

**OFFERTORY**

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual .....	307,437.30
Weekly Budget .....	28,846.15
Offertory -- 9-14-08 .....	24,956.98
Second Collection for Seminarian .....	3,772.57
Pride in our Past, Faith in our Future ...	16,766.08
Parish Debt (as of 9-3-08).....	212,472.69
<b>“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”</b>	
Pledged .....	3,118,479.71
Received .....	1,457,536.00

*Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves—by wise use of their time and talents—in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.*

**TRIBUTES**



**The flowers on the Main Altar** this weekend are in loving memory of John L. Powell and are given by Angela and Matt Perry.



**The Tabernacle Vigil Candle** (September 21 to October 4) is in loving memory of Carl Niggel and is given by his wife Lucille.



**The Bread and Wine** for the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 21 are in loving memory of Kay Wray and are given by Lenna & Frank Parker.

**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.

**YOUTH INTERFAITH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Registration for **Saint Joseph’s Interfaith Basketball Teams** (3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys and girls) and for the **Saint Joseph Peewee League** (5, 6 and 7 year olds) is now underway. Information and applications are available at the church and school offices and in the Narthex of the Church. Teams are open to parish youth.

The registration deadline is **Monday, October 20** and the fee for participation is \$45. For further information, please contact Todd Wilkinson at the Pastoral Life Center at 540-1908.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*

**SCHOOL NEWS**



Dear Parish Friends,  
This weekend we are especially recognizing our wonderful students and teachers at the Masses. We are very grateful to our generous and supportive parish for all that you do for us! Please continue to support us in prayer.

This week, the students in grades one through six will be taking the rigorous Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test). Although test scores are by no means the only way to measure the success of our students, they certainly are a nationally recognized source of this information. Our students consistently score well above grade-level on these tests; and last year we were named in the top 10% of schools in the nation for our reading program based on our ITBS scores. Testing-week can be an anxiety-filled one, so please pray that the Holy Spirit will help to calm our young scholars as they take the tests. We are so proud of them, and we know that they will all do their very best!

Please join us for Mass on Friday, Sept. 26 at 8:15 AM. Have a blessed week!

**LECTOR WORKSHOP**

All current lectors and anyone interested in becoming a lector should plan to attend a workshop on **Tuesday, September 30** immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are new to the parish and were a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at your previous parish and would like to serve at St. Joseph, please contact Malcolm Skipper at [skipperm@bellsouth.net](mailto:skipperm@bellsouth.net)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Providence Hospitals** are in critical need of volunteer assistance in several areas and at various times - days, evenings, weekends. Please contact the 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.

**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](http://www.newmanclub.com)

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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](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious_education.html)

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

## ADULTS SEEKING CONFIRMATION

If you are a post-high school adult who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you should you should plan to attend the RCIA classes which meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Rowland Education Building, Room C. For more information, or to pre-register, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906.

## 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: baked ham, new potatoes, string beans, 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](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org)

## WAYNE COCKFIELD TO SPEAK

Wayne Cockfield will be giving his talk "Living in the Bulls-Eye of Euthanasia" at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Church on Wednesday, October 29. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall/Gym. Wayne Cockfield is an 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. Mr. Cockfield has lobbied at the state and federal levels for passage of anti-euthanasia legislation, and he travels extensively, speaking out for protection of medically vulnerable people, including the poor, the elderly, the disabled, and those who are chronically and terminally ill.

"Whoever seeks earth before he seeks heaven will surely lose both earth and heaven."

John Chrysostom (347-407AD)

## ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

The details of the Annual Parish Retreat are still being finalized. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### 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 +

### Monday, September 22

7:30 AM Rosary

### Tuesday, September 23

7:30 AM Mrs. Maria Alvarez +  
5:30 PM Harriet & Norbert Josten +

### Wednesday, September 24

7:30 AM Mrs. Katharina Hinterleitner +

### Thursday, September 25

7:30 AM Mr. Sage McLaughlin (I)

### Friday, September 26

7:30 AM Mrs. Carmen E. Novellas +  
8:15 AM Mrs. Ann Sullivan (I)

### Saturday, September 27

5:30 PM Mr. Robert Wiggs +

### Sunday, September 28

8:15 AM Fr. Lee A. Selzer +  
10:30 AM Mrs. Virginia Bachem +  
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph  
5:30 PM Bernice Elias & Cass McCarter +

## 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](mailto:lahuffman@prtcnet.com) or Steve & Nydia Burdick (803) 798-8296 / [scwwme@gmail.com](mailto:scwwme@gmail.com)

## 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](http://www.lightthewaycolumbia.com)

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## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

**Thank You St. Joseph Parishioners!** Our high school youth were joined by youth from St. Michael's (Ft. Jackson) for a car wash last Saturday. Through your support we were able to collect \$573.23. All of this money is being donated to BirthRight of Columbia.

**We invite all high school youth** to join us on Sundays from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym. This is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and meet new and old friends, in a fun and informal gathering.

**Our Young Ladies Faith Sharing Group** will meet this Wednesday, September 24 from 6:15 to 7:15 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.

