

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	151,957.66
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 8-03-08	32,964.97
 Parish Debt (as of 7-17-08)	 241,566.35
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged	3,117,479.71
Received	1,389,243.34

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

TRIBUTES



The flowers on the Main Altar are in loving-memory of Father Lee Selzer on the first anniversary of his death.



The Tabernacle Vigil Candle (August 10 to August 23) is in loving memory of Father Lee A. Selzer.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

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

PREPARING FOR FUNERAL MASSES

To help relieve some of the burden from your family, and to assure that your wishes will be honored, funeral pre-need forms are available in the office. If you would like to begin to make plans for your Wake, Mass of Christian Burial and Committal, you may pick up a packet from the office. Included in this packet are scripture readings and music suggestions. For assistance in planning, please make an appointment with Fr. Harris.

We now have a booklet available outlining the Guidelines for Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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. Please contact John Waters at 540-1920 for more information or help with registration.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Baptist: James C. Bryan, Josephine Hughes, Betty Bergin

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parish Friends,

Saint Joseph Catholic School offers a fantastic education for students in grades K4-6. Our school day begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. After 3:00 PM we offer extended care for all students until 6:00 PM. The Extended Care program is a well-supervised period of time where students in the older grades can work on homework and the younger children can play in the playground, listen to stories and do art activities until their parents come to pick them up.

For over thirteen years, our Extended Care Program has been very ably managed by Ms. Penny Calcina. Unfortunately for us, Penny has decided to move on to pursue other endeavors. We will certainly miss her expertise, her calm demeanor and her loving care of our children.

If you or someone you know is interested in working part time (2:30 to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday; and some half-days and full-day in-services) as manager of or our Extended Care Program, please contact Mrs. Rose Tindall (Principal) at 254-6736 ext. 11 to discuss the required qualifications and responsibilities.

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.

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.

August 10, 2008

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SIGN-UP SUNDAY is TODAY! Parents will have an opportunity to register their children for our Religious Education program following all morning Masses in the Parish Hall/Gym. You may also register by downloading the form from the parish website at:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious_education.html

or stop by the parish office.

We are in need of a few catechists for a few grades. Please prayerfully consider donating your time to the children of our parish. For more information, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906.

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

All new and returning catechists should plan to attend the Catechists' Workshop on Saturday, August 23 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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.

ADULTS SEEKING CONFIRMATION

If you are a post-high school adult who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you should plan to attend the RCIA classes which begin on August 19 at 7:00 PM in the Rowland Education Building, Room C. For more information, or to pre-register, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 +

Monday, August 11

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, August 12

7:30 AM The end to abortion
5:30 PM Harriet & Norbert Josten +

Wednesday, August 13

7:30 AM Fr. Lee A. Selzer +

Thursday, August 14

7:30 AM Dr. Richard Kahaly +

Friday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM Mrs. Maria Alvarez +
12:15 PM Mrs. Virginia G. Bachem +
6:00 PM Mrs. Jessie Bultman +

Saturday, August 16

5:30 PM Msgr. Charles H. Rowland (I)

Sunday, August 17

8:15 AM Mr. Manito Testa +
10:30 AM Mr. Jerome Tiemann, Sr. +
12:15 PM Msr. Mary Ellen Wier +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Many thanks to those who donated to the I Care, I Share last weekend. Thanks to your generosity, we collected over 125 pounds of rice, 60 boxes of cereal, 550 canned goods, 25 bottles of juice, and over a hundred other items. Due to cutbacks at food banks we have been running short of many of these items. Your donations will help greatly in our efforts to feed approximately 170 individuals and families each month.

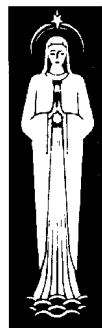
SENIOR LIFE

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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Friday, August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

No Vigil Mass

Holy Day: 7:30 AM, 12:15 & 6:00 PM

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED**
on Friday, August 15.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CHURCH BELIEFS - JESSE ROMERO

Former kickboxing champion and retired police officer, Jesse Romero presents core Catholic beliefs and explains how the power and truth of the Catholic Faith lie within God's Word rooted in the "tripod of truth:" Scripture, Tradition, and the Church's Magisterial Teachings. In his own infectious style, he helps us strengthen our faith and equips us to share it with others.

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.

THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON ROME PILGRIMAGE

A small number of spaces remain for the 24th annual Diocese of Charleston Rome pilgrimage, led by Msgr. Joseph Roth. The pilgrimage, which is scheduled for February 9-20, 2009, includes a papal audience, a private tour of the Sistine Chapel, Holy Mass at the four basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Peter, a visit to the grave of St. Peter, and trips to Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Pompeii. Accommodations are at a deluxe, American-style hotel. Travel in Italy is by private motor coach. Pilgrims will also visit the North American College and meet our diocesan seminarians.

Cost, which includes airfare, hotel, guides, taxes, entrance and travel fees, and many of the meals, is \$3,486 per person based on double occupancy. Only a handful of seats remain! For details or to reserve your spot contact Cathy Roche at (843) 958-2154 or croche@catholic-doc.org.

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 have donated 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.

SINGLE/SINGLE AGAIN SENIOR SOCIAL

The monthly meeting of the Single/Single Again Seniors will be held Sunday, August 17 at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall of St. John Neumann Church. The menu is salad and desserts. Please call Faye Hay, 788-7354, regarding what to bring. We welcome all Single/Single Again Seniors to this social and encourage you to bring a friend.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY USC FOOTBALL CONCESSIONS

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #12554 works a concession stand at USC Football Games. Proceeds benefit the charitable work of the Knights at St. Joseph including support of our school, our seminarians and our building campaign. A minimum of 8 volunteers are needed to operate one concession stand and two side drink stands. We sell food and drinks - not alcohol. The time commitment is 3 hours before the game, the game itself, plus 1-2 hours after the game. It is a lot of work, but there is fun and fellowship, too. Plus, you do get to see some of the games! Volunteers meet at the St. Francis de Sales House 3 1/2 hours before the game to carpool. Free work passes are provided. **For more information or to volunteer**, please contact Rick Coker, 466-2050 or Lester Johnson, 755-2736. The first USC home game is against NC State on **Thursday, August 28 at 7:45 PM**. Remaining home games are on: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 1 & 8.

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."