

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 ~ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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. Peter O'Steen, Parochial Vicar | fatherosteen@stjosephcolumbia.org

Deacon Jerry White | gwhite@charlestondiocese.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. Upcoming seminar dates: 10.19.25

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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 21

8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

10:30 am - † Arthur Arduna

12:15 pm - † Janice Lambka

Tuesday, September 23

7:30 am - Mr. & Mrs. Ryan D. Prentice

† Alice Abdalla

Wednesday, September 24

7:30 am - † Dorothy Korey

Thursday, September 25

7:30 am - † Richard Gaskin

† Alice Abdalla

Friday, September 26

7:30 am - Michael Dudek

8:15 am - School Mass - † Bo Worthy

Saturday, September 27

5:30 pm - † Jerry Funderburk

Sunday, September 28

8:00 am - † Elisabeth & John Bussinah

10:30 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

12:15 pm - † Jo & Diego Scari

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Terry Baggott,
Chuck Barnett, Lois Barnett, Tom Barry, Germaine Blake,
Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Judy Canada,
Mary Jo Cavanaugh, Joanne Childs, Brantley Daniel, Dianne
Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Joseph DeMichael, Rick Dilleshaw,
Mark Drobek, Katie Dukes, Nancy Faller, Susan Faust, Richard
Fennessy, Jameson Finney, Freida Fixl, Cindy Flach, Sylvia Flynn,
Tripp Furman, Father Timothy Gahan, George Gallo, Olga Gallo,
Kevin Gantt, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, Richard
Georgeson, Francy Goodrich, Karen Gray, Cindy Guidry, Steve
Guidry, Candace Hester, Jessika Johnson, Nadine Jordan, David
Josten, James Josten, Barney Kelly, Angie Kempson, John Kinard,
William Kinney, Charlene Landry, Sheryl Leonard, Lynn
Mancino, Natalie Marsha, Jared McLendon, Terry McWaters,
Julian Montague, Shelley Montague, Michael Morgan, Mary
Mulvihill, Glenda Napier, Carolyn Odle, Ellie O'Shea, Melissa
Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Karen Pandur, Ruth
Patterson, Stella Peeples, Maria Perez, Thelma Perkins, Lori Ann
Pisano, David Richardson, Donna Rock, Marcella Rodgers, Brianne
Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara, Bill
Sanders, Kelly Schneider, Bernadette Scott, Jamie Scott, Bonnie
Siegers, Jaime Simpson, Jr., Andrea Smith, Edna Soto, David
Steele, Karen Steele, Betty Stork, Bettie Sturkie, Edith Teyssier,
Daniel Vallini, Anthony Warren, Allan Winemiller, Neil Winter,
Phyllis Yates

SECURITY UPDATE FOR PARISHIONERS

Amid recent events that have shaken faith communities across the country, many parishioners have expressed concern for safety during worship. We want you to know that your voices have been heard.

Our parish currently utilizes panic buttons, security cameras, and ushers to help ensure a safe environment. As an added precaution - and in alignment with Diocesan policy - we have requested from the City of Columbia, a uniformed off-duty police officer present outside the church at every Saturday evening and Sunday Mass, through the end of the year. Police presence may be sporadic, but it will provide an extra level of security and serve as a deterrent.

At school Masses, we will continue to have a police officer on site to help ensure a secure environment for our students. To further enhance safety, we will begin locking the two front doors of the church during school Mass. These doors may be unlocked by teachers at the conclusion of Mass or in the event of a fire emergency.

These additional layers of security are meant to offer peace of mind while preserving the welcoming spirit of our parish. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Adrienne Carroll, our Business Manager, adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(9/19 - 10/3)

In honor of Monte and
Jeanna Luker's wedding
anniversary - Happy
Anniversary!

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend, the flowers
on the main altar are
offered in loving memory
of the late Arthur Arduna,
given by his wife, Laura.

