

## MAY 17, 2026 ~ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### 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 at [www.stjosephcolumbia.org/join-us](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/join-us) 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](mailto:info@stjosephcolumbia.org)

After Hours Medical Emergency Number - 803.609.0317

[www.stjosephcolumbia.org](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org)

#### St. Joseph Catholic School

3700 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205

803.254.6736 | [www.stjosdevine.com](http://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](mailto:msgrharris@stjosephcolumbia.org)

Rev. Peter O'Steen, Parochial Vicar | [fatherosteen@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:fatherosteen@stjosephcolumbia.org)

Deacon Jerry White | [gwhite@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:gwhite@charlestdiocese.org)

#### DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.

14th Bishop of Charleston

<https://charlestdiocese.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/join-us](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/join-us)

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Submit all announcements by Wednesday noon to [info@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.

### PARISHIONERS HELPING PARISHIONERS

*Parishioners helping Parishioners* allows members of our parish family to offer help or request assistance directly from fellow parishioners. Please check out the listings at:

[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/parishioners-helping-parishioners](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/parishioners-helping-parishioners)

Complete the form on our website to submit a request, offer assistance, or contact Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager, at [adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org).

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM:

Parents must attend one baptism seminar before having their child baptized. Upcoming seminar dates: 7.19.26, 9.20.26, 10.25.26

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Tuesdays 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM

[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/eucharistic-adoration](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/eucharistic-adoration)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, May 17 - The Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 am - † Gene Raymond

10:30 am - Renee Alonzo

12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

**Tuesday, May 19**

7:30 am - † Bettina Stubenrauch

† Sheila Caty

**Wednesday, May 20**

7:30 am - † Anna Cross

**Thursday, May 21**

7:30 am - † David Richardson

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**Friday, May 22**

7:30 am - † David Richardson

8:15 am - *School Mass* - † Charles Penny

**Saturday, May 23**

5:30 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

**Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost**

8:00 am - Thomas McHugh

10:30 am - † Amelia Irby

12:15 pm - † Fred & Ina Rubi, Leo & Trudy Bissonnette

## PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Terry Baggott, Chuck Barnett, Lois Barnett, Tom Barry, Germaine Blake, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Cindy Bumstead, Judy Canada, Mary Jo Cavanaugh, Joanne Childs, L. Cronin, Brantley Daniel, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Joseph DeMichael, Jean Dingeldine, Nancy Faller, Susan Faust, Samia Feghali, Cindy Flach, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman, Scott Gadow, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, Richard Georgeson, 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, John Lightsey, Irene Lightsey, Lynn Mancino, Natalie Marsha, Cheryl McLaughlin, Jared McLendon, Terry McWaters, Gayle Michaelis, 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 Peoples, Maria Perez, Thelma Perkins, Lori Ann Pisano, Joel Randall, Donna Rock, Marcella Rodgers, Brianne Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara, Bill Sanders, Kelly Schneider, Bernadette Scott, Bonnie Siegers, Jaime Simpson, Jr., McLean Sims, John Sisario, Andrea Smith, Edna Soto, David Steele, Karen Steele, Bettie Sturkie, Edith Teyssier, Daniel Vallini, Allan Winemiller, Neil Winter, Phyllis Yates



**St. Joseph Catholic Church celebrates  
250th Anniversary of the United States**

Join us in prayer,  
Eucharistic Adoration, and  
community as we entrust  
our nation to the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**June 12 - Sacred Heart Consecration**

- 7:30 AM Mass
- All-day Adoration
- 3:30 PM Benediction & Vespers

**250 Hours of Adoration for Our Country**  
Sundays: June 14, 21 & 28 | 2-4 PM  
(Benediction at 4 PM)

**July 4th Weekend Celebration**  
Refreshments after all Masses

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us  
and on our nation.**

In gratitude for the  
250th Anniversary of the  
United States,  
St. Joseph Church invites  
the faithful to unite in  
prayer, Eucharistic  
adoration, and  
community celebration,  
entrusting our nation to  
the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus. This milestone  
anniversary is an  
invitation to deepen our  
trust in God's providence  
and renew our  
commitment to prayer  
for our country. Through  
Mass, adoration, and  
fellowship, may our  
parish be a beacon  
of hope, faith, and unity.  
All are invited to stay,  
connect, and celebrate  
both our faith and our  
shared history.

## † OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dale C. Evans, predeceased by her husband, Ronald Evans. Dale was the beloved mother of Patrick Evans (Gwen) and grandmother of Peter and Claire. May Dale's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(5/16 - 5/29)

In loving remembrance of James (Jim) M. Burrows, III, given by his family, Sonja, Daniela, Margaret-Ann and families.

We miss you!

# WITNESS

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Goal: \$35,036.60

Parish Giving (5/9 - 5/10): \$38,025.96


Second Collection for Catholic Charities of SC: \$3,532.53

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



This Weekend - May 16 - 17  
Catholic Communications Campaign:

This weekend, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of the collected funds stay in South Carolina, and the other half support the collective communication work of the bishops and other Catholic projects throughout the United States. The campaign allows Catholic News Service to provide its coverage free of charge to dioceses in our country and around the world.



**NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage**  
**ONE NATION UNDER GOD**  
St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Route  
May 24 - July 5, 2026

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Is Coming to Our Diocese — May 28–30! This spring, something historic will pass right through South Carolina. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026, themed “One Nation Under God,” will send nine pilgrims carrying the light of Christ over 2,200 miles from St. Augustine, Florida, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — retracing the steps of our nation’s founding in celebration of America’s 250th birthday along the St. Francis Cabrini Route.

Our Diocese of Charleston will host five of the eighteen stops along the route, with events at St. Gregory the Great (Bluffton), the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Charleston), Holy Trinity (Orangeburg), the Basilica of St. Peter (Columbia), and Our Lady of Grace (Lancaster). Events include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and public processions through the streets.

*May 29 at Basilica of St. Peter | Columbia*  
5-6 p.m. Mass, 6-6:45 p.m. Eucharistic Procession  
6:45-9 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

This is a rare and beautiful opportunity to encounter Christ in the Blessed Sacrament alongside your fellow Catholics. Visit [charlestondiocese.org/eucharist2026](http://charlestondiocese.org/eucharist2026) to view the full schedule and register.

This Summer...

## BUY TWO, GIVE ONE!

SERVICE PROJECT FOR EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME

Buy two, give one.

When buying backpacks, Crocs, sandals, hoodies, or other school essentials for your child, get an identical item to donate.



Buy two, give one.

When buying backpacks,



...so they feel confident, included, and ready for school!

**St. Joe's Youth Ministry will collect items through July 30<sup>th</sup>**

We are asking any interested parishioners to purchase one stylish and high-quality item that you would choose for your own child so every teen at Epworth can feel confident, included, and ready for the new school year.

**Some back to school brands and styles on their wishlist include (but are not limited to):**

- Nike, Adidas, Under Armour, Crocs, Kurt Geiger, Bath and Body Works, and Walmart, Target, and Starbucks gift cards
- Shoe sizes: Women's size 6-10 and Men's size 7-13
- Most needed Clothes sizes L-XXL (but all sizes are welcome)

**Drop off any time to the Office of Youth Ministry in the Ministries & Administration Building**

## Coming This Fall!

to St. Joseph's!

*She Shall Be Called Woman*

MASTERPIECE of CREATION



## Registration is OPEN

*She Shall Be Called Woman*

A 9-week journey to be seen, known, and loved

Join us for faith, fellowship, and transformation

Starts Sept 14 | 7:00–8:30 PM

Ministries & Administration Building

All women welcome



## PARISH SAFETY UPDATE: AED LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS

The safety and well-being of all parishioners, students, staff, and visitors at St. Joseph Church remain a top priority. As part of our ongoing commitment to emergency preparedness, we are pleased to share updated information regarding the location of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on our campus.

AEDs are located throughout the church and school campus for quick access in the event of a medical emergency:

- Church: One AED is located at the rear of the church near the handicap entrance, in the same area as the fire extinguisher.
- MAB (Parish Center): One AED is located downstairs in the hallway to the right, across from the men's restroom.
- Gym: One AED is located in the right corner of the gym near the three main entry doors, next to the lighting panel.
- School: One AED is located in the main hallway to the left of the double doors leading to the first breezeway, near the three kindergarten classrooms.

