

The Epiphany of the Lord

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	708,319.08
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 12-28-08	25,026.34
Christmas.....	31,863.30
Parish Debt (as of 12-1-08)	183,643.00

"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"

Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,759,922.25

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

VOCATIONS

Vocations Awareness Week begins Sunday, January 11. This day is also our Community Sunday. Following the morning Masses, we invite you to spend a few minutes at the Vocations Awareness table. Free vocations cards, brochures and pamphlets will be available in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building along with refreshments. Vocations Awareness Week is an opportunity to pray that all of us might listen to the call of Jesus - Come follow me.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

All are invited to our Community Weekend on Sunday, January 11. We will have coffee and donuts after the 8:15, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM Masses. Please join us in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building to visit with old friends and meet new parishioners.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

We will have our Epiphany party tonight at the home of Lisa and Tom Militello from 6:45 to 8:30 PM. For all of the details and directions please check our website.

Next Sunday, January 11, we will have Youth Group from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.

On Saturday, January 17 we will attend the first ever South Carolina Youth Rally for Life from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Teenagers from throughout our diocese will gather behind St. Peter's Catholic Church on Assembly Street to hear live music, engaging speakers, and of course the celebration of Mass. We will then march to the State House to conclude our Celebration of Life.

Our trip to Washington, DC for the National Youth Rally and March for Life will take place on January 21 and 22. Call John for more information at 238-6131.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Baptist: Peggy Hunt



SCHOOL NEWS

This week, we re-open to a new year full of amazing possibilities. The teachers and staff will be trying to get back into the routine and the students will be trying to clear away the cobwebs brought on by eating way too many sugaplums and playing with their new toys!

- Jan. 5 **2:00 PM Early Dismissal** - Our faculty will in-service from 2:30 to 4:00 PM working with their levels on our curriculum-mapping project.
- Jan. 7 **Family Honor - Changes and Challenges at 6:30 PM in Kamler Hall** (6th grade program - call the school if you are interested in enrolling your child.)
- Jan. 9 **St. Joseph School will celebrate the Epiphany** at our Mass at 8:15 AM. The Knights of Columbus will be here for the Offertory presentation.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Thank you to the many people who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund this year. In an ongoing effort to save paper and reduce costs, we have not printed the customary hundreds of Christmas Flower Memorial Booklets. The list of donors and those honored is available online at the parish website:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/flowers.html

We hope that this provides a more permanent and widely distributed record of donors and honorees. A limited number of printed copies of the booklet are also available in the parish office.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON: A HISTORY

Soon to be available to the parishioners of St. Joseph is a beautiful, hard bound book of the latest record of Catholicism in South Carolina. This book is a testimony to the faith, fidelity and the fortitude of our people. Please watch the bulletin for information on the sale of this wonderful book.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

In December 2008 we welcomed the following new members into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Martin Browning West
Hannah Jane Jordan

January 4, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume this week on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 PM.

Parents: January's Bible verse is James 2:24, 26 – "A man is justified by works and not by faith alone...For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead." Please be sure to have your children practice and memorize it at home this month.

Parents of second grade students: This week the resource "My Booklet about the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist" will be given to the children. Please complete this at home and return it to the catechist by April 22.

ADULT EDUCATION

We have several interesting courses available this semester. "A Study of Islam" begins on January 7, "St. Paul and the Sacraments" also begins January 7. "A Study of St. Paul" begins on January 14. All classes are at 6:15 PM. For more information call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail: stjloedre@aol.com

PARISH DINNERS

A hot meal will be available from 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym on Religious Education Wednesdays. The cost for dinners will be \$5.00 / adult and \$3.00 / child under 12 or \$12 per family, and all are invited. This week's menu: macaroni and meat sauce, tossed salad, rolls, dessert and beverages.

PROGRAM FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage will be offered on Saturday, January 24 in the Education Building Room C from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. *God's Plan* is a marriage preparation supplement that offers engaged couples a compelling presentation of God's glorious plan for marital love. The cost is \$100 but scholarships are available. For more information or to register call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail: stjloedre@aol.com

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study of St. Joseph will resume at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 13 in the St. Francis de Sales House with *The Book of Joshua*. All are welcome. For more information, please call Janet O'Keeffe at 782-0886.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 +

Monday, January 5

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 AM Mr. Carlos Cometto +
5:30 PM Mrs. Pamela Atkins Sizemore +

Wednesday, January 7

7:30 AM Mr. Pasquale Biondi +

Thursday, January 8

7:30 AM Mr. Joseph Tee Basha +

Friday, January 9

7:30 AM Mrs. Roni Lee Wilson +
8:15 AM Mr. David Clark +

Saturday, January 10

5:30 PM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +

Sunday, January 11

8:15 AM Mr. Francis Dalton White +
10:30 AM Mr. Joseph Tee Basha +
12:15 PM Sandra & Joseph Rock +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING & LUNCHEON

The St. Joseph Women's Society will hold their general membership meeting and luncheon on Sunday, January 18 after the 12:15 PM Mass (note - date change) in the Parish Hall/Gym. Fr. Harris will install new officers during the meeting. This will be a covered dish luncheon and all the ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

The 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 **782-2814 ext. 11** or **www.cnhs.org**

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

St. Gianna Respect Life Guild Meeting: Monday, January 5 at 6:30 PM at the St. Francis de Sales House. We have a number of projects to discuss. For more information, please visit: www.stgiannaguildd.org or call John at 736-4131.

January 4, 2009

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit, but lacking in material resources, to participate more fully in the life of the Church. Collection proceeds support training for seminarians and religious men and women; pastoral care of the sick; formation for lay leaders; family and youth ministries; and religious education for all age groups. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica. Please contribute generously.

2008 TAX STATEMENTS

Due to economic considerations, 2008 tax statements will NOT be mailed to each household this year. If you are in need of a statement, please call the office - 254-7646 ext. 20 - after January 15, and one will be mailed to you. Thank You.

ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH SENIOR GATHERING

Monday, January 19, 2009

Everyone is invited!

Mass at 11:30 AM in the church
followed by luncheon in the Parish Hall /Gym

Cost: \$10.00

Entertainment by "The Front Page News"
- a quartet from the Main Street Harmonizers



2009 Senior Gathering

Please fill out and return by January 15 to:
Sr. Julienne Guy, 3512 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205
or telephone - 540-1901.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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