

**OFFERTORY**

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual .....	251,600.89
Weekly Budget .....	28,846.15
Offertory -- 8-31-08 .....	21,487.68
St. Vincent de Paul Society .....	2,849.61
 Parish Debt (as of 9-3-08).....	 212,472.69
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged .....	3,118,479.71
Received .....	1,437,902.34

*Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"*



**TRIBUTES**

**The Tabernacle Vigil Candle** (September 7 - 20) is in loving memory of Mary Wapinski and is given by Frank & Lena Parker.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

is extended to the families of **Christine Mahoney** and **Betty Bergin**. May their souls rest in peace.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (VIRTUS) TRAINING CLASSES**

St. Joseph will offer VIRTUS training on:  
Tuesday, September 22, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM  
Choir Room (Room D) Rowland Education Building

Participants must register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Please contact John Waters at 540-1920 for more information or help with registration.

**WELCOME SUNDAY**

**All are invited** to our Community Welcome Sunday, September 14. We will have refreshments 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.

**SUNDAY NURSERY OPEN**

**Our Sunday nursery has officially reopened.** Our nursery workers, Katie and Angie, are here to meet and greet you and your little ones (3 years and under, please.) The nursery is located in the 4K classroom for the 8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses. We look forward to seeing you!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women of the Parish are invited to participate in a Bible study of the **Book of Exodus** on Tuesday, September 16 at 10:00 AM in the St. Francis de Sales House. For more information, please call Janet O'Keeffe at 782-0886.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*

**Baptist:** James C. Bryan  
**National Health Care:** Dot Johnson

**SCHOOL NEWS**



Dear Parish Friends,

Last Friday, September 5, Father Harris led us in Adoration and Benediction following our Mass. We hope to commemorate the Nine First Fridays of the Sacred Heart this school year as part of our weekly worship. What a blessing it is to have a Catholic School as fine as ours, where students learn the full scope of traditions and lessons of their faith. Saint Joseph School truly is a superior place!

This week, our students are preparing to "wow" their Grandparents with examples of their academic and artistic talents on display. Friday, September 12, at 9:00 AM, we will celebrate Grandparents with a Prayer Service in the Parish Hall/Gym followed by an Open House for our Grandparents. We hope that you will be able to join us! Please Note: There will be no Friday Mass at 8:15 AM this week!

Have a Blessed Week!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**If you have some time to donate,** St. Joseph church is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Offertory counting – Monday mornings
- Parish office assistants – weekdays (some or all)
- Nursery - 8:15 & 10:30 AM Sunday Masses
- Landscape/gardening committee
- Other areas of talent that you have and would like to contribute

If you are interested in volunteering some time in any of these areas or to learn more about them, please call Mary Kay Rushman at 254-7646, ext. 14.

**LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY**

**The St. Joseph Lay Carmelite Community will begin a new formation group.** We are challenged to seek God's presence in prayer while living an active, busy life in the midst of the world. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and Catholics in good standing. For inquirers, information sessions will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 7:30 PM and on Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 AM, in the Pastoral Life Center, lower level. If you are interested in enhancing your life of prayer and ministry through mutual companions, according to the Carmelite traditions, please call Merilee Hill at 799-0202 or Janice Lenti at 782-7105.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes began on Wednesday, September 3. The fees are \$50 per child, or \$150 per family. You may still register by downloading the form from the parish website at:

[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious\\_education.html](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious_education.html)

or stop by the parish office.

## 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 which meet on **Tuesdays 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.

## ADULTS SEEKING CONFIRMATION

If you are a post-high school adult who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you should plan to attend the RCIA classes (see above.) For more information, or to pre-register, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906.

## PARISH DINNERS RESUME

**All are invited to our Wednesday night 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, \$3.00 / child under 12 or \$12.00 / family. This week's menu: baked chicken, yellow rice, string beans, dessert and beverages.

