

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	96,739.69
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 7-20-08	23,731.74
 Parish Debt (as of 7-17-08)	241,566.35
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged	3,117,479.71
Received	1,341,653.36

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same? See Psalm 119

IMPORTANT

A generous donation of 1018 shares of Oppenheimer Dividend Growth Fund stock was recently received for our Capital Campaign. Unfortunately, the **donor's name was missing**. Attempts to identify the donor have failed. In order to thank those responsible and to assure that your donation is applied to your pledge, please notify Fr. Harris at StJoeFrHarris@aol.com.

TRIBUTES



The flowers on the Main Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of grandparents of Matthew Williams and Ashley Horne in celebration of their marriage July 25.



The Tabernacle Vigil Candle (July 27 to August 9) is in loving memory of Olga Buonauro and is given by Bianca & Ursula Adams.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of Carl Niggel. May his soul rest in peace.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

Please join us on Wednesday, July 30 from 7:30 to 9:45 PM in the Choir Room of the Rowland Education Building for our next summer movie night. We will provide plenty of popcorn and drinks. Feel free to bring your own chair.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

July 11 to August 8

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

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Providence: Pat Zimmerman
Baptist: Austin Hughes, Jr.

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parish Friends,

A very simple way that you can help your parish school is to remember us in your prayers.

Please take some time this week to remember the school, its administration, faculty, staff and students in your prayers.

Prayer to Saint Thomas Aquinas for Catholic Schools

Saint Thomas Aquinas, you are called by Holy Mother Church, the Angel of the Schools. Your wisdom, gathered through long meditation from the source of all wisdom, the most holy Trinity, has long been a shining light in the Catholic Church. Ignorance of the things of God is a darkness now enveloping the minds of many of our countrymen. In this darkness, we need an Angel like you who will protect, foster, and nourish the schools we have, and guide and strengthen us in establishing and building newer and more adequate schools for the instruction of our children in the ways of Christ. Help and bless the generous sisters, brothers, and priests who labor so unselfishly in the classroom to spread the knowledge of Christ. Inspire our Catholic men and women to be most generous in the support of the schools we have. Grant to parents the wise generosity they need to give their child back to God when that child wishes to follow a priestly or religious vocation. Help us, Saint Thomas, Angel of the Schools, to understand what you taught, and to follow your example. Amen

FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for Saint Joseph's Fall soccer teams is now underway. We will form teams for parish boys and girls ages 4 through 11 (as of August 1) in the YMCA - CUFC recreational league. Applications and information are available at the church and school offices and online at:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth_athletics.html

You may also register online at:

columbiaymca.org/branches/downtown/sports.html.

It is very important that you note on your application that you wish to be on a Saint Joseph team; be as specific as possible. The deadline for registration is August 25; late registrations will be assessed an additional \$20 fee.

Due to the YMCA's partnership with CUFC, there will be a number of changes in the way teams are put together. Please note the FAQ documents available on the websites. For information, please contact Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration is now open for our 2008-09 Religious Education Program. The fees are \$40 per child, or \$120 per family until July 31. **On August 1 the fees increase to \$50 per child, or \$150 per family.**

Parents will have an opportunity to register their children for our Religious Education program **on Sunday, August 10** following all morning Masses. You may download the form from the parish website at:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious_education.html

or stop by the parish office.

Parents of last year's 8th grade CCD program are asked to return their child's textbooks, if they have not already done so. The books will be used for this year's 8th grade program.

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 beginning **Tuesday, August 19th 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.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Tuesday Exposition, Adoration and Benediction has been cancelled for July 29.



