

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	282,480.32
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 9-07-08	30,879.43
Catholic University of America.....	1,962.09
Parish Debt (as of 9-3-08)	212,472.69
“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”	
Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,440,566.17

Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God's gifts show that I know from Whom they came and am grateful?

TRIBUTES



The flowers on the Main Altar this weekend are in loving memory of Camilla and Pat Dilley and are given by their family.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the families of **Kay Wray** and **William Wilson**. May their souls rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

On September 15, George and Emily Allawos will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary. Best wishes to George and Emily.

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. Please contact John Waters at 540-1920 for more information or help with registration.

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!

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Baptist: James C. Bryan, Josephine Hughes,
Austin Hughes, Jr.

National Health Care: Dot Johnson



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parish Friends,

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who made our annual Grandparents Day such a success last Friday! This week we have a full week of school. The students are settling in to the academic rigors. We will be reviewing basic skills in math, reading, language arts, social studies and science as we prepare for our week of standardized testing (ITBS), September 22-25.

Next Sunday, September 21, at all the Masses, our students will be reading, ushering and taking up the Gifts at the Offertory. Please look for the insert in this week's bulletin. All Saint Joseph students are asked to wear their **dress uniform** to Mass next Sunday!

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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes continue on Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 PM. You may still register - download the form from the parish website:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious_education.html

or stop by the parish office to pick up a form.

RCIA CLASSES

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.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

There will be a Baptism Seminar TODAY, 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.

PARISH DINNERS

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: macaroni and meat sauce, tossed salad, bread sticks, dessert and beverages.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education classes began on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:15 PM, but it's not too late to join in. Topics include "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage," "What Catholics Believe: A Study of the Creed," and "Breaking Open the Word." For more information go to the parish website at www.stjosephcolumbia.org

"Great graces cannot be obtained without humility. When you yourself experience humiliation, you should take it as a sure sign that some great grace is in store."

-St. Bernard of Clairvaux on Humility

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 +

Monday, September 15

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, September 16

7:30 AM Mr. Jerry Costabell +
5:30 PM Mrs. Elynor McClam +

Wednesday, September 17

7:30 AM Hazel & Robert Thompson +

Thursday, September 18

7:30 AM Mr. William Killoy +

Friday, September 19

7:30 AM Mrs. Elynor McClam +
8:15 AM Dolores & Timothy Brown (I)

Saturday, September 20

5:30 PM Mr. Chris Elmore +

Sunday, September 21

8:15 AM Mr. George Goodwin +
10:30 AM Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr. +
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph
5:30 PM Mr. Ghassan Sami Touma +

PROVIDENCE HOSPITALS NEED VOLUNTEERS

Providence Hospitals are in critical need of volunteer assistance in several areas and at various times - days, evenings, weekends. Please contact Hospital Director of Volunteers Ruth Nichols at 256-5363 to discuss how you can share the Providence mission to bring Jesus' loving care to patients and families.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Friends:

Please know how much Sistercare appreciates the generous financial contribution of \$2,302.82 and the toiletries, clothing, linens, school supplies and other miscellaneous items in support of our work.

These thoughtful gifts will help Sistercare address the needs of battered women and their children in our Supportive Housing Program. Your support places us in a better position to counteract the effect of domestic violence on victims' lives and break the cycle of family violence.

Thank you for your support of Sistercare and concern for battered women and their children.

Sincerely,

Nancy Barton
Executive Director

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.

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.

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.

NEWMAN CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, October 24, at 9:00 AM, Fort Jackson Golf Club. Support the St. Thomas More Newman Club Alternative Spring Break Trip. For registration or hole sponsorship, information, please visit www.newmanclub.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your spouse an early CHRISTMAS gift this year, the gift of a great marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is for married couples that have good marriages and want to make their marriage great. Our next scheduled weekend is October 17-19 at the Phoenix Inn, Greenville, SC. For more information visit our South Carolina website at <http://sc.wwme.org/> or contact Bart & Laurie Huffman at (864) 575-4951 / lahuffman@prtcnet.com or Steve & Nydia Burdick (803) 798-8296 / scwwme@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL RETREAT

AT LAKE KANUGA, NC - OCTOBER 1-3

The retreat is for men and women (Couples & Singles) Come join your fellow parishioners for a retreat, renewal, and inspiration in a beautiful and serene environment. The retreat includes daily Mass, rosary, discussion groups and fellowship. There will be ample time for meditation and walks around the scenic lake. Arrive for supper Wednesday evening and depart after lunch on Friday. Cost includes: round trip bus transportation, room for 2 nights (private baths), 6 meals. For more information see the display board in the church narthex or call Anne Brockington at 783-2568 or Sr. Julienne Guy at 540-1901.