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

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

**Nathan Jenkins Adams  
William Christopher McCollum  
Jude Kevin Smyth  
William Benjamin Vanadore, Jr.**

**Also in August 2008 the following couples were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:**

**Katherine Ehrhardt & Daniel Traub  
Tanya Argoe & William Curtis**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 7

**8:15 AM** Anthony & Lena Sisario +  
**10:30 AM** Mr. Jose Ramon Suarez +  
**12:15 PM** Mrs. Elynor McClam +  
**5:30 PM** Parishioners of St. Joseph

### Monday, September 8

**7:30 AM** Rosary

### Tuesday, September 9

**7:30 AM** Mr. David Clark +  
**5:30 PM** Deceased Members of the Schickory Joseph Family

### Wednesday, September 10

**7:30 AM** Mrs. Sylvia Werner +

### Thursday, September 11

**7:30 AM** Mrs. Elynor McClam +

### Friday, September 12

**7:30 AM** Mr. Allen Whitlark +  
**8:15 AM** no Mass

### Saturday, September 13

**5:30 PM** The End to Abortion

### Sunday, September 14

**8:15 AM** Parishioners of St. Joseph  
**10:30 AM** Mrs. Camilla Dilley +  
**12:15 PM** Mr. William Jovenelly +  
**5:30 PM** Mr. Kevan Weiland +

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY - DAY GUILD

The next meeting of the Day Guild will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 AM in the St. Francis de Sales House.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### USC FOOTBALL CONCESSIONS

**St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #12554** works a concession stand at USC Football Games. Proceeds benefit the charitable work of the Knights at St. Joseph including support of our school, our seminarians and our building campaign. A minimum of 8 volunteers are needed to operate one concession stand and two side drink stands. We sell food and drinks - not alcohol. The time commitment is 3 hours before the game, the game itself, plus 1-2 hours after the game. It is a lot of work, but there is fun and fellowship, too. Plus, you do get to see some of the games! Volunteers meet at the St. Francis de Sales House 3 1/2 hours before the game to carpool. Free work passes are provided. **For more information or to volunteer**, please contact Rick Coker, 466-2050 or Lester Johnson, 755-2736. There are three home games in September: Sept. 13, 20, 27; remaining home games are on Oct. 18; Nov. 1 & 8.

## 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.

## SINGLE/SINGLE AGAIN SENIORS

The monthly meeting of the Single/Single Again Seniors will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2:00 PM at St. John Neumann Social Hall. The menu is pot luck. Please call Faye Hay, 788-7354 or Tunkey Chesnut, 419-6639 regarding what to bring. We welcome all Single/Single Again Seniors to this social and invite you to bring a friend.

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CDs

### DATING AND COURTSHIP - KIMBERLY HAHN

What elements are essential during dating and courtship to discern whether you are following God's will? In this inspiring presentation, Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn, shares rich insight gained from many years of bible study and her personal experiences as a Christian woman, wife, and mother. She provides practical advice and encourages setting high standards according to God's ways.

## SHEPHERD'S CENTER - FALL SESSION

The Shepherd's Center, an interfaith program for senior adults supported by St. Joseph Parish and other area congregations will begin its fall session of "Adventures in Learning" on Wednesday, September 10 and continue for nine consecutive Wednesdays. Classes are in a wide variety of areas including music, art, health, entertainment, history, etc. Registration is \$25 per session which covers as many classes as one's schedule allows. Lunch is offered to members for \$7.00 each Wednesday but reservations must be made in advance.

The Shepherd's Center of Columbia meets in the Leisure Ministries Building at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, 3401 Trenholm Road. Please call 779-4449 for more information or to receive the brochure.

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"Of all the things of life, a happy death is our principal concern. For if we attain that, it matters little if we lose all the rest. But if we do not attain that, nothing else is of any value."

Blessed Junipero Serra (1713-84 AD) on Death

August 2008

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Charleston,

On Sunday, September 14, 2008, we will receive the **Annual Seminarian Collection** to help in the support of the 13 men who are studying for our diocese. Prior to their acceptance as candidates for the priesthood, these men have undergone extensive evaluations and a rigorous admissions process by our Vocation's Office, as well as their prospective seminaries. Their formation process is providing us with men who are spiritually, academically, and psychologically prepared candidates for ordination.

I ask for your prayerful and financial support of these men who are answering God's call to ordained priesthood, as well as your prayers for those discerning a call to the priesthood for our diocese.