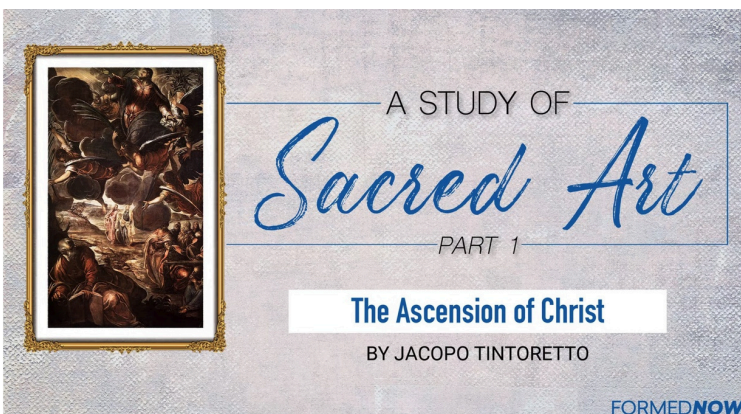
These devices are designed to be used in the critical minutes following sudden cardiac events, and they are accessible to trained staff and responders across campus. We encourage all parishioners and school families to familiarize themselves with these locations. In an emergency, quick access can save lives. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and prepared parish and school environment.



### Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



### The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on Formed, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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# GET INVOLVED

## JOIN US FOR MONDAY BRIDGE AT ST. JOSEPH!

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Join us for Bridge every Monday from 12–3 PM at the Gilmore Senior Center! Enjoy friendly games, light snacks, and great fellowship in a relaxed “party bridge” style with rotating partners and tables.

Whether you’re experienced or a little rusty, all are welcome! Questions and encouragement are always part of the fun.

Interested? Call Teri Kuhs at 803.360.1447 and sign up by Friday for the following Monday.



We have openings for a 5k teacher Please see school website for more details.  
[www.stjosdevine.com](http://www.stjosdevine.com)

## Mahjong on Wednesdays at St. Joseph's!



Join us every Wednesday through June for mahjong, fun, and community!  
All levels welcome.

Space is limited—advance registration required:  
[tinyurl.com/mahjongatstjos](http://tinyurl.com/mahjongatstjos)

1 - 3 PM  
Gilmore Senior Center  
St. Joseph's



### ¡ALERT! IMMIGRATION SCAMS

Scammers are impersonating Catholic Charities and deceiving people seeking immigration services.

#### HOW SCAMMERS OPERATE

THEY POSE AS IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS OR ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES.

THEY REACH OUT ON WHATSAPP, TEXT, EMAIL, OR SOCIAL MEDIA OFFERING IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE.

THEY HAVE FAKE FACEBOOK PAGES, USE WHATSAPP PHONE NUMBERS OR PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEY REQUEST PAYMENT OVER ZELLE, BANK/WIRE TRANSFERS (WESTERN UNION) OR OTHER DIGITAL PAYMENT PLATFORMS.

THEY REQUEST PERSONAL INFORMATION, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND/OR IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

#### DO NOT RESPOND OR PROVIDE INFORMATION!

- Save the messages but do not communicate with the scammer.
- If you have provided financial information, report the scam to your bank/credit card company.
- Immediately contact one of our Catholic Charities offices to report the fraud.

Greenville Office  
(864) 274-0141

Charleston Office  
(843) 388-0089



### VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

#### UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



#### May | Marian Apparition

Learn about a particular Marian apparition, such as at Lourdes or Fatima.



[charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis](http://charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis)



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 6-10, 2026**

**PARTICIPANTS and Volunteers REGISTER HERE!**  
Rising K4-Rising 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN. SERVICE. ✝ BE WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE!