We also extend our
heartfelt congratulations to
Julia Thoppil and John Paul
Lyons, who were united
in matrimony this
weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Giving (9/13 - 9/14): \$37,317.97
Weekly Goal: \$35,036.60

Second Collection:
The Catholic University of America: \$2,060.52

Legacy Phase of the 75th Anniversary Organ Project
Goal: \$2,250,000.00
Donated and Pledged: \$2,219,892.00

You can access online giving on our website or scan the QR code.



INTRO TO CATHOLICISM

Curious about Catholicism or need a refresher? Join our Introduction to Catholicism course starting Sept. 7, Sundays from 9:15–10:15 AM in the MAB (Corley Room). Weekly topics are listed in the bulletin. Nursery available! Questions? Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392.

- 9.18.2025 Tour of the Church - Symbols and Worship (*meet in front of Church at 6pm*)
- 9.21.2025 Christian Anthropology and Salvation History
- 9.28.2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ and the New Covenant
- 10.5.2025 The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace
- 10.12.2025 The Church and The Sources of Revelation
- 10.19.2025 Catholic Eschatology: The 4 Last Things
- 10.26.2025 The Bible: The Word of God

For the complete list of topics scheduled for discussion, go to: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/becoming-catholic-ocia

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH
Sunday Night Dinners
for
St Joe's Youth Ministry

We need volunteers to provide dinner or snacks for one of our youth nights.



TO SIGN UP:
<https://tinyurl.com/stjoesmeals>
EMAIL: DUNAB@STJOSEPHCOLUMBIA.ORG FOR QUESTIONS

Friends of St. Josemaria Recollection

A monthly mini-retreat for men

St. Joseph Catholic Church
3600 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29205



Monday, September 22, 2025 at 7:30 PM
Schedule:

- 7:30 SJI* meditation in church (confessions heard)
- 8:00 Layman talk in meeting room (*Bride's Room in Parish House*)
- 8:20 Examination of Conscience
- 8:30 Benediction with SJI* meditation (confessions heard)
- 9:15 Get-together with snacks/drinks (*Bride's Room in Parish House*)