Your generosity will help provide for the spiritual needs of the Church in the Diocese of Charleston. Let us pray that God will continue to send us good and holy priests to serve his faithful people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Msgr. Martin T. Laughlin  
Administrator  
Diocese of Charleston

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The St. Gianna Respect Life Guild will have their monthly business meeting on **Monday, September 8 at 6:30 PM** in the St. Francis de Sales House. We will be discussing the Monument for the Unborn proposal and finalizing plans for the reception after Wayne Cockfield's talk "Living in the Bulls Eye of Euthanasia" at St. Joseph on October 29.

Please check our website, [www.stgiannaguild.org](http://www.stgiannaguild.org), for a list of the many respect life events taking place in Columbia over the next couple of months.

For more information, call John at 736-4131 or e-mail [info@stgiannaguild.org](mailto:info@stgiannaguild.org).



# St. Joseph High School Ministry

All High School Youth are Invited!

Next Sunday September 14, 2008

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Parish Hall/Gym

Youth Group Every Sunday!

Girls Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.!

Mission Trips!

March for Life in Washington, D.C.!

Diocesan H.S. Conference!

Retreats with other groups!

Sports Club!

Live Your Faith!



## Car Wash for Life!

Saturday, September 13 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In front of St. Joseph School.

**All Proceeds Will Be Donated to Birthright!**

Sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Youth Ministry and Ft. Jackson Catholic Youth Ministry.

Note: In Case of Funeral we will move car wash behind the school.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS - 2008-09



This year we will be offering the following adult seminars on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:30 pm beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending one of these classes, please complete the form and return it with a \$15 donation for books and materials to the Pastoral Life Center by September 8<sup>th</sup>. For information or to register by phone, please call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or email [stjoedre@aol.com](mailto:stjoedre@aol.com)

**GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE: Dr. Joe McCabe**  
*6 Sessions beginning on September 10*

This program provides married or engaged couples an opportunity for understanding God's glorious plan for marriage and human sexuality. If you are married, or planning to marry some day, you NEED this program.

**Location:** Parish Life Center, Lower Level

**WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE: STUDY OF THE CREED: Ron Evans**  
*10 sessions beginning September 10*

We say the Creed every week at Mass, but do we really know what this means for our Catholic Faith? This class takes an in depth look at the Creed, and explores how the beliefs we profess at Mass should be lived out in our everyday lives.

**Location:** "Room C" First floor classroom of the Rowland Education Building.

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD: Malcolm and Gwen Skipper**  
**10 sessions beginning September 10**

This course will consist of reading, discussing and analyzing the Sunday Mass readings for the week.

**Location:** Parish House (old rectory) near Adoration Chapel

**AN EVENING WITH WAYNE COCKFIELD: "Living in the Bullseye of Euthanasia"**

**One session on October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Wayne Cockfield is an internationally-renown speaker and at-large director on the board of the National Right to Life Committee. He served as a non-governmental organization representative to the United Nations to keep pro-life language in the International Treaty on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was ratified in 2006. Topics discussed are of vital importance to everyone. They will include "What's Wrong with South Carolina's Living Will."

**Location:** In the church

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ADULT EDUCATION REGISTRATION  
Fall 2008



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register for the following class(es):

- Joy-Filled Marriage (Sept. 10 – Oct. 15)  
 Study of the Creed (Sept. 10 – Nov. 19)  
 Breaking Open the Word (Sept. 10 – Nov. 19)  
 Evening with Wayne Cockfield (October 29) **NO FEE!**

Please check one:

Enclosed is \$15 to register for any or all of these sessions.

I will bring the donation on the first night of class.

PLEASE RETURN form to the Pastoral Life Center or

Call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 to register.



ALL ARE INVITED  
COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF  
**BIG BAND MUSIC**  
AND A SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Joseph Senior Life Ministry presents:

**Bob Knox**  
& the Blue Serenade Orchestra

Friday, September 12  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Hall/Gym

**Serving for Dinner Begins at 5:30 PM**



*Cost: \$10.*

*Proceeds to help finance transportation  
for seniors through "5 Points Wheels."*

Please return form with payment of \$10 per person by September 8.  
Make checks payable to "St. Joseph Senior Life"  
For more information, please contact Sr. Julienne Guy at 540-1901.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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