

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	333,697.33
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 9-21-08	26,260.03
2nd Collection for St. Joseph School	9,094.21
Parish Debt (as of 9-3-08).....	212,472.69

“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”

Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,462,535.75

This first son in today’s Gospel said he would do his father’s bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

TRIBUTES



The flowers on the Main Altar this weekend are in loving memory of Doris Corley and are given by her family.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of **Bert Sandifer**. May his soul rest in peace.

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, in the Narthex of the Church and on the parish website:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth_athletics.html

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.

THANK YOU BLOOD DONORS



St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #12554 would like to thank all those who made this year’s blood drive such a success. **Thirty seven (37) parishioners and friends gave the gift of life** by donating blood last Sunday. Congratulations to

all who helped with the planning, execution, donations, intentions, and prayers. The response was exceptional and is yet another indication of the giving nature of our parish and friends.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Providence: Margaret Khoury



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parish Friends,

We are once again overwhelmed and so grateful to our parish family for their support last weekend at our Fall Saint Joseph School Sunday. Through your gracious compliments; support through the second collection (over \$4,000 was collected); and donation of items on our wish list; we have been truly blessed! We also received a very generous donation of a child’s tuition (\$5,000). Thank you!

This week at the school we will settle into the normal routine after our standardized testing. On Monday, September 29, we will play host to the principals and technology coordinators of all of the schools in the Diocese of Charleston who will be attending an E-rate Conference. On Thursday, October 2, Mrs. Sandra Leatherwood, assistant to the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools will visit us.

Please join us for Mass on Friday, Oct. 3 at 8:15 AM and since it is a first Friday, we will also have Benediction following the Mass. 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 MINSTER'S 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

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 continue on Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 PM.

October is Respect Life Month. The children in CCD will be praying part of the Rosary each Wednesday this month for an increase in respect for life.

PARENTS

All students in Religious Education will be learning a different Bible verse every month. This month's Bible verse is John 3:16. Please be sure to have your children practice and memorize it this week at home.

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: shepherd's pie, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages.

"Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved; do not despair. One was not; do not presume."

Saint Augustine

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 +

Monday, September 29

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, September 30

7:30 AM Mr. Robert Collins, Sr. +
5:30 PM Mr. Robin Roberts +

Wednesday, October 1

7:30 AM Mrs. Pamela Atkins Sizemore +

Thursday, October 2

7:30 AM Mrs. Marge Barnett +

Friday, October 3

7:30 AM Mr. Robert Collins, Sr. +
8:15 AM Mrs. Mary Rose Schuessler +

Saturday, October 4

5:30 PM All Franciscans

Sunday, October 5

8:15 AM Mr. David Clark +
10:30 AM Mr. Jerome Tiemann, Sr. +
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph
5:30 PM Mr. Jerry Costabell +

ST. JOSEPH PARISH RETREAT

The Parish Retreat will take place at St. Christopher Conference Center, Seabrook Island on Tuesday, November 4 (vote early.) The bus will leave from St. Joseph at 12:00 noon and return to St. Joseph on Thursday, November 6 about 4:00 PM. Monsignor Charles Rowland will be our Retreat Master. Watch the bulletin for more information.

I CARE, I SHARE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's monthly "I Care, I Share" collection is next weekend (Oct. 4 & 5.) There is a great need for: **rice, spaghetti sauce, pasta all canned vegetables, canned fruit**, or any other food items. Thank you for your support of the Parish's social outreach.

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

St. Joseph Women's Society **Evening Guild** will meet Thursday, October 2 at 7:15 PM in the Pastoral Life Center, lower level. Call Cathy Rollings at 782-3974 for more information.

St. Joseph Women's Society **Day Guild** will meet Tuesday, October 7 at 10:00 AM in the St. Francis de Sales House. Call Doris Woest at 782-2491 for more information.

