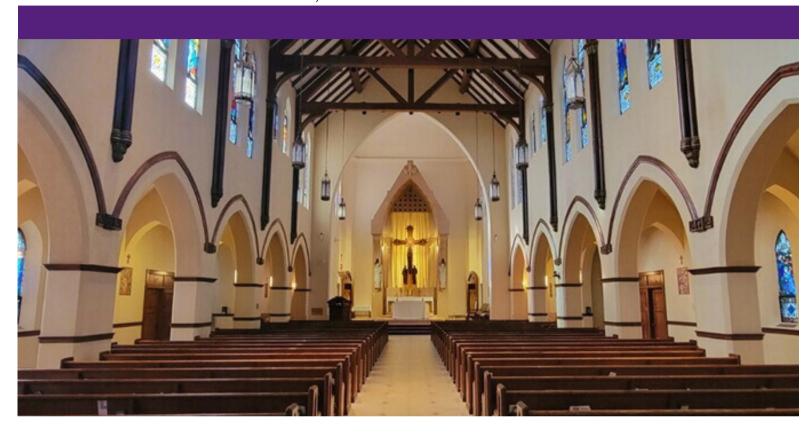


FEBRUARY 18, 2024 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend St. Joseph's regularly and consider this your parish, you may register online or stop by the parish office to fill out a registration card.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

3600 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM 3512 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205 803.254.7646 | info@stjosephcolumbia.org After Hours Medical Emergency Number - 803.609.0317 www.stjosephcolumbia.org

St. Joseph Catholic School

3700 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205 803.254.6736 | www.stjosdevine.com

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM *For the 10:30 AM ONLY Livestreaming on YouTube. and Broadcast on 90.9FM Nursery is available during the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses in the

Ministries & Administration Building for children 4 and under.

Holy Days

Please check the bulletin or website for the schedule.

Daily Mass

Tuesday to Friday 7:30 AM The Rosary precedes morning Mass. First Saturday 8:30 AM

School Mass

Friday (Sept. - May) 8:15 AM

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4 - 5 PM and by appointment

CLERGY OF PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor msgrharris@stjosephcolumbia.org Rev. Christopher Loester, Parochial Vicar frchristopher@stjosephcolumbia.org

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS. 14th Bishop of Charleston https://charlestondiocese.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of God in the parish of St. Joseph, are constantly attempting to become a faith community of those who, believing in Jesus, proclaim God's kingdom and share the mystery of faith by worshipping the Father; enabling all members to grow in their relationship with each other through the Son; and witnessing our gifts through service to others in the Holy Spirit.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

The facilities and services of St. Joseph Church are available to active members. Three points determine active membership:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period and use of the envelope system and/or electronic giving in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Join us! www.stjosephcolumbia.org/become-a-member-update-info

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Submit all announcements by Wednesday noon to info@stjosephcolumbia.org. Include name and phone number of contact person.

CHANGE OF NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:

Please notify the Parish Office at info@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 of any change in your membership information.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN:

St. Joseph Church and School and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to the protection of children. All volunteers who work with children must complete Safe Environment Training and required Diocesan paperwork. If you would like to volunteer at St. Joseph's, please contact Jamie Vickrey at jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org. The following numbers are provided for your information:

Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister: 800.921.8122 Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: 843.261.0431

SPECIAL NEEDS:

WHEELCHAIR SEATING

Available in the front row of the Church RESERVED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

There are 12 reserved spaces in the Ministries & Administration Building Parking Lot - Sundays only (for 8 AM - 10:30 AM Masses)

HEARING LOOP IN THE SANCTUARY:

In order to access the Loop, a hearing aid must be programmed for the "T" setting, which can be done by a hearing aid specialist. When in the Church, the user can go to the "T" setting on their device and will be connected to the speaker system via their hearing aid.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Parents must attend one baptism seminar before having their child baptized. Baptism Seminars are offered quarterly - Upcoming seminar dates: 4.14.24, 7.14.24 & 10.13.24

Sessions will be held from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Ministries & Administration Building. Registration is open for all sessions. Baptisms will be scheduled approximately two times per month. Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392 to register or for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Those contemplating marriage should contact the priest at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

Contact Mindy McBurney at mindy@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 ext. 423 for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office at 803.254.7646 to request hospital visits and for individual anointing when anyone is seriously ill or having surgery.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): Individuals interested in becoming full members of the Catholic community participate in a process of Christian Initiation. Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392 for more information.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM and by appointment. Church doors open at 3:00 PM. (Please note that we have purchased HEPA air purifiers for both parts of the confessional, in an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone.)

WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 18

8:00 am - † John & Dorothy Gleissner 10:30 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

12:15 pm - † Fadia Mubarak

Tuesday, February 20

7:30 am - † Vicente L. Fernandez † All departed Legioners

Wednesday, February 21

7:30 am - Tom Chmura

Thursday, February 22

7:30 am - † Helen Lynch † Stephen J. Moses

Friday, February 23

7:30 am - † Vinh Bui

8:15 am - School Mass - † Al Alvarez 6:00 pm - † John & Dorothy Gleissner

Saturday, February 24

5:30 pm - † Stephen Jones

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am - † Mary Jean Vickers

10:30 am- † Raye Richard

12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph



PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for those who are shut-ins, ill, or recuperating at home, especially: Alice Abdalla, Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Chuck Barnett, Tom Barry, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Joanne Childs, Tom Chmura, Dorothy Clawson, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Mary DeLay, Joe DeMichael, Therese Dionne, Bill Dukes, Joann Dukes, Katie Dukes, Paula Durocher, Katie Egan, Susan Faust, Jameson Finney, Freida Fixl, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman, Marjorie Fusci, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Kevin Gantt, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, George Geckle, Richard Georgeson, Francy Goodrich, Karen Gray, Claire Hadfield, Kristine Handley, Jessika Johnson, Barbara Jezek, Bill Jones, Nadine Jordan, Mary Kahaly, Angie Kempson, James Kinard, John Kinard, William Kinney, Janice Lambka, Charlene Landry, A. Crosby Livingston, Brennan Logue, Lynn Mancino, Christina McKinney, Jared McLendon, Inge Miller, Hope Mosher, Mary Mulvihill, Christian Myers, Glenda Napier, Brenda Nauful, Carolyn Odle, Ellie O'Shea, Anita Owens Orf, Melissa Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Ruth Patterson, Stella Peeples, Maria Perez, Donna Peru, Brianne Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara, Bonnie Siegers, Lois Simmons, Andrea Smith, Edna Soto, David Steele, Karen Steele, Maria Stewart, Betty Stork, Catherine Grace Stirling, Davis Bryan Stirling, Bettie Sturkie, Sister Angelita Vazzano, Anthony Warren, Allan Winemiller, Neil Winter, Phyllis Yates

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(2/10- 2/23) In loving memory of Fred Stork, given by Betty Stork.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of *James Mancini (2.12.24)*, parishioner, husband of Lee, father of Allison Mancini Gallagher (George) and James Michael Mancini, Jr. (Jordan), and grandfather of George Gallagher, Margaret Gallagher, Arden Gallagher, Walker Mancini, and Ellie Mancini. May his soul rest in peace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK (2/19 - 2/25)

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lv 19:1-2, 11- 18; PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46	Is 55:10-11; PS 34:4-5, 6- 7, 16-17, 18- 19; Mt 6:7-15	Jon 3:1-10; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32	1 Pt 5:1-4; PS 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3- 4, 5-7a, 7bc- 8; Mt 5:20-26	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4- <u>5, 7-8;</u> Mt 5:43-48	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b- 34; Mk 9:2-10

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

As Catholics, we believe that our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for Him finds expression in the way we live our lives, to be included in the things we do. To fulfill the Great Commandment (You shall love the Lord, your God, will all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.) the Church recommends that we undertake what are called the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are these:

- To admonish the sinner
- To instruct the ignorant
- To counsel the doubtful
- To comfort the afflicted
- To bear wrongs patiently
- To pray for the living and dead
- To forgive offenses willingly

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these:

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To visit the imprisoned
- To shelter the homeless
- To visit the sick
- To bury the dead

Please consider ways in which you can perform Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy for those in need. Lent originally was called "Quadragesima" (Latin for "forty") standing for forty days of fasting required of Christians before Easter Sunday. Early English (Anglo Saxon) changed the name of these 40 days to "Lencten" (now called "Lent") which means "Spring." Lectentid was Anglo Saxon for the month of March, "when days lengthen" (are longer).

- ALL FRIDAYS of LENT are days of abstinence. Meat and poultry (i.e. warm- blooded animals) should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.
- GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fasting and abstinence. On this day, one full meal is allowed.
 Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together should not equal

another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.

Not Permitted in Church During Lent During Lent, the following things are not allowed: the Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest), the "Alleluia," Baptisms, Weddings (except in special emergencies), and flowers on the altars.



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, 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. On Holy Saturday night we will use the "burdens" to fuel our Easter fire.



