

**OFFERTORY**

Offertory Budget.....	1,350,000.00
YTD Actual.....	69,916.33
Weekly Budget.....	25,961.54
Offertory -- -07-19-09.....	22,718.14
Parish Debt (as of 7-1-09).....	113,692.69

**"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"**

Pledged .....	3,120,479.71
Received .....	2,139,016.35

*"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the psalmist; "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.*

*See Psalm 145*



**TRIBUTES**

**The Flowers** this weekend are in loving memory of Elinor Wade and are given by the Alia family.



**The Tabernacle Vigil Candle** (July 26 to August 8) is in loving memory of Fr. Lee Selzer.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*

**BULLETIN BY E-MAIL**

Would you like to receive St. Joseph's weekly bulletin via e-mail? If so, please send a request to:

[bulletin@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephcolumbia.org)

and we will add you to the list - include your name and e-mail address. Please note: this is an automated e-mail address and should be used only for sending requests to receive the weekly bulletin by e-mail. Thank You.

**FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Registration is currently under way for Saint Joseph Fall Soccer. Teams are open to parish youth ages 4 to 11 (under 5 through under 12.) The registration deadline is August 24. Registration must be completed online by going to [www.columbiaunitedfc.com](http://www.columbiaunitedfc.com) and clicking on Recreational Soccer **OR** you can go into any YMCA Columbia branch and register at the computer station near the YMCA front desk. Please indicate that you wish to be on a Saint Joseph team. After August 24, a late fee of \$25 is required for all applications. For further information, contact Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908.

**SCHOOL NEWS**



We hope that our students have completed their summer reading and that they are well on their way to completing the *Summer Bridge Activity* workbooks. Reading lists may be found on the school website:

[www.stjosdevine.com](http://www.stjosdevine.com)

*Summer Bridge Activity* books may be purchased at any book store.

Parents, please remember that all back-to-school paperwork is due to the school office by Thursday, July 30. Have a great week!

**I CARE - I SHARE**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's next **"I Care - I Share" Sunday is next weekend (Aug. 1 & 2)**. There is a great need for 1 - 2 lb. packages of macaroni, noodles, spaghetti, rice and cereal. Also, any canned goods - and especially peanut butter - are always welcome. Thank you.

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS**

[www.cym1.com](http://www.cym1.com)

There will be movie night this Wednesday, July 29 from 7:00 to 9:15 PM in the Choir Room of the Rowland Education Building. We will have plenty of snacks, so bring a comfortable chair and join us!

Thanks to all who traveled with us to Atlanta last weekend, to attend the Franciscan University Conference. We had an amazing weekend and enjoyed getting to make friends with Catholic high school youth from Hilton Head, Charleston, North Augusta and Aiken.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS**

For information on a natural drug free approach to monitoring fertility health or information on the natural family planning methods available in the Diocese, please visit the Family Life website at:

[www.sc-familylife.org](http://www.sc-familylife.org)

or call the Family Life Office at 547-5063.

**PARISH OFFICE  
SUMMER HOURS**

*July 17 to August 7*

**Mon - Thurs: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 1:30 - 4:30 PM**  
**Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Registration is now open for the 2009-10 Religious Education Program. CCD classes resume on Wednesday, September 9. The fees are \$50 per child, or \$150 per family. In order to secure your place in our program prior to open registration August 9, completed registrations - along with fees - should be returned to the parish office. You may pick up registration forms at the parish office or download them from the parish website:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

**SIGN-UP SUNDAY**

**PARENTS:** We will have open registration for our fall Religious Education Program after all Masses on Sunday, August 9. There will be a table in the Lobby of the Rowland Education Building, with forms and information.

**RCIA**

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 18 at 7:00 PM** in the Rowland Education Building, Room C. There is no obligation - only an opportunity to learn about the Church and her teachings. For more information, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjosedre@aol.com

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE MIDLANDS**

... wants to convey appreciation for all the items donated to their clothing closet from St. Joseph parishioners. They were overwhelmed with your generosity - their clothing bins are now overflowing. Thank you!

“The saints rejoiced at injuries and persecutions, because in forgiving them they had something to present to God when they prayed to Him.”

*St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582 AD) on Forgiveness*



**WELCOME  
NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Welcome!**

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

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ferrara, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Boen Floyd  
Mr. Keach Jordan  
Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Mendelsohn  
Mr. & Mrs. James Mullen  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tompkins  
Dr. & Mrs. Mark Shaffer

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, July 26**

8:15 AM Mr. Bob France +  
10:30 AM Miss Tiffany Taylor (I)  
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

**Monday, July 27**

7:30 AM *Rosary*

**Tuesday, July 28**

7:30 AM Mrs. Dolores Adams +  
5:30 PM Mr. Robert Dawson +

**Wednesday, July 29**

7:30 AM Mrs. Frances K. Naccash +

**Thursday, July 30**

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving

**Friday, July 31**

7:30 AM Mrs. Mary Mullen +

**Saturday, August 1**

5:30 PM Rev. Richard D. Harris (I)

**Sunday, August 2**

8:15 AM Mr. James A. Hart +  
10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph  
12:15 PM Msgr. Roy F. Aiken +

**SUMMERTIME**



**HII I AM YOUR  
ENVELOPE  
REMINDER  
ANGEL**

I'm here to remind you that while you are out of town on vacation or business, your church's expenses go right on. At home or away, make a sincere Christian effort to see that your offertory envelope is filled and either mailed or contributed each Sunday.

