

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	230,113.21
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 8-24-08	26,759.65
SisterCare	2,302.82

Parish Debt (as of 7-17-08) 241,566.35

“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”	
Pledged	3,117,479.71
Received	1,435,355.34

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

see Romans 12:1



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.

5 POINTS WHEELS

Wanted: Volunteers to drive our "5 Points Wheels" bus to pick up seniors and handicapped adults and bring them to the Saturday Vigil Mass (5:30 PM.) We need at least 3 more drivers to make this program workable - this would require a commitment of only one time per month. Please call Lester at 755-2736 for more information on volunteer drivers.

Those in need of a ride to the Saturday Vigil Mass - or who just want more information - are invited to contact Sr. Julienne Guy at 540-1901.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the families of **Milton Ardoin** and **Charles T. Nelson**. May their souls rest in peace.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (VIRTUS) TRAINING CLASSES

St. Joseph will offer VIRTUS training on:
 Tuesday, September 22, 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

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

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parish Friends,

We have completed our first full week of classes and are thankfully rewarded with a three-day weekend! We are biased, but we think that our students are the best and brightest. This has been a great beginning and we are looking forward to what is to come!

Please support the school by cutting box tops from food products with the Box Tops For Education™ logo. For each of these labels, the school will receive 10 cents! They can really add up if we all work together! There is a drop-off box in the main hallway of our school.

- Sept. 1 Labor Day -All School Facilities Closed
- Sept. 2 & 3 Children's Choir Practices Begin!
- Sept. 5 8:15 AM School Mass - First Friday
 (Exposition & Benediction follow the Mass)

Have a Blessed Week!

I CARE, I SHARE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's monthly "I Care, I Share" collection is next weekend (Sept. 6 & 7.) There is a great need for **canned vegetables** (other than green vegetables,) **canned fruit, peanut butter, and cereal / instant grits** or any other food items. Thank you for your support of the Parish's social outreach work.

REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN MASS

Saint Peter Church, 1529 Assembly St., will host the first "Remembering Our Children Mass" for the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life on **Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 AM**. Families and friends who have experienced the death of a child before or after birth are invited to attend. Losses may include abortion, accident, adoption loss, disease, illness, infertility complications, miscarriage, stillbirth, victim of war, violence or any other circumstance. A gathering with light refreshments will follow in the Negila Hall. Please contact the Family Life Office at 547-5063 or e-mail: famlifecor@earthlink.net if you have any questions.

LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 1

The Parish Office & Church will be **CLOSED**
 Monday, Sept. 1 in observation of Labor Day.
No 7:30 AM Rosary on Monday, Sept. 1.

August 31, 2008

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes begin **this 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

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.

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.

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 for dinners will be \$5.00 / adult, \$3.00 / child under 12 or \$12.00 / family. This week's menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, dessert and beverages.

BIRTHRIGHT of COLUMBIA

Birthright, a pro-life emergency pregnancy service staffed solely by volunteers **will begin training for office volunteers** - individuals who are willing to provide one-on-one assistance to girls and women who are faced with an unplanned or problem pregnancy.

The four part training session will begin on **Monday, September 29 at 6:00 PM** and will run three successive weeks at the Birthright office located at 2318 Devine St.

For more information, please call Sally or Hank Chardos at 781-7457

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 +

Monday, September 1

7:30 AM No Rosary

Tuesday, September 2

7:30 AM Mrs. Susan Kantra (I)
5:30 PM Mrs. Pam Greiner (I)

Wednesday, September 3

7:30 AM Mrs. Ruth Klas +

Thursday, September 4

7:30 AM Mr. Robert Collins, Sr. +

Friday, September 5 - First Friday

7:30 AM Rev. Howard Coughlin +
8:15 AM Mr. George Goodwin +

Saturday, September 6

5:30 PM Mr. David Clark +

Sunday, September 7

8:15 AM Anthony & Lena Sisario +
10:30 AM Mr. Jose Ramon Suarez +
12:15 PM Mrs. Elynor McClam +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

WOMEN'S SOCIETY - DAY GUILD

There will be no meeting of the Day Guild on September 2. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 AM in the St. Francis de Sales House.

HOME WORKS

For more information, on Home Works of America, please contact Hank Chardos 781-4536.

MISSION TRIP REPORT

Come join us Saturday, September 6 to see and hear about the **Home Works August mission trip to Zorritos, Peru**. Homes were built ... vitamins were distributed ... children and adults were fed ... hope was conveyed.

Saturday, September 6 at 6:30 PM, St. Peter Church, 1529 Assembly St.

ONE DAY BLITZ - OCTOBER 11

Teens and adults are needed to make repairs to the homes of the elderly and the disadvantaged in the Greater Columbia Area on Oct. 11. Repairs will be made to 35 homes! No skill level is required - your mere presence conveys hope!

Planning Meetings: Thursdays, Sept. 18 & 25, 6:30 PM, Benedict-Allen Community Development Center, 2001 Two Notch Rd. (pizza and soda served.)

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

- Sept. 4 Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Parish House
Sept. 18 Family Night, 7:00 PM Parish House,
Family Rosary for Peace, Covered Dish
Sept. 21 St Joseph K of C Sponsored Blood Drive,
Parish Hall/Gym 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For further information, please contact Sam Kopack, 783-4056 or e-mail: KSKopack@aol.com

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES 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. There are three home games in September: Sept. 13, 20, 27; remaining home games are on Oct. 18; Nov. 1 & 8.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY of AMERICA SECOND COLLECTION

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next weekend is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours.

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.

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.

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.



BIG BAND MUSIC & SPAGHETTI DINNER

All are invited to come and 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 finance transportation for seniors through 5 Points Wheels. Reservations are due by September 8. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Sr. Julienne Guy at 540-1901.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

Saturday, Sept. 13 we will sponsor a car wash from 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon in front of the school. All proceeds will benefit Birthright.

Sunday, Sept. 14 will be the start of our Fall season for Youth Group. We will gather in the Hall/Gym from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM.

Please call John at 238-6131 with any questions.