All ladies are welcome to attend either Guild.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We extend a warm welcome
to the newest parishioners of
St. Joseph Church:

Mr. & Mrs. Reynaldo Bartra
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bradley
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Burnett
Mr. John Cell
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Charfauros
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chastant
Mr. Michael & Dr. Karen Cubelli
Mr. Jeffrey Fennell
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Harris
Ms. Shannon Iriel
Mr. James Leonard IV
Ms. Clarissa Lorenzana
Ms. Yvonne Medina
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald McDermott
Ms. April Owens
Dr. & Mrs. Scott Petit
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Phillips
Miss Megan Plott
Miss Jessica Sirianni
Miss Veronica Staub
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wagner
Mr. Christopher Wagner
Mr. Mark Waid

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

- Oct. 2 Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 PM,
Parish House, First Degree
- Oct. 5 Pancake Breakfast for Seminarian Fund**
- Oct. 8-18 Catholic Information Booth at State Fair
- Oct. 16 Family Night, 7:00 PM Parish House,
Covered Dish
- Oct. 18-19 Recruitment Blitz and Operation Hope Drive
for mentally handicapped after all Masses
- Oct. 18 Charity fundraiser, USC Home football game
concession stand — volunteers needed!
- Oct. 25 Family Movie Night**, following 5:30 PM Mass
— watch the bulletin for more information
- Oct. 29 Respect Life Program, 6:30 PM, Church,
Reception follows in Hall/Gym, all invited.

For further information, please contact Sam Kopack, 783-4056 or e-mail: KSKopack@aol.com

COLUMBIA AREA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Come meet for drinks and discussion on October 8, from 6 to 8 PM at Delaney's Pub on Saluda Avenue in Five Points. This month's topic will be "*Catholic GOTV.*" 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

PROGRAM FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage will be offered on Saturday, October 11 at St. Joseph Church 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. It is based on the "new language" of Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body and explores the "whys" behind the "whats" of Catholic teaching in a non-threatening and convincing manner. The cost is \$100 but scholarships are available. For more information or to register call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjoedre@aol.com

This program is required for all couples planning to be married at St. Joseph.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian
Mr. Matthew Gray
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-7797

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

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 again Wednesday, October 8th from 6:15 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.

All youth are invited to join us starting Wednesday, October 1 from 6:15 to 7:30 PM for "**Great Adventure Bible Timeline**" which makes the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God's Word in a way that is relevant to them. These sessions will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Gym.

"**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 from our diocese. Please make plans to join us!

The Young Ladies Retreat will be held **November 21-23** at Camp Kinard. Come join high school girls from throughout South Carolina for a weekend of fun-filled music, games and laughs. 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.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY VIGIL

Candlelight Rosary vigil with the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe - **Friday October 17 at 7:00 PM** in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic located at 2712 Middleburg Drive. This Missionary image is an exact 4' X 6' digital replica of the original Miraculous Image of Mary which appeared on St. Juan Diego's cloak in Mexico in 1531. For more information, contact Janice Harper at 865-0885.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

18th INTER- FAITH THANKSGIVING DINNER

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter's Church is looking for a volunteer co-coordinator to be responsible for all the decorations for the dinner on Thanksgiving morning at the Carolina Coliseum on Assembly Street. The cost of the decorations and volunteers will be provided. If interested in this effort, please contact Robert Keeder, Coordinator at 796-9802.

ROSARIES FOR LIFE 2008

“Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends.” **Pope Benedict XVI**

We invite you to pray a Rosary for Life and place your filled out pledge card in the baskets/boxes located in the church each Sunday of October.

<p>My Gift for Life This Week I have said __ rosaries for the intentions of a renewed love and appreciation for the sanctity of human life and for the ending of any assault on life such as abortion, euthanasia, cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and capital punishment.</p> <p>Please place in the Rosaries for Life basket in the back of the church. Thank you! rosaries4life@hotmail.com</p>	<p>My Gift for Life This Week I have said __ rosaries for the intentions of a renewed love and appreciation for the sanctity of human life and for the ending of any assault on life such as abortion, euthanasia, cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and capital punishment.</p> <p>Please place in the Rosaries for Life basket in the back of the church. Thank you! rosaries4life@hotmail.com</p>
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