**WELCOME
NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

- Mr. Thomas Abate & Mrs. Angela Gallo**
- Ms. Christine Angel**
- Miss Katherine Bui**
- Mr. & Mrs. Matt Burrows**
- Miss Kristina Delp**
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Failing**
- Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Fenzel**
- Mr. Joseph Fricker**
- Mr. Raymond Rychleski**
- Mr. Craig Simmons**
- Mr. Kenneth Styer**
- Ms. Crystal Townsend**

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 27

- 8:15 AM Anthony & Lena Sisario +**
- 10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph**
- 12:15 PM Mrs. Maria Alvarez +**
- 5:30 PM Bernice Ellias & Cass McCarter +**

Monday, July 28

- 7:30 AM Mr. Jerry Costabell +**
- 5:30 PM Deceased member of Schickory Joseph Family +**

Tuesday, July 29

- 7:30 AM Mr. William Ballou +**
- 5:30 PM No Mass**

Wednesday, July 30

- 7:30 AM Rosary**

Thursday, July 31

- 7:30 AM Rosary**

Friday, August 1

- 7:30 AM Rosary**

Saturday, August 2

- 5:30 PM Mrs. Margaret Ann Hostettler Wall +**

Sunday, August 3

- 8:15 AM Mr. Robert Collins, Sr. +**
- 10:30 AM Mr. Thomas Monahan +**
- 12:15 PM Dr. Robespierre Tumbokon +**
- 5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph**

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Annual Seminarians Gathering and Retreat will be July 29 to August 1 on Seabrook Island. As Director of Vocations, Fr. Harris will be at this retreat with our seminarians. Daily Masses are **CANCELLED** for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. At 7:30 AM on those three days, the rosary will be prayed for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, for those Discerning a Vocation and for our seminarians.

Fr. Harris will offer Daily Masses on **Monday, July 28 at 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM and Tuesday, July 29 at 7:30 AM.**

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.

FAMILY HONOR

UNDERSTAND GOD'S GIFT OF SEXUALITY

Do you want to better understand God's gift of sexuality and Church teaching about this gift? Would it help your role as parent, single adult or ministry leader to know more about the theology of the body; child development; male-female complementarity; the virtue of chastity; the primary role of the family in chastity education; fertility appreciation; and more?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we encourage you to register for a unique computer-based course titled "*The Principles of Teaching Family-Centered Chastity Education.*" The course is offered by Family Honor and open to adult men and women, whether single or married. Visit Family Honor's website: www.familyhonor.org for an application and more information or call 929-0858. For the fall, 2008 semester, Family Honor must receive completed applications by August 1. The computer course begins August 15.



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The St. Gianna Respect Life Guild will be having a business meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 4 in the St. Francis de Sales House. The main topic of discussion will be plans and goals for the next year, including bringing in a prominent speaker later this fall. Anyone interested in promoting respect for all human life from conception to natural death is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus. For more information call John at 736-4131 or to join our e-mail tree, send an e-mail to: info@stgiannaguild.org.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (VIRTUS) TRAINING CLASSES

St. Joseph will offer VIRTUS training on:
Tuesdays, July 29 & August 12, 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.

ROSARY VIGIL AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

A Candlelight Prayer and Rosary Vigil with the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will be held on October 17 at 7:00 PM at the abortion clinic located at 2712 Middleburg Drive. This Missionary Image is an exact 4' X 6' digital replica of the original Miraculous Image of Mary which appeared on St. Juan Diego's cloak in Mexico in 1531. For more information, contact Janice Harper at 865-0885.

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, cold cereal, canned vegetables or any other food items.

A big thank you to our parishioners who helped with the meal for the homeless at St. Peter's Church on July 19. May God bless you for generosity to His people.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Speaking on reconciliation, Fr. Bill Casey, Superior General of the Fathers of Mercy, reminds us that confession, "the forgotten Sacrament," is the ordinary means for the forgiveness of mortal sins after baptism and a veritable treasury of graces and spiritual strength for us in our daily struggles against temptation and sin. Discover how this Sacrament can transform your life if you allow it!

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Robert Boni, General Agent, at (843) 824-5632.

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

BOOK DRIVE

The Catholic Charities Office of the Diocese of Charleston is holding its first ever summer book drive to benefit Prison Ministry in our Diocese. If you have any used books, please consider donating them to this very worthy cause. Please drop off all your hard and soft cover books at Catholic Charities located at 1529 Assembly Street, phone 254-9776.

"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent."
St. John of the Cross, on patience