

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	922,843.82
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 2-22-09	27,470.13
Ash Wednesday	4,264.69
Parish Debt (as of 2-1-09)	163,843.86
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,855,494.15

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism... that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God's service in and through the Church."

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

OUR LENTEN BURDEN BOX

A locked wooden box will, once again, be placed at the St. Joseph Altar, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please write down your personal burdens, concerns, habits, prayers and/or petitions that you would like to offer to God during the Lenten Season and place them in the box. All of these will be kept strictly confidential. (No one will have access to the contents of the box.) On Holy Saturday night we will use the "burdens" to fuel our Easter fire.

FRIDAYS of LENT

Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3

During the **FRIDAYS of Lent**, Fr. Harris will, once again, offer **Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM**, immediately followed by **Mass at 6:00 PM**. This will enable those who are unable to attend the morning Masses to have the opportunity for an additional Lenten devotion.

After this Mass we will offer a **simple meatless supper** of soup, bread and drink in the Parish Hall/Gym. This will give you an opportunity to sacrifice a regular meal during Lent. Donations will be accepted. These donations will be given to a local soup kitchen.

THIRD ANNUAL SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH
PASSOVER SEDER
Tuesday, April 7
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Parish Hall/Gym

SCHOOL NEWS



As we continue on the Lenten journey, we recall that almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Our parish family has always been extremely generous in their support of the school and your contributions to our Annual Fund have been a testament to that generosity. Thank you so much! If you have not yet made a pledge or donation, please consider doing so during this Lent. Remember, your pledge of prayer is equally as important as a monetary donation. If you can, please check the box on the pledge card that says that you will pray for us and return it to the school.

This week at the school:

- Mar. 2 **2 PM Early Dismissal** (Teacher In-Service)
- Mar. 4 Fifth grade visits Cardinal Newman School
- Mar. 6 **Mass at 8:15** (First Friday); K5 and Second grade go on Field Trip to the Ballet

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

We will have Youth Group today from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM. We will gather in the Parish Hall/Gym. We will be making lunches to serve later tonight to the homeless.

Encountering Christ in Our Community

Early this morning, many of our youth got up to serve breakfast to the homeless and the hungry at Christ Central Ministries in downtown Columbia. Throughout the season of Lent we will do various service projects so that we may better live the Gospel message. We will be working with organizations such as the Free Medical Clinic, BirthRight and Christ Central. This will necessitate some changes in the times and places for our youth group activities. For more information, please be sure to check our website every week or contact John at 238-6131.

Schedule for
Lenten Communal Penance Services
 in area churches

All Services are scheduled for 7:00 PM.

Thursday, March 12	Our Lady of the Lake
Thursday, March 19	Transfiguration
Monday, March 23	Our Lady of the Hills
Thursday, March 26	St. Joseph
Monday, March 30	St. Peter's
Wednesday, April 1	St. Martin de Porres
Thursday, April 2	Corpus Christi
Friday, April 3	St. John Neumann

March 1, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume this week on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:15 PM.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

The date for rehearsal for First Holy Communion has been changed. Rehearsal will take place on **Thursday, May 7** at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

There will be a Confirmation Parents' Information Night on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph School cafeteria (Kamler Hall). Representatives from the St. Francis Catholic Shop will be present to take orders for Confirmation gifts.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

There will be a Baptism Seminar on Sunday, March 8 for parents who are seeking to have their children 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 stjodre@aol.com

PARISH DINNERS

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

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

St. Joseph Women's Society **Day Guild** will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 AM in the St. Francis de Sales House. Call Nancy Godbold at 782-0199 for information.

St. Joseph Women's Society **Evening Guild** will meet Thursday, March 5 at 7:15 PM in the Pastoral Life Center, lower level. **Deacon Ron Anderson will be our guest speaker for "Lent and our Lenten Obligations."** Call Regina Spell at 776-9575 for information.

All ladies are welcome and invited to attend.

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL #12554

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- March 5 Regular Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- March 13 Soup Supper by K of C for all the Parish
- March 21 State K of C Youth Free Throw Competition, 10:00 AM Parish Hall/Gym
- March 25 K of C Day of the Unborn Child
- March 28-29 K of C Recruitment Blitz after all Masses
- March 29 Founders Day

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 1

- 8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
- 10:30 AM Mr. Robert Walton +
- 12:15 PM Relatives of Hao Vu Bui +
- 5:30 PM Mr. Charles T. Nelson III +

Monday, March 2

- 7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, March 3

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Betty Bergin +
- 5:30 PM The deceased Members of the Schickory Joseph Family

Wednesday, March 4

- 7:30 AM Mr. William Wilson +

Thursday, March 5

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Kay Wray +

Friday, March 6

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Betty Scala +
- 8:15 AM Mr. Mike Starnes +
- 6:00 PM Msgr. Roy Aiken & Msgr. Louis Sterker +

Saturday, March 7

- 5:30 PM Mr. Carl Niggel +

Sunday, March 8

- 8:15 AM Mr. Paul Timmers +
- 10:30 AM Mr. Julius Vendely +
- 12:15 PM Mrs. Pamela Atkins Sizemore +
- 5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A make-up date for new servers who missed the Altar Server training in January will be on **Wednesday, March 11 at 4:30 PM** in the church. All students in grades 4 and up are invited.