**Saint Josemaria Institute podcast*

Questions? john.regalbuto@gmail.com

TREE REPLACEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT | 10.8.25

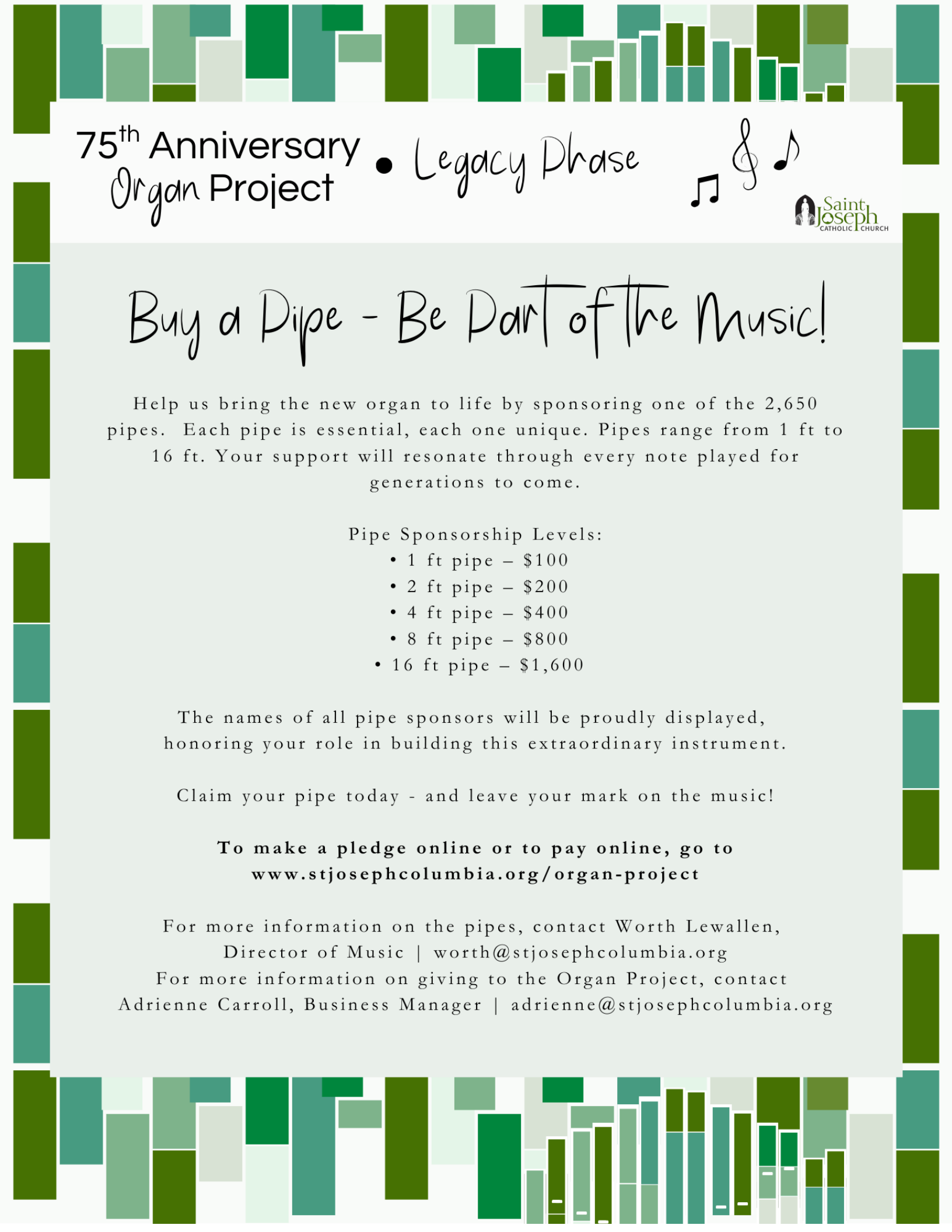
On October 8, 2025, we will be removing the tulip poplar tree located on parish grounds. This decision was made with care and discernment, and we have received full permission from the City of Columbia to proceed. Over the past several seasons, the tulip poplar has become a safety hazard. Despite appearing healthy, its branches have repeatedly fallen during even mild rain or wind. Tulip poplars are known for their brittle limbs, rapid growth, and susceptibility to storm damage. While they offer beauty in bloom, they also drop sticky sap, petals, and debris - making them difficult to maintain and potentially disruptive to nearby walkways. This unpredictable shedding poses serious risks: injury to pedestrians or parishioners, damage to vehicles or property, and liability concerns for the parish.

In place of the tulip poplar, we will be planting two Japanese Pistache trees - the same vibrant species you may recognize from our Rose Garden and the MAB parking lot. These trees were chosen for their stunning fall foliage, drought tolerance, low maintenance needs, air-purifying qualities, and resilience to urban conditions.

We believe this change will enhance both the safety and beauty of our parish grounds, while continuing our commitment to thoughtful stewardship of creation.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we care for the grounds.

Please direct any questions to Tawfiq Hodaly, Director of Facilities @ tawfiq@stjosephcolumbia.org.



75th Anniversary
Organ Project

• Legacy Phase



Buy a Pipe - Be Part of the Music!

Help us bring the new organ to life by sponsoring one of the 2,650 pipes. Each pipe is essential, each one unique. Pipes range from 1 ft to 16 ft. Your support will resonate through every note played for generations to come.

Pipe Sponsorship Levels:

- 1 ft pipe – \$100
- 2 ft pipe – \$200
- 4 ft pipe – \$400
- 8 ft pipe – \$800
- 16 ft pipe – \$1,600

The names of all pipe sponsors will be proudly displayed, honoring your role in building this extraordinary instrument.