## SUMMER SERIES

### SUMMER OF SERVICE SERVE. LOVE. GO.

<p><b>SVDP FOOD PANTRY</b> 8:30-11:30 AM JUNE 3, 17, 24 JULY 1, 15, 22</p> <p>★ FIRST 6 STUDENTS WHO REGISTER WILL GET PRIORITY.</p>	<p><b>VBS VOLUNTEER</b> VBS SET UP &amp; DECORATIONS <b>JULY 1   1-5 PM</b> &amp; DINNER AND MOVIE <b>JULY 1   5-8 PM</b></p>	<p><b>VBS WEEK</b> JULY 6-10</p> <p><b>SENIOR LIFE ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b> 5:30-8:00 PM JULY 28</p>	<p><b>CONFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STEBENVILLE ATLANTA JULY 10-12</li> <li>HIGH SCHOOL CLI JULY 13-18</li> </ul>
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✉ READ YOUTH MINISTRY FLOCKNOTE EMAILS FOR SIGN UPS



## CN SUMMER CAMPS

Cardinal Newman is pleased to offer many summer camp options for kids ages 5-12! Register for one or more using the link below. We can't wait to see you on campus this summer!

[www.cnhs.org/athletics/summer-camps](http://www.cnhs.org/athletics/summer-camps)

# Save the Date!

THIS SUMMER

## ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY

# The CHOSEN Summer Nights

FROM SCREEN TO SCRIPTURE

# HEROES AND HOOPS

Registration is open!

Focus: Faith ✝ + Basketball Skills 🏀

- 2nd-3rd Grade: 5-6:30 PM
- 4th-6th Grade: 6:30-8 PM

Cost: \$100/9 sessions  
Where: St. Joseph Gym  
When: June-October  
Tuesdays (Boys) & Thursdays (Girls)

Boys Program   2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 5 - 6:30 PM		Girls Program   2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 5 - 6:30 PM	
Tuesdays	4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:30 - 8 PM	Mondays	4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:30 - 8 PM
6/9	9/8	6/11	9/10
6/23	9/22	6/25	9/24
7/28	10/6	7/30	10/8
8/11	10/20	8/13	10/22
8/25		8/27	

To enroll, go to:  
[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth-athletics](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth-athletics)



# Cardinal Newman *is celebrating the*

# *Class of 2026*

Alex Abreu	Caraway Hammett	Khylie Remmenga
Ethan Ash	Leila Hargrove	M. Clare Roberson
Tanner Battafarano	Reese Harris	Enrique Rodriguez
Marlee Beckham	Marianna Hartzog	Arianna Rosario
Summer Berridge	Connor Hooks	Brayden Roth
Henry Bodman	Elijah Houck	Gisele Saenz
Roland Boyd III	William Humber	Zachary Schroer
Italie Bravo	Andrew Husted	Nicholas Sciandra
Isabel Camps	Ashlyn Hutchison	John Seezen
Emily Cantey	Elizabeth Hydorn	Jalia Sept
Katherine Carlson	Londyn James	Monica Serrano
Connor Cattaneo	Lawrence Jones III	Violet Shenkar
Ken Clark	Isaiah Joseph	Fallon Shivers
Jasmine Collins	Ken Lawhead	Daniel Simpson
Elizabeth Comer	R. Wade Marsh	Aleysia Soto
Edgar Contreras-Hernandez	Marisa Massey	Bryson Speronis
Osmara Contreras-Montoya	Mary Margaret McNerney	Jacob Stanek
Philip Corbett	Yered Melendez-Maya	Luke Stanek
J.Chaplain Cox IV	McKenna Miller	Madeleine Thoma
Nicholas Diehl	S. Adlyn Mustian	Sami Touma
Hannah Futch	Emilie Nguyen	Samantha Udoh
Tara Gebauer	Jason Nwoko	Ryker Vallee
Emma Gelhaus	Ella Pickren	Jason Wagner
Nicholas Gentile	Joseph Porres	Jasper Westfall
Annabelle Gill	Holland Postell	Dalton White
Luke Gjoklaj	Riley Pundt	Connor Williamson
Nazareth Godinez	Emerson Ramsdale	Quade Wilson
Jashua Gonzalez	Lillian Reid	Mirka Xanthakos
	Jonah Reisenauer	Winston Yoho

# *Congratulations!*