

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual .....	178,022.77
Weekly Budget .....	28,846.15
Offertory -- 8-10-08 .....	26,065.11
Diocesan Land Acquisition Appeal .....	1,210.64
Pride in our Past, Faith in our Future ...	14,375.50
 Parish Debt (as of 7-17-08) .....	241,566.35
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged .....	3,117,479.71
Received .....	1,403,928.84

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?  
See Romans 11:29

TRIBUTES



The Bread and Wine are offered at 7:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, August 20 in loving memory of Dr. Leon Khoury, Sr.

ST. JOSEPH SENIOR LIFE NEWS

You don't have to be a Senior to enjoy these activities:

**Big Band Music and Spaghetti Dinner** on Friday, September 12 from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. Make plans for another enjoyable evening.

**Parish Retreat at Kanuga, NC** - October 1 to 3. More information to come later.

**Bus Trip at Christmas to Biltmore is full.**

**St. Joseph Senior Life Board** has many activities planned throughout the year. On Mondays the day is filled with **Bridge Classes** 10:00 AM to Noon and **Bridge** for those who just enjoy playing from 12:30 to 3:00 PM. To register, please call Vera Roukas at 782-2466.

**Line Dancing on Monday** from 11:00 AM - noon in the Pastoral Life Center, lower level is an enjoyable way to get your exercise. Our instructor is Carolyn Bell and the cost is \$1.00.

**Respite Care** is available every Thursday 10:00 AM to 1:45 PM. We provide caregivers a period of relief from their responsibilities by providing a safe and stimulating environment for adults in their care. We meet in the St. Francis de Sales House and provide socialization and activities. Sr. Andrea and a group of trained, happy volunteers supervise.

**Mah Jongg on Friday 10:00 AM to noon.** If you are familiar with the game or if you would like to learn how to play, you are most welcome to join the groups at St. Francis de Sales House.

For more information on any activities please, call Sister Julienne Guy at 540-1901.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

**Baptist:** James C. Bryan, Frankie Naccash  
**Richland:** Betty Bergin



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parish Friends,

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We are so excited to see the bright and shining faces of our 298 students on Wednesday, August 20. We begin with three days of noon dismissals. Our first full school day is Monday, August 25.

We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new Manager of Extended Care: Mrs. Laura Lenski. Mrs. Lenski is a parishioner and the mother of three boys who attend our school.

We are looking for a few workers for our Extended Care Program (2:30 to 6:00 PM Monday-Friday). If you are interested in working with our wonderful faculty, staff and students, please contact Rose Tindall at 254-6736 ext. 11.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

**School Begins on Wednesday, August 20.** Please avoid parking in front of the church (Devine Street) between the hours of 7:00 to 8:00 AM and 2:00 to 3:00 PM due to the school car pool line.

**Cry Room** - Please be conscious of the limited space when taking children into the cry room. There are more adults, teenagers and entire families using the room than there are small children. Only ONE adult per child should be in the room. Thank you.

FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall Soccer is underway. Applications are available in the Church and at the Parish and School offices. The deadline for registration is August 25 and there is a \$20 fee for late registration. There will be a number of changes in the way teams are formed this season due to the YMCA's merger with The Columbia United Football Club, so please get your registration in early.

Further information is available online at:

[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth\\_athletics.html](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth_athletics.html)  
or by calling Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908.

NURSERY NEWS

St. Joseph's will be offering a complementary nursery service during the 8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses in the 4K classroom starting on Sunday, September 7. For more information, or if you wish to volunteer your services, please contact Katie Mikos at 617-9187 or Julie Stensland at 783-5926.

August 17, 2008

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes begin on Wednesday, September 3. The fees are \$50 per child, or \$150 per family. You may register by downloading 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.

**We are in need of a few catechists.** 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.

“Where they see the Blood of the Lord, demons flee while angels gather.”

St. John Chrysostom (347-407AD) on the Blood of Christ

## HOSPITAL CALLS

If you find yourself or a loved one as a patient in a hospital and are in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the office as soon as possible. Please do not wait until your loved one is in critical condition. There can be unavoidable delays in a priest getting to the hospital immediately.