WITNESS

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budgeted Goal for 2023-2024: \$31,448.46

Weekly Collection: \$36,319.99

Second Collection (Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe): \$2,752.65

THIS WEEKEND - Second Collection (2/17-18)
Black and Indian Missions: Mandated by the III Plenary
Council in 1884, the 125-year-old National Collection for
Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment
of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and
Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are
distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United
States, supporting and strengthening evangelization
programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection
was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home
Mission Collection.

THE SEVEN SUNDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH

The Seven Sundays of St. Joseph is a devotion to the patron of the universal Church. The First Sunday began Sunday, Feb. 4, and they continue through the Sunday leading up to the feast day, March 19.

For the reflections and to find out more, go to: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/seven-sundays-of-st-joseph



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Power of Prayer
Feb. 14 through March 24 | Daily 6 AM -6 PM
Planned Parenthood 2712 Middleburg Drive
40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil outside
of Planned Parenthood to pray for women and
men to choose life. You are invited to witness by
your prayer (silent or out loud) to the dignity of
every unborn child and his or her mother. Join
others on Tuesdays at 8:15-9:30 AM and
Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30-10:30 AM
(February 14 - March 24)

Or, come by anytime, even for a short prayer, between 6 AM and 6 PM by signing up for an hour of prayer with another

pro-life prayer witness at the website:

https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-hourssignup.aspx?l_id=412.

Contact Bob Nerbun, Knights of Columbus Pro-Life coordinator, for encouragement and more information

bobnerbun@gmail.com.

INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM

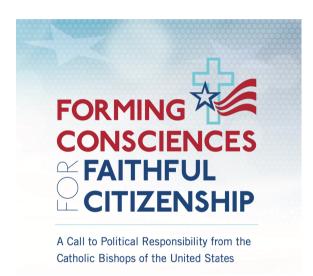
Introduction to Catholicism course Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM Ministries & Administration Bldg (Senior Life Center)

This course functions primarily to instruct those seeking to join in full communion with the Catholic Church but is open to any parishioners who would like an opportunity to expand their knowledge of the faith!

For more information, please contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392.

2/18 - Social Justice and the 3/3 - Matrimony

Respect for Life 3/10 - Chastity in the Christian Life 2/25 - Confession and Anointing 3/17 - Holy Week and Wrap-up



FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Election season has arrived. As Catholics, we have a duty to live out our faith in all our actions, including our vote. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has released a statement called Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. The document is linked below, along with other resources which highlight important concepts from the statement.

Catholic Christians are called to imitate Christ Jesus and do what we can to serve our brothers and sisters. In the political sphere, this means calling for the protection of the innocent, especially the unborn. This also includes standing up for those experiencing poverty and homelessness, the elderly and the immigrant. We must oppose evil everywhere that it exists and promote the good.

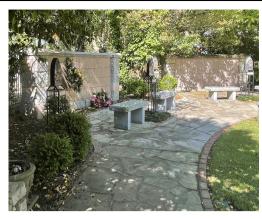
These resources aim to remind Catholics of their obligation to inform their votes by their faith and spend more time in prayer to know God better and hear his voice. Prayer is essential for keeping God at the center of our voting behaviors.

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/faithful-citizenship

More resources about civility in politics can be found at usccb.org/civilizeit

Mary Immaculate, patroness of our nation, pray for us! St. John the Baptist, patron of our diocese, pray for us!

GROW



COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

As many of you have noticed, trees were removed along Blossom Street to make way for the expansion of our Columbarium.

A privacy hedge will be planted in March to create a visual and sound buffer along Blossom Street.

The Columbarium expansion project will start in April and be completed in May. The expansion will include three more walls of niches.

If you have any questions please direct them to Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager at adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org or call the office.

For columbarium sales, please contact Mindy McBurney, Office Admin. at mindy@stjosephcolumbia.org or call the office.





LUKER/MEYER SCHOLARSHIP

For St. Joseph School Students

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Luker's parents, Norman, Shirley, Merlin, and Lois, this annual scholarship fund of \$25,000.00 will provide up to 50% scholarships for children from our parish. The purpose of the Luker-Meyer Scholarships is to help parish families with children to have the opportunity of a Catholic education.

The scholarship is intended to follow the individual child through their time at St. Joseph School. The scholarship is renewable as long as the child continues to demonstrate satisfactory academic performance and the family qualifies through FACTS and fulfills the requirements outlined below.

Families must be practicing Catholics, active members at Saint Joseph Church, and fulfill the need qualification. To demonstrate need, families must first complete the FACTS process. Families must also complete the Tuition Parishioner Discount agreement.

As the scholarship follows each individual child, families must apply for each child they are seeking the scholarship for. Families with students in kindergarten (5k) through sixth grade may apply.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the school Mass on Friday, May 10 at 9 AM. Recipients and immediate family members will be invited to a reception immediately after Mass, at the Ministries & Administration Building, to meet the Lukers.