**All youth are invited** to join us starting Wednesday, October 1 from 6:15 to 7:15 PM for "**Thy Kingdom Come.**" We will take an in depth journey into the heart of God as we encounter Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. This will be held of the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

**Cardinal Newman students are invited** to gather from 11:40 AM - 11:55 AM in the school Chapel for "15 Minute Prayer." Take time away from the stress of classes, homework, and tests for a few minutes of dynamic prayer. This is co-sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Youth Ministry.

**"Men in Black" is a young men's retreat** which will be held from October 24-26 at Camp Kinard near Leesville. This weekend is packed with games, music, small groups, faith sharing, and much more all directed to high school men. Please make plans to join us!

**Our Young Ladies Retreat** will be held November 21-23 at Camp Kinard. The focus of this retreat will be to challenge you to see yourself as God sees you. Topics to be covered will be self-worth, relationships, and your identity as Catholic young ladies.

For more information on any of our activities call John Waters at 238-6131.

### SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

**Mr. Mark Good**

Mount St. Mary's Seminary  
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road  
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-7797

## A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AS WE PREPARE TO ELECT OUR LEADERS

*In preparation for the 2008 US elections, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops invite all to pray the following prayer between now and Election Day, November 4.*

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord,  
Not only of individuals,  
but of nations and governments.

We thank you for the privilege  
Of being able to organize ourselves politically  
And of knowing that political loyalty  
Does not have to mean disloyalty to you.

We thank you for your law,  
Which our Founding Fathers acknowledged  
And recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank you for the opportunity  
that this election year puts before us,  
To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote,  
But to influence countless others to vote,  
And to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened.  
Let them realize  
that while politics is not their salvation,  
Their response to you requires  
that they be politically active.

Awaken your people to know  
that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world.  
But rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands  
lifted up to you in prayer  
Are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth;  
That the same eyes that read your Word  
Are the eyes that read the names of the ballot,  
And that they do not cease to be Christians  
When they enter the voting booth.

Awaken your people to a commitment to justice  
To the sanctity of marriage and the family,  
To the dignity of each individual human life,  
And to the truth that human rights begin  
when human lives begin,  
And not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today  
That we are citizens of your kingdom.

May that make us all the more committed  
To being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The following teachers/classes/items were inadvertently left off of last weeks "wish list."

We apologize for any inconvenience.

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

Mrs. Reeves—5th Grade  
Jacques Cousteau—Pacific Explorations 6-DVD SET  
Sea Monkeys MagiQuarium Kits  
Grow-A-Frog Kits

Mrs. Richardson—1st Grade  
5' x 8' rug  
Floor cushions or video chairs  
Small work table for teacher to place materials while teaching

Mrs. Suarez—4-year-old Kindergarten  
child-size table for desktop computer  
(at least 22" H, 36" W, 24"D)  
Adult rocking chair  
5' x 8' rug for classroom

Mrs. Tindall—Principal  
Die-cut Machine for school  
SMART Board for Science Lab  
Grant-Writing Workshop Tuition

Mrs. Tucker—Physical Education  
mini-stereo system  
"Work your body" card deck - \$12.95  
"Move your body" card deck - \$12.95

### Tuition for Students:

**Non-Parishioner .....\$6840.00**  
**Parishioner.....\$4680.00**



## MISSIONARY IMAGE of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

*at St. Joseph Catholic Church on November 2, 2008*

The Missionary Image will be present at all Sunday Masses on November 2, 2008 - the Feast of All Souls. Please plan to pray with our Blessed Mother either before or after Mass. There will be tables with more information on Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Missionary Image between Masses.

The Missionary Images are actual size (4' x 6') replicas of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady which she left on Blessed Juan Diego's tilma. The Images were blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. They have journeyed on Visitations in the New Evangelization throughout the world. The Images have visited each of the United States in over one thousand parishes and have received the veneration of hundreds of thousands. There have been hundreds of Masses, Confessions, hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosaries in the presence of the Images. Many conversions, healings, reconciliation's and graces have been reported.



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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> ! 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



## **THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CRIER**

**September 2008**

We had an overwhelming response to the summer book drive! Thank you for your book donations! According to the Dismas Thrift Store run by the Catholic Charities Lowcountry office in Beaufort, books are the best selling item, by far. The proceeds from the donated books will help support prison ministry in our Diocese.

September is “Hunger Action Month.” There are over 4,000 individuals in the Midlands area who struggle with homelessness and hunger. This number does not include the many working families struggling to pay high grocery and gas bills in our present economy. **Please consider supporting Catholic Charities this month!**

Should you wish to make a donation, the following items are needed:

- *grocery/gas gifts cards (any dollar amount)*
- *men’s white socks*
- *men and women’s deodorant*
- *laundry detergent*
- *dish detergent*
- *shampoo (family size)*
- *new or gently used men’s pants (especially sizes 30-38)*
- *pair of men’s size 15 tennis shoes*

Donations can be dropped off at 1529 Assembly Street (back entrance) or mailed to PO Box 7245, Columbia, SC 29202. For other ways to support Catholic Charities, visit the new website: [www.supportcatholiccharities.org](http://www.supportcatholiccharities.org)

Thank you so much for partnering with us as we carry out the mission of Catholic Charities and provide for those in need. We would not be able to carry out our mission without your prayers and generosity!

*“Live and let live is fine, but live and help live is better.”*

**Happy Fall!**

*Mary T. Gohean – Regional Coordinator  
Cathy Hood-Pittenger – Client Advocate  
(803) 254-9776*