Claim your pipe today - and leave your mark on the music!

**To make a pledge online or to pay online, go to
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/organ-project**

For more information on the pipes, contact Worth Lewallen,
Director of Music | worth@stjosephcolumbia.org

For more information on giving to the Organ Project, contact
Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager | adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

GET INVOLVED



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PIZZA PARTY

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and **MOD Pizza will donate 25% of your bill** to support this great organization!

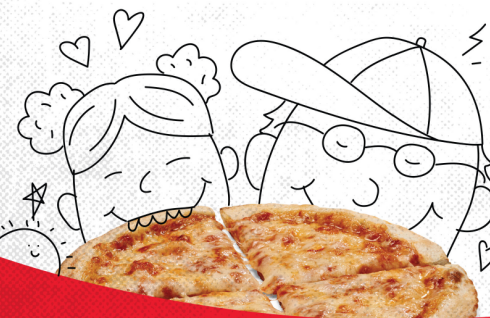
JOIN MOD PIZZA IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

ADDRESS: 141 PELHAM DR, SUITE B
COLUMBIA, SC 29209

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES25



WIN EXTRA DOUGH

Fundraisers booked during the back-to-school season are entered to win an additional **\$1,000**, and the top 3 fundraisers that bring in the highest net sales will also win an extra **\$1,000**!





ARE YOU A CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL OR STUDENT?

Wednesday, October 1 | 7:30 PM
St. Joseph Catholic Church | Corley Conference Room
Come join a new medical forum for fellowship, mentorship, and discussion surrounding ethical challenges in patient care, as we work to foster growth in one another and strive to faithfully serve God and our community. All healthcare professions are welcome. Meetings are every 1st Wednesday of the month. 7:00 PM doors open for networking. Email CathMedMidlands@gmail.com for more information!



New Beginnings

for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one

October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th
11 am - 12 pm
Corner Conference Room
Ministry & Administration Building

If you would like to attend and/or if you know anyone who may wish to attend please share this info -
Group will be limited to 10.
RSVP by September 28, 2025

Please Contact:
Therese Grant at 803.783.5121 (leave a message)
theresegrant56@gmail.com

St. Joseph's SENIOR SUPPER CLUB

We're kicking off a fun way for our seniors to connect and dine out together around town!
The 2nd Thursday of every month!
Enjoy great food and even better company - no host, just good company and your own check.

October 9th at 5:30 pm
Lizard's Thicket on
Forest Drive

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Senior Life



JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE AT CARDINAL NEWMAN!

Cardinal Newman is inviting you to **Open House on September 30!** Come experience the vibrant community, meet the dedicated faculty, and see firsthand how Cardinal Newman prepares students to thrive in college and beyond. They can't wait to welcome you in! Visit cnhs.com to register.

St Joe's YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Joseph Catholic Church

MIDDLE SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

About Us

At St. Joe's Youth Ministry, we empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus, grow in faith, and engage in the Church. Edge Sunday nights offer fun, fellowship, and faith filled talks. Living Lit helps students explore Sunday readings, while Pray and Play welcomes 5th & 6th graders into youth group life. Youth can serve at Mass, join service projects, and attend Diocesan events.

Want to learn more?



diana@stjosephcolumbia.org



St. Joes Youth Columbia



@stjoesyouthcolumbia



Blossom House: 3451 Blossom St. Columbia, SC 29205
Church Administration Building (MAB): 3512 Devine St. Columbia, SC 29205

Edge Sunday Nights

- Sunday | 5-7pm | Location varies
- Belong · Believe · Grow · Serve
- Dinner provided
- Come for the fun · Stay for the faith

Living Lit Bible Study

- Wednesday | 6-7:30pm | Blossom House
- Sept 17 · Oct 1 · Oct 15 · Nov 5 · Dec 3 · Jan 7 · Jan 21
- Feb 25 · Mar 4 · Mar 18 · Apr 15 · May 6
- Living the liturgy can light up your week

