



FEBRUARY 25, 2024 ~ SECOND 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.)*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am - † Mary Jean Vickers
 10:30 am - † Raye Richard
 12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

Tuesday, February 27

7:30 am - † Carla Bradshaw Eubank
 † Carmen & Martin Novellas

Wednesday, February 28

7:30 am - † Ian Roof

Thursday, February 29

7:30 am - † George DeCambra
 † Bill Nagy

Friday, March 1

7:30 am - † Carmen & Martin Novellas
 6:00 pm - † Ernest & Nancy Berard

Saturday, March 2

8:30 am - *First Saturday Mass* - † Leszek Lozinski
 5:30 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am - † Don Mahoney
 10:30 am - † Jeanette Ladson
 12:15 pm - † Alberto Alvarez

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,
 • Dianne Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Mary DeLay, Joe
 • DeMichael, Therese Dionne, Bill Dukes, Joann Dukes, Katie
 • Dukes, Paula Durocher, Paul Durrett, 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, David Josten, James Josten, 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, Millie McQuitty, 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 Peebles,
 • Maria Perez, Donna Peru, Brianne Rodriguez, John Rotureau,
 • John Rushman, Anna Sakara, Bonnie Siegers, Lois Simmons,
 • Deacon Malcolm Skipper, 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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of
Ingeburg R. Miller (2.16.24)
 mother of Chris Segars
 (Carlton), grandmother of
 Claire and Clayton Segars,
 and *Edmond McElroy*
 (2.20.24), uncle of Mary Ann
 Powell (Dennis).
 May their souls rest in peace.

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(2/23 - 3/8)
 In loving memory of
 John Edgar Barnum,
 given by his loving family.



UPCOMING
 "I CARE
 I SHARE"
 WEEKEND
 (3/2 - 3/3)

Donations for our food pantry can be placed in the Narthex of the Church. Special needs in the pantry are cereal, canned meats, canned fruits, and mac & cheese.

Thanks for your support, both in prayers and contributions. For more information or questions, contact Steve Smoak at ssmoak12@icloud.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK (2/26 - 3/3)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<u>Dn 9:4b-10;</u> <u>Ps 79:8, 9, 11</u> and 13; <u>Lk 6:36-38</u>	<u>Is 1:10, 16-</u> <u>20;</u> <u>Ps 50:8-9,</u> <u>16bc-17, 21</u> and 23; <u>Mt 23:1-12</u>	<u>Jer 18:18-20;</u> <u>Ps 31:5-6, 14,</u> <u>15-16;</u> <u>Mt 20:17-28</u>	<u>Jer 17:5-10;</u> <u>Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4</u> and 6; <u>Lk 16:19-31</u>	<u>Gn 37:3-4,</u> <u>12-13a, 17b-</u> <u>28a;</u> <u>Ps 105:16-17,</u> <u>18-19, 20-21;</u> <u>Mt 21:33-43,</u> <u>45-46</u>	<u>Mi 7:14-15,</u> <u>18-20;</u> <u>Ps 103:1-2, 3-</u> <u>4, 9-10, 11-</u> <u>12;</u> <u>Lk 15:1-3, 11-</u> <u>32</u>	<u>Ex 17:3-7;</u> <u>95:1-2, 6-7, 8-</u> <u>9;</u> <u>Rom 5:1-2, 5-</u> <u>8;</u> <u>Jn 4:5-42</u>

LENT

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, with 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.

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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fridays during Lent
February 16 - March 22
6:30 PM - Parish Gym

Join us for a simple supper of soup, bread, and drink which will follow Stations of the Cross (5:30 PM) and Mass (6:00 PM)



Many thanks to Family Fellowship for a fabulous first Soup Supper last week (2/16). And thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministry, and the Legion of Mary for hosting this Friday's Soup Supper (2/23).

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Weekly Collection: \$27,558.40

Ash Wednesday: \$4,868.00

Second Collection
(Black and Indian Missions): \$3,043.35

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.

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

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-hours-signup.aspx?l_id=412.

Contact Bob Nerbun, Knights of Columbus Pro-Life coordinator, for encouragement and more information
bobnerbun@gmail.com.



LENTEN SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

To: All parishes
We want to hear from you!

In preparation for the next session of the Synod on Synodality, the synod team from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) wants to hear from the faithful on important issues so they can properly address what is facing the Church today. Please join us for a series of special Lenten listening sessions.

Synodality means "walking together," and walking together also means we listen to each other. We cannot change Church teaching; what we can do is listen to comments and advice from the faithful on plans, projects, and practices coming out of the Vatican.

There will be Town Hall sessions across the state to allow people an opportunity to provide input to the Synod, both to update the faithful on the proceedings and gather additional feedback. They will be held:

- Feb. 29, St. James, Conway, 7:00 p.m. (in English and Spanish)
- March 7, St. Mary, Greenville, 7:00 p.m.
- March 14, St. Thomas More, Columbia, 7:00 p.m. (For college students)

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/usccbsynod> to share comments, concerns, or questions with the Synod committee.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to learn more about the Synod and express ideas about how the Church can better carry out her mission of converting and saving souls for the Kingdom of God.

GROW

ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY SPRING 2024

In Person Programs

February 21, 2024 | Lenten Retreat:

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Sr. Susan Schorsten, H.M.

