

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual .....	204,782.42
Weekly Budget .....	28,846.15
Offertory -- 8-17-08 .....	26,759.65
Holy Day: The Assumption .....	3,388.58
Parish Debt (as of 7-17-08) .....	241,566.35
<b>“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”</b>	
Pledged .....	3,117,479.71
Received .....	1,411,249.34

*In today’s reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans — and us — that all things come from God: “For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are.” Good stewards understand that **all** is a gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they’ve been blessed.*  
*See Romans 11:36*

TRIBUTES



**The Tabernacle Vigil Candle** (August 24 to September 6) is in loving memory of Dr. Leon Khoury, Sr. and is given by his wife.

WHEELS FOR MASS



The Capital Senior Center coordinates **5 Points Wheels**, a bus project that St. Joseph Senior Life Ministry helped launch and sponsors. A bus is available to provide transportation for residents of the Five Points Area

to the Mass at 5:30 PM on Saturday. We would like to know how many parishioners would make use of a free ride to the Saturday Vigil Mass. (If use of the bus is successful for the Vigil Mass, we may also be able to offer transportation for the 12:15 PM Sunday Mass in the future.)

If you or someone you know can use a ride to the Saturday Vigil Mass, please contact Sr. Julienne Guy at 540-1902. Additional drivers are also needed. If you would like information on becoming a volunteer driver for 5 Points Wheels, please contact Lester Johnson at 755-2736.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The St. Gianna Respect Life Guild will have their monthly business meeting on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 PM in the St. Francis de Sales House. The meeting will be a week later than normal due to the Labor Day holiday. The agenda will include Wayne Cockfield’s talk on October 29 and the Monument for the Unborn proposal. For more information call John at 736-4131, e-mail to: info@stgiannaguild.org, or visit: www.stgiannaguild.org.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*

**Richland:** Betty Bergin  
**Baptist:** James C. Bryan  
**National Health Care:** Dot Johnson

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parish Friends,

We had a wonderful first week of school! We now have 303 students! This is the first time in 4 years that enrollment at the school has broken the 300 mark. We are thrilled but we still have room for more! So, if you are still considering St. Joseph School, please call the office at 254-6736 for information. Although school has begun, we will do everything we can to welcome your children and get them “up to speed.” The joy and enthusiasm in the hallways is palpable. St. Joseph School is truly a wonderful place!

Our schedule this week:

Mon. - Fri. Full days of school 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
*Please remember: do not park in front of the church 7:30 - 8:30 AM and 2:30 - 3:30 PM — car pool line.*

Fri., Aug. 29 8:15 AM Mass.  
*Please come to join the children at Mass.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Would you like to learn more about the Society? The monthly conference meeting will be this Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. All are invited to attend.

The second collection next weekend - August 30 & 31 will be used to help the needy with food and emergency money for utilities. On behalf of those served, the members of the Society thank all the parishioners of St. Joseph for their continued generosity.

RIDE TO CHURCH NEEDED

If you live in West Columbia and attend either the Saturday Vigil, Sunday 10:30 or 12:15 Mass, would you please consider giving a resident at Still Hopes a ride to Mass? Please contact Mary Kay Rushman at 254-7646 ext. 14 if you are able to help.

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.

## 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.

**Parents are reminded that preparation for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation is a 2-year process.** Therefore, attendance in both 1st and 7th grade Religious Education classes is a required component of sacramental preparation.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

If you want to vote absentee, please contact Richland County Voter Registration at 576-2240 and ask for an application which will be mailed to you. Return the completed application and an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. Ballots must be returned by November 4 - Election Day. The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming election is October 4. For more information, please contact Elaine Roberson at 787-4360.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### 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

### Monday, August 25

7:30 AM Rosary

### Tuesday, August 26

7:30 AM Mrs. Carmen E. Novellas +  
5:30 PM Mrs. Sue Kurpiewski +

### Wednesday, August 27

7:30 AM Mrs. Maria Alvarez +

### Thursday, August 28

7:30 AM Hazel & Robert Thompson +

### Friday, August 29

7:30 AM Mr. Ray Greener (I)  
8:15 AM Mr. Robert O'Neil +

### Saturday, August 30

5:30 PM Simsie Thompkins & Virginia Paullings +

### Sunday, August 31

8:15 AM Mrs. Lillian Gray +  
10:30 AM Mrs. Margaret Ugnon Brinley +  
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph  
5:30 PM Mrs. Dolores Adams +

## PARISH DINNERS RESUME

All are invited to our Wednesday night dinners. A hot meal will be available from 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym beginning on September 3. The cost will be \$5.00 / adult, \$3.00 / child under 12 or \$12.00 / family.