**ST. JOSEPH COLUMBARIUM**

The columbarium is located in a beautiful garden setting behind the Church and provides a reverential place of interment for the cremated ashes of our beloved deceased. To the living it provides a garden spot for visitation, remembrance, and prayer for the deceased. If you desire more information regarding the columbarium, please contact Mary Kay Rushman at 254-7646 ext. 14.

**DEMOLITION OF IMPERIAL REALTY BUILDING**

As part of the Church renovation project, the old Imperial Realty building, located at 3508 Devine Street is scheduled for demolition within the next few weeks. You may recall that this property was purchased last year as part of the Parish's long range vision and growth plan. After the building is razed, the area will be prepared to be utilized for additional parking.

July 26, 2009

### **HOME WORKS MISSION TRIP**

Home Works volunteers are traveling to Zorritos, Peru, August 4 through 16. Children and adult multi-vitamins are needed. Please consider helping. Thank you.

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

### **CAN YOU OPEN YOUR HOME TO A HISPANIC YOUNG ADULT FOR ONE NIGHT?**

The Diocese of Charleston Hispanic Youth Ministry will be hosting an Easter Celebration Workshop. Hispanic young adults (ages 18-30) from throughout the 14 dioceses in the southeast will be attending. The workshop will be held on September 12 and 13 at Our Lady of the Hills Church. Families are needed to offer their homes for an overnight stay (250 participants are expected.) For more information or to volunteer, please contact Br. Carlos Parrilla, CSC at 740-6209 or e-mail [parrilla@catholic-doc.org](mailto:parrilla@catholic-doc.org)

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Many women and men are NOT allowed to grieve for their unborn baby after an abortion. The result for these women and men can be sadness, self destructive behaviors, and an inability to continue with a normal life. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a safe place to heal emotionally and spiritually from an abortion. For more information, please call Christy 554-6088 or Kathy 546-6010 or visit: [grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:grace4healing@gmail.com)

**ST. GIANNA RESPECT LIFE GUILD MEETING** will be held on **Monday, August 3, at 6:30 PM in the St. Francis de Sales House.** We will begin discussing and planning for upcoming events: Life Chain, 40 Days for Life, and the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that will be at St. Joseph's Oct. 18. This meeting is open to anyone interested in helping to promote and support these and other pro-life events in our parish and in the Columbia area. For more information, please e-mail [info@stgiannaguild.org](mailto:info@stgiannaguild.org) or call John at 736-4131.

### **MIDLANDS DEANERY PRISON MINISTRY**

St. Martin de Porres Parish in Columbia will host the Midlands Deanery Prison Ministry Workshop by the Diocesan Office of Jail and Prison Ministry on August 8 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All parishioners interested in becoming a Parish Prison Minister should attend this workshop (no commitment required.) Anyone who is experienced and can share their ministry with those who are attending is also welcome. Bi-Lingual (English/Spanish) speakers are encouraged to attend. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. No cost is involved. To register, visit:

[www.supportcatholiccharities.org](http://www.supportcatholiccharities.org)  
and click on the prison ministry site or e-mail Deacon Jim Hyland at [jhyland@catholic-doc.org](mailto:jhyland@catholic-doc.org) or phone (843) 522-6518.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE and HEALTH CARE REFORM**

On May 20, 2009 the U.S. Catholic Bishops, through Bishop William F. Murphy, the Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, placed a statement in the Congressional Record at a formal roundtable discussion on "Expanding Health Care Coverage." Included in the statement is the following:

"Health care involves fundamental issues of human life and dignity, and is a critical component of the Catholic Church's ministry. The Church provides health care, purchases health care and picks up the pieces of a failing health care system. ...

"While we support reforming our nation's health care system, we must also be clear in strongly opposing inclusion of abortion as part of a national health care benefit. For decades, Congress has decided not to compel people to pay for abortions with their tax dollars, and this policy should remain in place. We also oppose inclusion of other procedures or technologies that attack or undermine the sanctity and dignity of life. No health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for or participate in the destruction of human life. To preserve this principle is morally right ...

#### **What we can do:**

We must pray for our Bishops. We must stand with them in solidarity. We must raise our voices loudly! Telephone your members of Congress, give them your name and address, and tell the staff persons that you wish to be recorded as "Opposed to any health care reform plan that compels us or others to pay for or participate in the destruction of human life."

Sen. Jim DeMint (202) 224-6121  
Sen. Lindsey Graham (202) 224-5972  
Rep. Joe Wilson (202) 225-2452