LOMAZOV CONCERT FOR HOMELESS

Marina Lomazov, internationally known pianist and USC School of Music artist-in-residence, will present the opening performance in a series of musical concerts designed to raise funds for the new Homeless Transition Center. The Lomazov concert begins at **7:30 PM on Friday, September 26, at Washington Street United Methodist Church**, 1401 Washington Street. All concerts are open to the public - suggested minimum donation \$20 per concert - all proceeds will be donated to the Center. For more information about the concert series and the Homeless Transition Center, visit MIHAC's website at www.lightthewaycolumbia.com

REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN MASS

Saint Peter Church, 1529 Assembly St., will host the first "Remembering Our Children Mass" for the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life on **Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 AM**. Families and friends who have experienced the death of a child before or after birth are invited to attend. Losses may include abortion, accident, adoption loss, disease, illness, infertility complications, miscarriage, stillbirth, victim of war, violence or any other circumstance. A gathering with light refreshments will follow in the Negila Hall. Please contact the Family Life Office at 547-5063 or e-mail: famlifecor@earthlink.net if you have any questions.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you want to vote absentee, please contact Richland County Voter Registration at 576-2240 and ask for an application which will be mailed to you. Return the completed application and an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. Ballots must be returned by November 4 - Election Day. The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming election is October 4. For more information, please contact Elaine Roberson at 787-4360.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

3600 DEVINE STREET • COLUMBIA, SC 29205
(803) 254-7646 • FAX (803) 799-7607

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Dear Saint Joseph Catholic Church Parishioners:

At the Masses one weekend last May, we highlighted our parochial school. The response of support and affirmation from the parish was tremendous; testimony to, not only your love of St. Joseph Catholic School, but to your value of Catholic education. On behalf of Mrs. Rose Tindall, our principal, and myself we want to thank you.

Since the first graduates began and completed their elementary studies at our school, we have strived to place our faith at the center of the academic and spiritual formation of our kids. Integrating our Christian values with solid academics has given us the reputation of excellence in the city of Columbia and Diocese of Charleston.

As we strive and create an environment where our students are equipped to meet and exceed the challenges of tomorrow, we want to continue to seek your prayers, support and talents in meeting the needs of our students and faculty.

Our church and school work hard to offer tuition assistance to parishioners who are in need, but we do not have enough funds to assist all who make a request. It is our prayer that you will help us to assist those who are most in need. Next weekend, September 20th and 21st we will recognize our school, students and faculty. At each Mass we will have students serving in various ministries. All of our students attending Mass that weekend will be in their school uniforms. After each Mass we will offer light refreshments, along with information on our school. During the Mass, we would like to give you an opportunity to help by donating to a second collection. Funds from the second collection will be used for scholarships, so please give what you can to support this worthy cause. Also, if you would like to sponsor a needy child's education for a year, please contact either one of us and we will be happy to make the arrangements.

For those who would like, a wish list of specific educational needs can be found in today's bulletin. Your generosity is appreciated.

We are honored to share in the academic, religious, and social development of one of God's greatest treasures—your children. If you have any questions about our school, please stop by the information table, located outside the church, or visit the school anytime.

May God bless you always.

Father Harris, Pastor

Mrs. Tindall, Principal

St. Joseph School ~ 2008-09 "Wish List"

Before purchasing any item(s), please contact the School Office at 254-6736 to make sure they are still needed.

Mrs. Anderson—2nd Grade

Complete set of dictionaries (25) for room

Computer printer

Globe

Mrs. Bramhall—6th Grade

CD player

Expo Markers

Reams of copy paper in the following colors:

salmon, pink, blue, violet.

Mr. Bramhall—ART

LCD projector

Printer for Art Room

Clear plastic large/medium/small bins to store Art Supplies

Mr. Cole—Library

Book scanner

Book series

More books, periodicals, magazines

Mrs. Crum—3rd Grade

Kickball

Nice atlas

Pull-down map of the United States.

Mrs. Dodds—Pre-Algebra

Algebra tiles for teaching Algebraic equations

Smartboard for Science Lab

LCD projector for Science Lab

Mrs. Elam—5-year-old Kindergarten

Book stand

Tape recorder and (4-6) headphones for a listening center.

Recharger and rechargable batteries for digital camera

Miss Hattler—3rd Grade

Small toys/games/accessories for our class store

Cash register

Class sets of books (20):

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard & Florence Atwater;

The War With Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith;

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Mrs. Hevia—2nd Grade

Student Dictionaries (25)

Digital Camera

Colored Copy Paper

Miss Kessler—4th Grade

CD/Boombox

Educational Games

Grade-appropriate (4-6 pg.) Book Series

Mrs. Kibler—4-year-old Kindergarten

Large kiddy rug in the classroom

Music cd's for quiet time

Boy/Girl dress-up clothes for house keeping.

