes)
- deodorant (men and women)
- laundry detergent
- dish detergent
- toilet paper
- *seasonal, gently used* clothing for men, women, children

Donations can be dropped off at our office located at 1529 Assembly Street (M-F 9-3 pm). Monetary donations or gift cards can be mailed to PO Box 7245, Columbia, SC 29202. For other ways to support Catholic Charities, visit the new website: [www.supportcatholiccharities.org](http://www.supportcatholiccharities.org).

If you wish to donate books, Catholic Charities is currently having a summer book drive to help support prison ministry in our Diocese. The collected books will be sent to the newly opened Dismas Thrift Store which is run by the Catholic Charities Lowcountry office in Beaufort. Books can be dropped off at our Midlands office (M-F 9-3 pm).

Thank you so much for partnering with us as we carry out the mission of Catholic Charities and provide for those in need. We would not be able to carry out our mission without your prayers and generosity!

*"Lord, take me where You want me to go, let me meet who You want me to meet,  
tell me what You want me to say, and keep me out of Your way."  
(Father Mychal Judge, O.F.M)*

**God Bless!**

*Mary T. Gohean – Regional Coordinator  
Joyce Hall – Secretary  
Cathy Hood-Pittenger – Client Advocate*