

3rd Sunday of Lent

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	985,507.72
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 3-08-09	29,624.56
Black & Indian Home Mission.....	2,013.08
Pride in our Past, Faith in our Future ...	19,953.58
Parish Debt (as of 2-1-09)	153,888.57

“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”	
Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,877,341.98

“You shall not covet” is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that **all** is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Health South: Rueben “Sonny” Leichtle
Baptist: Lenna Parker

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. 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.

Flyers listing **Lenten Devotions and Regulations** can be found in the Church, Parish Office and on the Parish Web-site:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

SCHOOL NEWS



Last week we had a wonderful spring-weather week! Students can now add shorts and skirts to their uniform line-up. The school year is speeding right by!

This week at the school:

- Mar. 17 Dress Down for Saint Patrick’s Day
- Mar. 18 Students in First grade attend Field Trip to Richland Memorial Hospital
- Mar. 19 Students celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph, our Patron; Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a Parish Spaghetti Supper at 7:00 PM
- Mar. 20 No Mass; Students in Grades 4 and 5 will have the Opportunity to attend Reconciliation

Saint Joseph School is now accepting enrollment applications for grades K4-6. There are limited openings in some grades. Please call the office for more information 254-6736. Have a Blessed Week!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

This weekend we are attending the Diocesan Youth Conference for high school youth with over 700 Catholic teenagers from throughout South Carolina. As a result we will not have our regular youth group meeting today.

We will have young ladies faith sharing this Wednesday, March 18 from 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.

MARCH 19 - NO 7:30 AM MASS

There will be **No 7:30 AM Mass** on Thursday, March 19. **Everyone is encouraged to attend the 6:00 PM Mass for the Feast of Our Patron, Saint Joseph.** Mass will be followed by a Parish Spaghetti Supper in the Parish Hall/Gym.

Schedule for
Lenten Communal Penance Services
in area churches

All Services are scheduled for 7:00 PM.

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

RCIA NEWS

This weekend at the 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass we celebrated the First Scrutiny for those elect and candidates who are planning to be received into the Church this Easter. Please keep them in your prayers.

PROGRAM FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage will be offered on Saturday, March 21 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 some partial scholarships are available. For more information or to register call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjoe-dre@aol.com **This program is required for all couples planning on being married at St. Joseph.**

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: pepper steak, rice, string beans, rolls, dessert and beverages.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15

8:15 AM Mr. William Killoy +
10:30 AM Mr. Charles T. Nelson III +
12:15 PM Mr. James R. Michael +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Monday, March 16

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, March 17

7:30 AM Mr. William Wilson +
5:30 PM Harriet & Norbert Josten +

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 AM Mr. George Goodwin +

Thursday, March 19 Feast of St. Joseph

7:30 AM No Mass
6:00 PM Mr. Charles T. Nelson III +

Friday, March 20

7:30 AM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +
8:15 AM No Mass
6:00 PM Mrs. Frances K. Naccash +

Saturday, March 21

5:30 PM Mrs. Dolores Adams +

Sunday, March 22

8:15 AM Mrs. Dolores Adams +
10:30 AM Mrs. Camilla Dilley +
12:15 PM Relatives of Vinh Quy Bui +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CRIER ~ March 2009

Your generosity truly makes a difference! We had 100 individuals struggling with homelessness come to our clothing closet door last month. That means we shared 100 pairs of pants, 100 shirts, 100 pairs of socks, 100 pairs of undergarments . . . you get the picture. Without your generosity, and the generosity of others, we would not be able to carry out our mission. With the cold weather especially, we've shared lots of pairs of gloves as well as warm hats. It is so comforting to know we have the needed items to share when someone comes to the door and is obviously cold and in need of warm clothing. Columbia's winter shelter will be closing the end of this month so many more individuals will be braving the elements and sleeping outdoors.

Another individual who has been blessed by your generosity is a gentleman raising his three grandchildren after their father's death last year. He was laid off and eagerly seeking new employment. He was able to finally secure new employment, but lacked the proper clothing and shoes to safely do the job. Catholic Charities was able to share with him a pair of work boots and several pairs of work pants and warm shirts. We also shared some clothing for his grandchildren, along with household and personal items.

We are in need of travel size toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes - as well as washcloths. Donations can be dropped off at 1529 Assembly Street (back entrance – please call ahead) or mailed to PO Box 7245, Columbia, SC 29202.

The mission of Catholic Charities is to strive to continue the ministry of Jesus to those who are poor, through example and collaborative effort by providing quality services, advocating for justice, and calling the entire Church and all people to do the same.

www.supportcatholiccharities.org ~ (803) 254-9776

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POLISH MASS

Mass will be celebrated in Polish by Fr. Marcin Zachuta on March 22 at 2:00 PM at St. Thomas More Center – USC located on 1610 Greene Street. Confession will be heard prior to the Mass at 1:00 PM. A covered dish dinner will follow the Mass, so please bring your favorite Polish dish and drink. We especially invite the Polish students in the area. For more information, call St. Thomas More Center 799-5870 or Teresa Chmura at 540-1904 (w).

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. **You may place the vitamins in the box located in the narthex of the Church.** For information, please contact Hank Chardos 781-4536.

VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Charleston and the Oratory are sponsoring a discernment retreat April 23 to 26 at the Oratory in Rock Hill. The retreat will allow participants to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Men and women ages 18 to 55 are eligible. For more information and applications, please call the Vocations Office at (843) 402-9115 ext. 22.

ST JOSEPH ADULT AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS HOLY WEEK/EASTER CD AVAILABLE

The St. Joseph Choirs' Holy Week and Easter CD "SEASON OF TRIUMPH" is available at a reduced price of \$10. The CD contains such favorites as *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, *Ride On*, *King Jesus*, and the *Hallelujah Chorus*. The Children's Choirs sing the beautiful *Now the Green Blade Rises* and the very moving *Walk to Calvary*. All Choirs join in the glorious hymn, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*, accompanied by handbells, brass quintet, timpani, and organ.

This CD is available in the church office for \$10. Thank you for your support of our ministry!

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

Mr. Arthur Przywara

SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary

3535 Indian Trail

Orchard Lake, MI 48324-1623

CHORAL FESTIVAL

SHANDON CLUSTER OF CHURCHES



Sunday, March 22

4:00 PM

Shandon Presbyterian Sanctuary
Corner of Devine & Woodrow Streets

Free Admission!

CHOIRS:

St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. John's Episcopal Church

Shandon Presbyterian Church

Shandon United Methodist Church

Incarnation Lutheran Church

Feast of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19

Please Join Us!



Mass: 6:00 PM

Spaghetti Supper

7:00 - 8:30 PM



Menu:

spaghetti, salad, garlic bread,
dessert and iced tea.

All Are Welcome - Free of Charge

Sponsored by:

St. Joseph School PTO



Third Annual Passover Seder

Father Richard Harris
cordially invites You to

The Third Annual Saint Joseph Catholic Church Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 7th 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 6:00 p.m. - Program begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.)

Parish Hall/Gym

\$12.50 per person

To reserve your place for this special adult-centered evening, either return the form below with payment to the church office or call Susie Estes 206-3685.

Menu

Lamb

Vegetables & Potatoes

Challah Fresh Fruit & Cookies Wine



Passover Seder - April 7th

Name of Attendees: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Amount enclosed: \$12.50 x _____ (per person) + \$ _____

Deadline for Reservations is April 2.