For more information and to apply: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/scholarships

GET INVOLVED



INTERESTED IN TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE?

The Senior Life Ministry Travel Club is sponsoring a day trip to the beautiful and historical Lake Jocassee on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. The tour will include a three-hour boat cruise with a historical narrative of the lake and area. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$250 per person. For more information contact John Long at longontonion does not be approximately \$250 per person. For more information contact John Long at longontonion day trip to the beautiful and historical Lake



EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT CARDINAL NEWMAN!

Come see why our enrollment is growing like never before. Cardinal Newman students are thriving in the classroom, on the field, in the community and most importantly in their faith. We invite you to see for yourself the difference a school like Cardinal Newman can make.

Now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year.





During the Lenten season, Saint Joseph students and the school community will have many opportunities to add prayer to their days.

The school will offer our Mary's Children Rosary Group daily for students, parents, and parishioners from 7:25-7:45 AM beginning on Thursday, February 15. Please make plans to join us in the school cafeteria to pray the rosary.

Each Monday and Wednesday during Lent (beginning Wednesday, February 21), the school will gather at 8:00 AM in the gym for the Stations of the Cross. Parents and parishioners are always. welcome.

Additionally, during the Lenten season, every Thursday (beginning Thursday, February 15) there will be an optional 10-minute Prayer Meditation for students in the library starting at 7:45 AM.

We will also have a school-wide Prayer Meditation in the Church for two minutes beginning at 8:15 AM before each school Mass on Fridays.

We are in need of a volunteer with sewing skills!
Our 5th grade classes need help building very simple costumes (cloaks, shawls, scarves, etc.) for their reenactment of the Last Supper (which is part of our school-wide Holy Week Retreat). All materials will be provided. If you might be able to help sew these costumes, please contact Valerie Juniewicz at vjuniewicz@stjosdevine.com.

EAT TACOS AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Our 3rd quarter Spirit night will be Moe's take home Taco Kits. Welcome to Moe's-School Fundraiser! Order your premade Taco Kits at the link below-the Taco Kits (feeds 4-6) for \$39.99, with ground beef, chicken and our FAMOUS QUESO! For each kit sold \$5 will be donated back to our school! If we get over 51 kits sold then, \$10 per kit will be given back to St. Joseph Catholic School!

Date: Tuesday, February 20 @ 5:30 PM Delivery: St. Joseph Catholic School

Orders due by 12:00 PM on Monday, February 19

Feed the family and help fund our school! Click the link to pre-order your kit: https://form.jotform.com/240033306837147





Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-harted in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name









ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH MINISTRY THANKS YOU!

St. Joseph Catholic Youth Ministry wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who supported the 2024 Souper Bowl of Caring Collection. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$3,107.98! Your donations this year will support St. Vincent de Paul and the Midlands Holy Family Fund. Thank you!





LET'S BE TOGETHER.

Pledge Weekend

Please make your commitment to the 2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina today!

How to Participate

In the spirit of Christian stewardship, giving back a portion of our gifts to God, we ask each family to prayerfully consider a contribution in one of the following ways:

Payable by cash, check, credit and debit card, securities, or direct debit.

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A pledge may be paid over a period of ten
months. Pledges may include down payments,
but they are not required. Pledge reminders
and a special payment envelope will be mailed
to you in accordance with your payment plan.

A monthly debit from your checking account. Please complete the information on your pledge card or visit charlestondiocese.org.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR PLEDGE, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- · Payments may be made over a period of
- ten (10) months.
 Pledges need to be completed by **Dec. 31,**
- Payment reminders will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan. You may also use the CASC envelopes you have
- received from your parish.

 All contributions to the Catholic Appeal of
 South Carolina are fully tax deductible.

 Donations and pledges may now be made
- online at charlestondiocese.org/dona
- Please make checks payable to: Catholic Appeal of South Carolina.

A one-time or monthly charge to your credit or debit card for the amount of your gift. Please complete the information on your pledge card or ao online

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

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Direct transfers to charitable organizations offer significant tax advantages. To learn mor contact us: 843-261-0438 or catholicappeal@charlestondiocese.org.

SUGGESTED GIVING PLANS

CAN YOU SACRIFICE	TOTAL PLEDGE	10 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
\$32.68 /day	\$10,000	\$1,000
\$16.34 /day	\$5,000	\$500
\$8.17 /day	\$2,500	\$250
\$5.00 /day	\$1,000	\$150
\$2.50 /day	\$750	\$75
\$1.67 /day	\$500	\$50
\$0.83 /day	\$250	\$25

