

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	683,292.74
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 12-21-08	33,062.72
Parish Debt (as of 12-1-08)	183,643.00

"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,715,817.84

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

See Colossians 3:17

TRIBUTES



The Tabernacle Vigil Candle (December 28 to January 10) is in honor of Pauline Meisner on her 99th birthday and is given by Hilde and Paul Meisner.

SENIOR LIFE NEWS

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Senior Mass and Luncheon on Monday, January 19 (Martin Luther King Holiday). Mass will be at 11:30 AM in the church, followed by luncheon in the Parish Hall/Gym. Our entertainment will be music by "The Front Page News," a quartet from the Main Street Harmonizers. We hope to see you there meeting old friends and making new ones.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We have a few extra directories. If you would like to purchase one, please see Mary Kay in the Church office. The cost is \$5.00 per directory.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Baptist: Peggy Hunt



SCHOOL NEWS

The students and teachers are enjoying a much-needed holiday. While we are out, our cleaning staff has been working diligently to clean the school. So, we want to especially thank at this time David Collins and his staff: Cory Tallent and Rick Johnson, for their wonderful work. We also thank Defender Services for keeping our school clean and sanitized. Please remember them in your prayers.

May God Bless you with a peaceful and prosperous New Year! The School will re-open on January 5.

SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION (MAJOR CHANGE)

There will be a major change in registration for the upcoming soccer season. There will be no paper registration forms and all registration will be done online. To register for a Saint Joseph team, please complete the online form at www.columbiaunitedfc.com, list your school as Saint Joseph, and indicate that you wish to be on the "school team." Also, be very specific in the request box as to team assignment (specific coach, friends, etc).

Teams are open to all Parish youth in the U5 thru U12 divisions. There are further instructions in the Youth Athletics section on our website, www.stjosephcolumbia.org.

The deadline for registration is February 2. Please contact Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908 or e-mail, coachwilkinson@sjcc.newsouth.net for further information.

Thank You
to the many, generous Parishioners
for your most thoughtful
cards, prayers and gifts this Christmas.

Fr. Richard D. Harris

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2009

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 6:00 PM
Holy Day Mass: Thursday, Jan. 1 at 10:00 AM
(no 7:30 AM Mass)

The Parish Office will be

CLOSED

January 1, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no Religious Education classes this week. Classes will resume following the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, January 7 at 6:15 PM.

PARISH DINNERS

There will be no Parish Dinner this week. Dinners will resume following the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, January 7 at 5:15 PM.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

There will be a Baptism Seminar on Sunday, January 11 for parents who are seeking to have their child(ren) baptized at St. Joseph. The Seminar will take place in the Parish Life Center, lower level at 1:30 PM. For more information call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjloedre@aol.com

“We can only believe if we want to.”

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430AD) on Faith

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

I Care I Share Sunday is next week. There is a great need for canned fruit, non-perishable fruit juices, rice, cereal, and canned vegetables.

NURSERY REMINDER

Two nurseries are provided, at no charge during the 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM Masses, staffed by trained professionals. Please take advantage. Also, there is a Cry Room available during all of the Masses.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Ms. Renée Baggett
Mr. & Mrs. Kristopher Basgall
Mr. & Mrs. William Cross
Ms. Kathy Degen
Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo Dominguez
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fixl
Ms. Rebecca Knotts
Mr. Arthur Lime, Jr.
Mrs. Terri McLaughlin-Sapp
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Pressler
Miss Carmelina Roche
Miss Marie Rumsey
Mr. & Mrs. Shane Skaggs
Mrs. Angela Whitmire
Miss Jennifer Whitmire
Miss Sylvia Woodlief

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 28

8:15 AM Mrs. Corina Lalinde +
10:30 AM Miss Kristina Ross (I)
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph
5:30 PM Mrs. Fadwa Aduata +

Monday, December 29

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, December 30

7:30 AM Miss Emma McLaughlin (I)
5:30 PM Mr. Bernard Herbkersman +

Wednesday, December 31

7:30 AM Mr. Clifford L. Myers +
6:00 PM Mrs. Jo-Ann Brooks (I)

Thursday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM Mr. Alex Wier +

Friday, January 2

7:30 AM Mr. Bob Crean +

Saturday, January 3

5:30 PM The Carlson family (I)

Sunday, January 4

8:15 AM Mr. David Clark +
10:30 AM Mrs. Olga Bonaurio +
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph
5:30 PM Mr. Clifford L. Myers +

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

Since 1858, **Cardinal Newman School**, located at 4701 Forest Drive in Columbia, has been a place where students become tomorrow's leaders. Cardinal Newman School offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum in the Catholic tradition for students in grades 7 through 12.

Our admissions process for the 2009-2010 school year has begun.

Prospective 8th – 12th grade students, please call for an application packet.

For prospective 7th grade students who currently attend a non-catholic school, placement testing will be held on

Saturday, January 10

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Please call to request an application packet and to reserve a seat for testing

Cardinal Newman School
4701 Forest Drive, Columbia, SC 29206
(803) 782-2814 ext. 11
www.cnhs.org

2008 PARISH GIVING TREE



Our 2008 Parish Giving Tree has been a huge success. **Over 300 children and teens from more than 100 families will have warm clothes, food, and gifts** this Christmas because of your generosity. The enthusiasm with which the Parish embraces this outreach project demonstrates that the true spirit of Christmas is very much alive at St. Joseph.

The success of this project is entirely due to the giving spirit and generosity of you, the Parishioners. We wish to thank the many, many people who took tags, generously bought gifts, and returned them on time. Many thanks, too, go to our legion of wrappers who gave of their time and talents as they spent much of last week beautifully wrapping and sorting gifts. Through the generosity of several anonymous donors, we were able to provide additional food and gifts and to make sure that every child received something fun as well as practical; for this too, we are very grateful.

Special thanks to John Waters, Mary Kay Rushman and Dan & Carolyn Wagner who organized the project, kept up with the lists and gifts, arranged the "Wrapping" House (former rectory,) kept in contact with the four agencies we assisted, shopped, and generally kept the project on track.

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL #12554 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- Jan. 9 Epiphany Mass with St. Joseph School, 8:45 AM
- Jan. 15 Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 PM Parish House, First Degree
- Jan. 17 Stand for Life Rally, 11:00 AM Russell House, USC
- Jan. 25 Pancake Breakfast after 8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses, for St. Joseph School

For further information, contact Sam Kopack at 783-4056.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The next St. Gianna Respect Life Guild meeting will take place on Monday, January 5 at 6:30 PM in the St. Francis de Sales House. For more information or to join our e-mail tree, call John at 736-4131 or send an e-mail to info@stgiannaguild.org. If you have not had the chance yet, please visit the Shrine to the Unborn in front of the Parish House. The Shrine is in memory of Kathleen Poole, who devoted her life to restoring legal protection to unborn children and to creating a culture free of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.



H.O.S.T.

Helping Others Serve Today

Do you want to become more involved in your Parish, School, or Community but don't know where to begin? St. Joseph is starting a newsletter of volunteer opportunities - opportunities in your parish, school, community and beyond. This new monthly newsletter will be available via e-mail, on the website and as a once-a-month insert in the bulletin beginning January 2009.

The e-mail address for the H.O.S.T - Helping Others Serve Today - newsletter is :

volunteers@stjosephcolumbia.org

Please e-mail us

- if you would like to receive the new H.O.S.T. newsletter by e-mail
- if you have Volunteer Opportunities to be considered for inclusion in the H.O.S.T. newsletter
- or, if you would like more information about the H.O.S.T. newsletter.

You may also contact the newsletter editor, Melissa, by phone at 647-0394.