Pray and Play (5th & 6th grade only)

- Friday | 3-5pm | Gym
- Sept 26 · Oct 24 · Feb 27 · Mar 27 · Apr 24 · May 15
- Snacks provided

Service Project Opportunities

- Upcoming Opportunities: Pumpkin Painting (10/26) · Caroling (12/14) · Stay tune for more!
- St. Vincent de Paul food pantry · Write letters to seminarians · Assemble blessing bags for homeless · Provide gifts for homebound · Volunteer w/ nonprofits in Greater Columbia area · Souper Bowl of Caring

Youth Mass

- Dates for 2025-2026 school year: Sept 21 @10:30am · Oct 19 @10:30am · Nov 16 @10:30am · Mar 1 @12:15pm · May 3 @10:30am
- Sign up to serve as a lector, altar server, greeter, usher, or join the Bel Canto Choir

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- Youth meet up/set up | Blossom House 6-6:30pm
- Adoration for ALL parish families: 6:30-8pm | Drop for any amount of time | St. Joseph Catholic Church | Confession Available
- Dates: Oct 22, Nov 19, Jan 28, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 13

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HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

About Us

St. Joe's Youth Ministry is a place for high schoolers to grow in faith, friendship, and leadership. Whether you're looking to ask big questions, join a Bible Study, mentor middle schoolers, serve the parish, or attend awesome events like CLI Summer Camp and Steubenville, there's a place for you here. Come hang out and get involved!

Want to learn more?



diana@stjosephcolumbia.org



St. Joes Youth Columbia



@stjoesyouthcolumbia



Blossom House,
3451 Blossom St. Columbia, SC 29205

Bible Study: Real Talk

- Sunday | 7-8:30pm | Blossom House
- Food · Fellowship · Faith · Fun
- Led by enthusiastic college graduates passionate about Christ
- Leader: Emily O'Sullivan

Clergy Chats

- Wednesday | 6:30-8pm | Blossom House
- Sept 10 · Nov 12 · Jan 14 · Apr 29
- Apologetics · Appetizers · Come Hungry for Truth!
- Leader: Deacon Jerry White

High School Core Team

- Sunday | 5-7pm | Location Varies
- Volunteer with Middle School Edge Nights
- Mentor Middle Schoolers · Service Hours
- Leader: Diana Von Plinsky

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Basketball Registration is now OPEN

St. Joseph 2025-2026 Youth Basketball Season

To Register, go to:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth-athletics

Registration for boys & girls:
Grades 2nd - 12th is open and will close 10/28
Please note due to new CYBL deadline, we are unable to accept registrations after 10/28 at 9pm.



For more information please
contact Adrienne Carroll
adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

Calling All Coaches!

St. Joseph 2025-2026 Youth Basketball Season

We are gearing up for another season - and we're looking for coaches to help lead the way!

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Build lasting relationships with youth in our church and community
- Foster teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship
- Be part of a program rooted in faith, fun, and fellowship

To sign up, go to:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/coaches-form

For more information please contact Adrienne Carroll
adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

Player registration begins in September.

Dear St. Joseph's Families, It's time for a New Directory!



Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table after Mass on the weekend of September 27/28 and October 4/5, or simply go online and follow the instructions below.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!
- You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish, and framing options, AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends
- Scan the QR code and set your appointment with Universal today!

Photography Sessions Dates/Times Available:

All Sessions take place in Ministries & Administration Building

November 4 - 7 | 2 PM - 8:30 PM

November 8 | 10 AM - 4 PM

November 10 - 12 | 2 PM - 8:30 PM



Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online,

1. Simply go to www.ucdir.com,
2. Click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side
3. Enter **SC313** in the Church Code field
4. Enter **photos** in the Church Password field

Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

Questions, please contact Libby Garlitz at libby@stjosephcolumbia.org.