March 18, 2024 | Healthier Living in Embracing Loss and Grief

Lee Ann Livingston

April 8-12, 2024 | Iconography Retreat (St. Cecelia) | Fr. Damian Higgins

Online Programs

March 4, 2024

The Catholic Church in the United States: An Armchair Look at the Next Two Decades | Richard Sparks, C.S.P.

April 1, 2024

How to Have a Civil Conversation in a Time of Anger and Polarization
Deacon Clarke Cochran

April 15, 2024

Befriending Earth as a Spiritual Path to God | Dr. Catherine Wright

April 25, 2024

Poems, Prayers, and Promises
Paul Boudreau, Alice Camille & Carl McColman

More information on these and other programs may be found on the Oratory website: www.rockhilloratory.org



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.



SENIOR LIFE PRESENTS...

Who: Open to all!

What: "Keeping Our Brain Healthy" with Anne Abel, Lighthouse Hospice Group

When: Wed, March 6 | 12 PM

Where: Donor Hall - Ministries & Administration Bldg

Lunch will be provided (Publix Subs) RSVP by Friday, March 1 to reserve your space - Regina Spell at rsPELL909@gmail.com \$5 donation per attendee would be appreciated to go towards lunch.

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.

Renewable annually based on academic performance and FACTS qualification.

Applicants must be practicing Catholics, active in St. Joseph Church, and meet financial need criteria. 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. Recipients announced at school Mass on May 10. For more information and to apply, go to:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/scholarships

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/scholarships

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/scholarships

Education Scholarship Trust Fund

Applications Open Jan. 15!

Up to \$6,000 per child awarded for educational expenses.



Only 5,000 applications will be accepted this year. Apply today! Applications are open until March 15.

WHAT IS THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND (ESFT)?

- The Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESFT) is a scholarship program funded by the state of South Carolina.
- The scholarship give parents more flexibility in providing their children with the education that is best for them. It can be used for any approved education expenses like tuition and fees, textbooks, instructional materials, tutoring and many other services!
- The funds can be used for Catholic School tuition!

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE!



charlestondiocese.org/schools/trust

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stjosephcolumbia.flocknote.com

Senior Life PICKLEBALL Info Session

**TUESDAY, FEB 27
6 - 7 PM**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH GYM

Participants must be 55 and older

More Information :
murday@mailbox.sc.edu

GET INVOLVED



JOIN US FOR A BOAT CRUISE ON LAKE JOCASSEE!

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 \$250 per person.

To register and for more information, go to: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/senior-life



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.



ARE YOU A CATHOLIC MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL OR STUDENT?

Come join a new forum for fellowship, mentorship, and discussion surrounding ethical challenges in medical practice, as we work to foster growth in one another and strive to faithfully serve God and our community.

Meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. Next Meeting is March 21 at 7:30 PM at St. Peter's, Gibson Hall.

Email CathMedMidlands@gmail.com for more information.

OFICINA DE VIDA FAMILIAR INVITA



Matrimonios Eucarísticos

sábado 23 de marzo

Conferencia: 8 am - 6:00 pm
St. Finbar Hall
901 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC
Misa de Clausura, Obispo Jacques Fabré
Donación: \$75 por pareja



Para registrarse en la conferencia:
<https://bit.ly/matrimonioeucaristicos2024>
Contacte a María Romero
305.979.1573 - mromero@charlestondiocese.org

Givers of His Love
Ministry & Outreach Programs
Catholic Charities of SC.
\$2,350,000

Servants of His People
Vicariates, Seminarians & Priest Retirement
\$975,000

Teachers of His Children
Youth & Young Adult Ministry
College Campus Ministry
Catholic Schools
\$1,675,000

2024 GOAL
\$5,000,000

Make your gift today!

Last weekend, our parish conducted Pledge Sunday for the **2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Thank you to all who have already made the commitment to support this year's Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity yet, it's not too late to make your commitment! Please use the **donation form below** to make your contribution or **scan the QR code** to visit and pledge securely online!



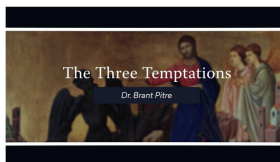
Make checks payable to:
Catholic Appeal of
South Carolina

Mail to:
P.O. Box 31257
Charleston, SC 29417

First Name	Last Name		
Address	City	State	Zip
Signature	Date		
Parish			
Pledge:	\$ _____	Balance:	\$ _____
Down Payment:	\$ _____	Balance to be paid over _____ months.	Please complete pledges by December 2024!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 25, 2024



The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears | Fearless | Episode 3

How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and practices press



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 that 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!

We're Havin' a BAR-B-Q!

Back by popular demand!
Everyone loved our BBQ plate sale so much that we are bringing it back to celebrate our 44th Anniversary!

Sunday, March 3, 2024
11 am to 2 pm
Birthright of Columbia
1316 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Place your order today and come pick it up on March 3 at the Birthright Office between 11 am to 2 pm.

Choose from barbeque chicken leg quarter or pulled pork. Both choices come with macaroni and cheese, green beans, roll and banana pudding.
This year, we are also selling pulled pork by the pound!

\$11 a plate (plus \$2.58 processing fee)
\$11 a pound of pulled pork (plus \$2.58 processing fee)
Scan this QR Code to place your order online:
All orders must be received by 6 PM on February 27, 2024
(If you would prefer to write a check instead of ordering online, please call 803-403-3391 before the February 27, 2024 deadline.)

All proceeds benefit the women who come to us for help.

Birthright
OF COLUMBIA