Also, if you plan on entering the hospital for a particular procedure, you may receive the Sacrament of Anointing before you are admitted by making contact with the office.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 17

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

### Monday, August 18

7:30 AM Rosary

### Tuesday, August 19

7:30 AM Mr. Robert Collins, Sr. +  
5:30 PM Mr. William Killoy +

### Wednesday, August 20

7:30 AM Dr. Leon Khoury, Sr. +

### Thursday, August 21

7:30 AM Mr. Timothy Taylor (I)

### Friday, August 22

7:30 AM Rev. Timothy Tebalt (I)  
8:15 AM Students, Teachers & Staff of St. Joseph School

### Saturday, August 23

5:30 PM Bernice Elias & Cass McCarter +

### Sunday, August 24

8:15 AM Fr. Lee A. Selzer +  
10:30 AM Mrs. Virginia Bachem +  
12:15 PM Mr. Ghassan Sami Touma +  
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

## DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The Music Ministry of St. Joseph Church invites you to share the joy of praising God with your voice and spirit! Adult choirs sing at the 8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses. We also have three children/youth choirs for Grades 1 through High School. Rehearsals for all choirs begin the first week in September. The 10:30 Choir is especially in need of Tenors who can read music. Please consider sharing your time and talent with God and your parish.

Please call Janet Marks at 782-3074 for information on the 8:15 AM Choir or Teresa Riley at 540-1912 (as soon as possible) if interested in the 10:30 or children/youth choirs!

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Don't forget the Rosary Prayer Vigil held every Saturday at 10 AM near Planned Parenthood, 2712 Middleburg Drive. This Vigil is held every week with the intent of ending abortion and all assault on human life. For more information call John at 736-4131 or visit the St. Gianna Guild website at: [www.stgiannaguild.org](http://www.stgiannaguild.org)

## CUB SCOUTING IS FUN

St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 100 will have it's annual **School Night for Scouting** on **Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 PM** in the **Parish Hall/Gym**. All Boys in first through fifth grade are invited to join! Cub Scouts learn about themselves, their family, community, world and faith. They also learn about the outdoors and develop valuable skills and new interests. But most of all, they have **FUN!** Please call Carolyn Wagner, Cubmaster, for more information: 788-7492.

## BOY SCOUTS

St. Joseph Church has sponsored Boy Scout Troop 100 since 1948! The Boy Scout program is for boys ages 11-18 and provides opportunities for fun and learning as well as excellent leadership training. Troop 100 has an active outdoor program with 9-10 camping opportunities each year. The Troop meets on **Monday nights at 7:00 PM** in the Hall/Gym. For more information, contact Dan Wagner at 254-7646 ext. 22.

## VENTURE CREW 100

Venture crew is an outdoor high adventure program for young men and women aged 14 to 21. Our crew resumes regular meetings this month, with an **Open House from 8:00 to 9:00 PM on August 26** in the Parish House - pizza will be served. For more information, contact crew president, John Cuenin, jrcuenin@gmail.com, or adult advisor JD Donley jdonley@gmail.com. Come and join us for a great High Adventure Program!

## 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.

## 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. The 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.

## 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.

## SC IRISH MEMORIAL MASS & DEDICATION CEREMONY

**Date:** Saturday, September 6

**Mass:** St. Peters Church on Assembly, 9:00 AM

**Graveside Ceremony:** St. Peter's Cemetery, 10:00 AM

**Memorial Dedication:** Riverfront Park, 11:00 AM

Keynote speaker will be Mr. Niall Burgess, Irish Consul General to the United States. Immediately following the dedication there will be live Irish music and dancing on the stage in Riverfront Park. For more information go to [www.stcolumba-aoh.org](http://www.stcolumba-aoh.org).

## THE YEAR OF St. PAUL

**St. Paul** was born a Roman citizen in Tarsus, a city in present day Turkey between A.D. 7 and 10. He was a well educated Pharisee. After his conversion on the road to Damascus, he became one of the church's foremost evangelizers, first among Jews, then among Gentiles. He died by beheading in Rome in 67 A.D. by the order of Emperor Nero.

Tradition holds that he is buried in the site where the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls stands today in Rome.