Newly trained and veteran servers are also invited to attend this training to **"brush-up" on their skills.**

Questions? Please call Dan Wagner at 254-7646 ext. 22.

VOCATIONS VIEW

This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand.
Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News.
(Mark 1:12-15)

COLUMBIA AREA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Join us on **March 4 at Jake's Bar & Grill.** We will discuss Lent and the traditions surrounding Lent from around the world! This group will be exclusively run by, and for, young adults from ages 21 to 35. ALL priests and religious are welcome regardless of age! Come join us! Please see our blog for upcoming events, discussion topics, and more!
www.imbibingthespirit.blogspot.com

PILGRIMAGES TO EWTN AND SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Joseph Church, Anderson and St. Mary Magdalene Church, Simpsonville are planning pilgrimages to EWTN and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Alabama.

Dates are May 27-29 and May 29-31. Both trips include a visit with Bishop Baker. The trip on May 27-29 also includes a live EWTN show with Sr. Briege McKenna. Trips include transportation, lodging at St. Bernard Abbey Retreat Center, Ave Maria Grotto and meals. The cost is \$240 / person double occupancy (\$50 single supplement.) For information, call Heesun Devlin at (864) 292-6195.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Following the 5:30 PM Mass, the St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus will hold their first ever Chili Cook-Off!

We need great chili cooks and adventurous tasters! Watch the bulletin for details. For more information, contact Brian at 695-8445 or e-mail: Towranger@aol.com

ST. JOSEPH GIRL SCOUTS

will be selling cookies this Sunday after the 8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses. If you would like to make arrangements via phone to buy cookies, please call Dianne Woodcock, Asst. Troop Leader, at 600-7395.

IGNATIUS RETREAT WEEKEND

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Charleston is sponsoring an Ignatius Weekend Retreat for Women: Single or Married on April 17 to 19 at the Oratory in Rock Hill. The Spiritual exercises are based on the well-proven method of St. Ignatius Loyola preached by the priests of Miles Christi. It will begin at 4:00 PM on Friday and end at 4:00 PM on Sunday. There will be limited spaces for the retreat, so call Kathy Schmutge soon at 547-5063 or e-mail at famlifecor@earthlink.net to reserve your place. For more information, please visit www.spiritualexercises.net. Invite a friend; mothers invite your daughters (16 years or older.) The cost is \$150 for the retreat and includes retreat costs, housing for two nights and meals through Sunday morning.

IRISH CELEBRATION

March is Irish-American heritage month. The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) invites you to celebrate at their annual Ceili (kay-lee). Ceili is an Irish term for an evening of Irish music, dance, celebration and fun. Please join them at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Marion & Blanding Streets on Saturday, March 7. Doors open at 5 PM, Ceili starts at 6 PM. Food & beverage available at reasonable prices. Advance tickets are only \$5.00 each, \$10 at the door and are available at Delaney's, 741 Saluda Ave. Ages 16 & under are admitted free. For further information, call Joe Kennedy at 414-1076.

A SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL NIGHT FOR WOMEN St. Peter's Church - MARCH 10 at 6:30 PM

Please join us for a **Prayer for women around the world** in the Church and dinner at 7:00 PM in Neglia Hall. Come enjoy a refreshing evening with other busy women like you!

Women of faith today marry and care for their families, go to school and start new careers, live unselfish, single lives, retire from their jobs, but still do more—these are wonderful women of all ages and from all walks of life. Where do you find these women? At church, of course! Over a delicious dinner, we'll share our lives with each other, the crosses we bear, as well as the joys we share as active women living our faith and trying to be a light in our little corner of the world. Sign up required by Monday, March 9: Emily Hero, 779-0036, emilyw5@yahoo.com. Free and all are welcome.

HOME WORKS MISSION TRIP

Home Works will be collecting multi-vitamins for children and adult during the month of March. There is great need - up to 1,100 pounds of vitamins can be transported by eleven Home Works travelers bound for Zorritos, Peru Aug. 4-16.

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

THE ST. JOSEPH MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

season will run from March 15 to late May. If you are interested, and are 30 years of age or over, please contact Travis Dayhuff for more information at:

travis.dayhuff@nelsonmullins.com

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

Mr. Benjamin Novotny

The College Seminary - Saint Andrew's Hall

Seton Hall University

400 South Orange Avenue

South Orange, New Jersey 07079

LENTEN DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS

Copies of the flyer listing Lenten Devotions and Lenten Regulations can be found in the Church, Parish Office and on the Parish Website:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org