## 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, **Tuesdays, 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 (see above.) For more information, or to pre-register, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906.



## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We extend a warm welcome  
to the newest parishioners of  
St. Joseph Church:

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Blew  
Miss Cindy Bumstead  
Mr. William Capuano  
Mr. & Mr. Parker Connor  
Mr. & Mrs. Jordi Fernandez  
Mr. & Dr. Brandan Finn  
Miss Jacklan Fitzwater  
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Ferguson  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Halasz  
Miss Stephanie Hedrick  
Miss Sarah Jackson  
Ms. Elizabeth Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McHugh  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McNally  
Mrs. Kim Nguyen & Mr. Tam Huynh  
Mr. & Mrs. Hal Ray  
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Schwedes  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Smyth, Sr.  
Miss Kelly Wells  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Preston Wendell  
Ms. Judith Wilmot

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Mass begins on time. Lateness to Mass continues to be a problem, especially for daily Mass. 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

St. Joseph School is seeking a part-time bookkeeper to handle all facets of general accounting duties and to administer the employee benefit programs. Position requires experience with Peachtree accounting software and superior organizational skills. Flexible day-time working hours are available averaging 20-25 hours per week.

If interested, please submit a complete resume detailing work experience and references to: Search Committee, c/o St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3512 Devine St., Columbia SC 29205.

## COLUMBIA

### YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Come meet for drinks and discussion on September 10, from 6 to 8 PM at Delaney's Pub on Saluda Avenue in Five Points. This month's topic will be "*Imbibing the Spirit with the Charismatic Movement.*" This group will be exclusively run by, and for, young adults from ages 21 to 35. ALL priests and religious are welcome regardless of age! Come join us! Please see our blog for upcoming events, discussion topics, and more!

[www.imbibingthespirit.blogspot.com](http://www.imbibingthespirit.blogspot.com)



### FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is Monday, August 25 and there is a \$20 fee for late registration. 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.

### 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](mailto:jrcuenin@gmail.com), or adult advisor JD Donley [jdonley@gmail.com](mailto:jdonley@gmail.com). Come and join us for a great High Adventure Program!



ALL ARE INVITED  
COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF  
**BIG BAND MUSIC**  
AND A SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Joseph Senior Life Ministry presents:

**Bob Knox**  
& the Blue Serenade Orchestra

Friday, September 12  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Hall/Gym

**Serving for Dinner Begins at 5:30 PM**



*Cost: \$10.*

*Proceeds to help finance transportation  
for seniors through "5 Points Wheels."*

Please return form with payment of \$10 per person by September 8.

Make checks payable to "St. Joseph Senior Life"

For more information, please contact Sr. Julienne Guy at 540-1901.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Joseph Senior Life • 3512 Devine St. • Columbia, SC 29205

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS - 2008-09



This year we will be offering the following adult seminars on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:30 pm beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending one of these classes, please complete the form and return it with a \$15 donation for books and materials to the Pastoral Life Center by September 8<sup>th</sup>. For information or to register by phone, please call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or email [stjoedre@aol.com](mailto:stjoedre@aol.com)

**GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE: Dr. Joe McCabe**

*6 Sessions beginning on September 10*

This program provides married or engaged couples an opportunity for understanding God's glorious plan for marriage and human sexuality. If you are married, or planning to marry some day, you NEED this program.

**Location:** Parish Life Center, Lower Level

**WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE: STUDY OF THE CREED: Ron Evans**

*10 sessions beginning September 10*

We say the Creed every week at Mass, but do we really know what this means for our Catholic Faith? This class takes an in depth look at the Creed, and explores how the beliefs we profess at Mass should be lived out in our everyday lives.

**Location:** "Room C" First floor classroom of the Rowland Education Building.

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD: Malcolm and Gwen Skipper**

**10 sessions beginning September 10**

This course will consist of reading, discussing and analyzing the Sunday Mass readings for the week.

**Location:** Parish House (old rectory) near Adoration Chapel

**AN EVENING WITH WAYNE COCKFIELD**

**One session on October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pro-Life topic to be provided in September

**Location:** In the church

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ADULT EDUCATION REGISTRATION  
Fall 2008



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register for the following class(es):

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joy-Filled Marriage          | (Sept. 10 – Oct. 15)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study of the Creed           | (Sept. 10 – Nov. 19)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breaking Open the Word       | (Sept. 10 – Nov. 19)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening with Wayne Cockfield | (October 29) <b><u>NO FEE!</u></b> |

Please check one:

Enclosed is \$15 to register for any or all of these sessions.

I will bring the donation on the first night of class.

PLEASE RETURN form to the Pastoral Life Center or

Call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 to register.