Mrs. Kinsey—5-year-old Kindergarten

Big Book stand with storage for Big Books

Tape recorder with headset for our listening center

Digital Camera

Mrs. Kirby—Music

Instruments—various

SMART board for classroom

Instructional books or New Songbooks for school

Mrs. Kunding—Spanish

Piñatas—for May festival

Candy for piñatas

Candy/small toys for "prize box"

Mrs. Leonard—Guidance

Auto B Good DVD series for elementary character education

(\$59.99 per DVD and \$599.99 for 12 DVDs).

Gently used Legos™ or similar small building toys.

New (or gently used) office chair

Sister Maria Lovett—1st Grade

Another sturdy picnic table for the courtyard by our classroom.

DVD player for the TV

SRA learning kit from SRA-McGraw Hill (about \$500)

Mrs. McFarland—4th Grade

Desk chair for teacher assistant's desk

Stool (tall-with back preferably)

Boom box with CD player.

Mrs. McNally—5th Grade

Instrumental cd's

Soccer ball/Kick ball

Art Supplies—i.e. glitter glue, ink pads for stamps, decorative foam stickers, stencils, construction paper

Mrs. Mendelsohn—6th Grade

Grey, yellow, and blue copy paper

Expo markers

Camera or Cameras and case that the students can check out for class projects or can be used in class.

Mrs. Pittman

One dozen flash drives

New phonics program—4K-1st Grade

Qwizdom System (www.qwizdom.com)



Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We are always thankful for the support our Parish provides to the school. We hope to have your continued support for our school's largest fundraiser, Taste of Heaven, scheduled for Friday, October 17, in the Parish Hall/Gym. It's a festive evening featuring heavenly cuisine from some of Columbia's finest restaurants, beverages, a live auction, and entertainment.

We would be grateful if you would consider one (or more) of the following:

Be a sponsor: Your family or business can help by participating as a sponsor. Please see the back of this letter for complete details.

Donate an item for the auction: If you have an item you would like to donate to the live auction, please call Lisa Dayhuff at 787-2564 or e-mail at lisadayhuff@bellouth.net. Especially valuable items are weeks or weekends at the beach or in the mountains, trips, or tickets. If you are willing to donate, please let us know!

Join the party: Call some friends and join us for a fun evening! Where else can you go and have delicious food, beverages and entertainment, all for only \$25 per person? Just call the school 254-6736 and we will put you on the invitation list.

Please be a part of this special evening and show your support today!

Sincerely,

Rose Tindall
Principal

Lisa Dayhuff
Taste of Heaven Auction Chair

Show Your Support – Be a Sponsor!

Show your support for our school by sponsoring Taste of Heaven, scheduled for Friday, October 17th ! The evening will feature heavenly cuisine from some of Columbia’s finest restaurants, beverages and a live auction. Funds raised at last year’s event were used to make significant improvements to the math curriculum, school grounds and will fund field trips and our Arts Alive initiatives this school year. With your help, we can continue the success of this major event and enhance even more areas of our school!

If you own a restaurant and are interested in providing food for this evening please contact Chris Charlton at sccharlton@sc.rr.com or Lisa Militello in the school office 254-6736 We welcome this gift.

Please review the sponsorship packages listed below and contact George Bumgardner at 782-0528 or gbumgardner@bellsouth.net if you have any questions. **The deadline for sponsor pledges is Tuesday, September 30th.**

Recognition benefits are additive as the donation increases.

Friends of Saint Joseph School \$100+

- Listed recognition in auction listing

Guardian Angel Sponsor \$300

- Listed recognition on event sign at entrance to event
- 2 admissions to event

Bronze Angel Sponsor \$600

- 4 admissions to event

Silver Angel Sponsor \$1,000

- Listed recognition on event sign at school
- 8 admissions to event

Presenting Angel Sponsor \$5,000 (limit one)

- Full-page ad in Auction listing (B&W only)
- Logo recognition on event sign at event entrance
- Advertising table at event
- Opportunity for Presenting Sponsor to speak at opening of live auction
- 8 admissions to event

Yes, we would like to be a Sponsor of “Taste of Heaven” by donating \$_____.

(Please make checks payable to St. Joseph School PTO with a “TOH” notation.)

Name: _____

Company Name (If applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone number and email: _____

Return this form with your check to the school, attention TOH Sponsorship Committee or mail to
Saint Joseph School
Attn: TOH Sponsorship Committee
3700 Devine Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29205