In his lifetime, Paul was busy for God. "One of the most imaginative, eloquent and passionate Christian writers, Paul was imprisoned, shipwrecked, beaten, flogged, stoned, banished and finally martyred for his faith." (Catholic News Service, OSV's "Encyclopedia of Catholic Saints") Paul wrote 14 letters which can be found in the New Testament. They include letters to Romans, Corinthians (2), Galatians, Ephesians, Philipians, Colossians, Thessalonians (2), Timothy (2), Titus, Philemon and Hebrews.

# SISTERCARE COLLECTION

**August 23 & 24**

*Sistercare is a program of services for battered women and their children residing in Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry and Richland counties in South Carolina.*

The items listed below may be brought to and placed in the collection boxes located in the narthex of the Church the weekend of August 23 & 24.

## **Items Most Needed**

Baby bath products	Diapers	Sheets (twin & double)
Baby food	Hair relaxers	Toilet paper
Baby wipes	Paper towels	Trash bags (extra large)
Cleaning agents (Ajax, etc.)	Pillows	Washing detergent

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## **Other Items Needed**

Alarm clocks	Diaries	Pillowcases
Baseball (balls, bats, gloves)	Dish sets	Plastic cups & eating utensils
Basketballs	DVDs	Pots & pans
Bath towels	Ethnic dolls	School supplies
Bookbags	Flatware	Shower curtains
Calculators	Footballs	Slippers
Calendar organizers	Glassware	Soccer balls
Cameras - Disposable	Hair care products	Socks (dressy & casual)
Car seats	Hanging mirrors	Sofa pillows and throws
Cell phones	Hanging pictures	Strollers (Inexpensive)
Children's socks	Ironing boards	Tablecloths
Children's T-shirts	Irons	Toasters
Coats	Journals	Umbrellas
Coffee makers	Laundry baskets	Undergarments (new)
Cookware	Light bulbs	Vehicles (used & running)
Cosmetics	Mops	Wash cloths
Curtains	Nonperishable food	Water hoses

Donations are for women and children of all ages, races and sizes.

Monetary donations are always needed and welcomed.

Sistercare is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3), tax-exempt United Way partner agency.  
Donations to Sistercare, Inc. are tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

# Pregnant . . . and need help?

## DO YOU NEED HELP?

- You are pregnant — and your first thought is — “No — not me — oh please, — not me!”
- You are scared... resentful... angry.
- Your whole world is changing and you don't want to face it. Not now — not yet.
- You want yesterday again.
- Who will listen and really understand how upset you are? BIRTHRIGHT!

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

- How can I be sure I am pregnant?
- How should I tell my family?
- Can I continue in school?... keep my job?
- Where can I obtain good medical care?
- What about finances?
- Can I keep my baby?
- Is marriage the solution?
- Where can I live until my baby is born?

## HOW DO WE HELP YOU?

- Anonymous pregnancy test
  - Education guidance
  - Shelter home
  - Community resource information
  - Maternity clothes/layettes
  - Medical care
  - Legal advice
  - Help with job placement
  - Referral for professional counseling
  - Adoption information
- ...and other ways depending on your particular circumstances. We help you to think about your future and that of your baby and give you as much or as little assistance as you need or desire. Birthright cares about you. We know you are facing perhaps the greatest personal crises of your life. You don't have to face it alone.

## TRUST US

Don't be pressured into an abortion by your friends, family or doctor. Birthright offers the alternative to abortion. Birthright is staffed by trained volunteers and operates on financial donations from individuals and organizations. Birthright is independent; non-political, non-sectarian and prepared to help you whether you are single or married, regardless of age, race or religion. Our help is free and confidential. Give life a chance and we'll help you every step of the way.

# BIRTHRIGHT

## BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBIA

*A non-profit organization staffed solely by volunteers who are dedicated to offering women a chance to give birth with dignity and pride.*

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BIRTHRIGHT?

Please return to: Birthright of Columbia, 2318 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205 • 803.765.0165

## WOULD YOU HELP BY:

- Being an office volunteer?
- Inviting a Birthright speaker to your church, group or organization?
- Hosting a baby shower?
- Donating clothes or health care items?
- Making a monetary donation to help cover the cost of pregnancy tests, medical care and/or advertising in the yellow pages?

I support your wonderful work and would like to help financially by enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE