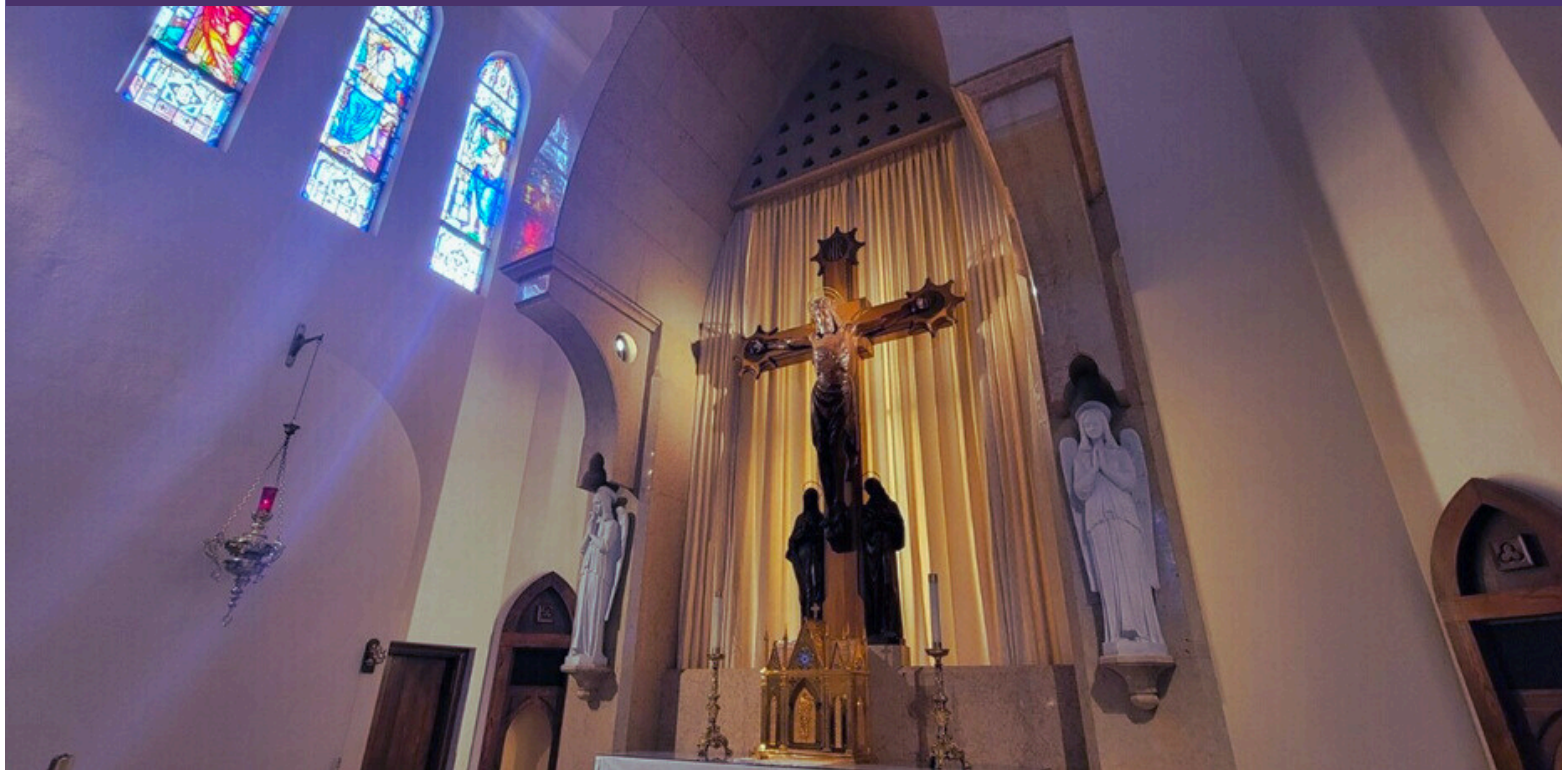


FEBRUARY 22, 2026 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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.stjosedevine.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 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.

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

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

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Parents must attend one baptism seminar before having their child baptized. Upcoming seminar dates: 3.1.26, 5.3.26, 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 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.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Tuesdays 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/eucharistic-adoration

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 22 - 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

10:30 am - † Helen Lynch

12:15 pm - † Tom Chmura

Tuesday, February 24

7:30 am - † Stephen Jones

Matthew Walsh

Wednesday, February 25

7:30 am - † Betty Stork

Thursday, February 26

7:30 am - † Carmen & Martin Novellas

† Mary Jean Vickers

Friday, February 27

7:30 am - † Sue Meyers

8:15 am - *School Mass* - Susan Craft

6:00 pm - The Pruitt Family

Saturday, February 28

5:30 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, March 1 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - † Mary Jean Vickers

10:30 am - † Carmen and Martin Novellas

12:15 pm - Michelle Bissonnette

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Terry Baggott, Chuck Barnett, Lois Barnett, Tom Barry, Quinn Bittle, Germaine Blake, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Judy Canada, Mary Jo Cavanaugh, Joanne Childs, L. Cronin, Brantley Daniel, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Joseph DeMichael, Rick Dilleshaw, Jean Dingeldine, Katie Dukes, Leonard Fabrizio, Nancy Faller, Susan Faust, Samia Feghali, Richard Fennessy, Jameson Finney, Cindy Flach, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman, Scott Gadow, Father Timothy Gahan, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Kevin Gantt, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, Richard Georgeson, 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, 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 Peeples, Maria Perez, Thelma Perkins, Lori Ann Pisano, Joel Randall, 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, Bettie Sturkie, Edith Teyssier, Daniel Vallini, Anthony Warren, Allan Winemiller, Neil Winter, Ken Woodington, Phyllis Yates

EASY ON THE KNEES

Good news for anyone who's ever thought, "My knees could use a little extra grace!" We are pleased to share that we are replacing the kneelers throughout the church to improve comfort and support during worship. The project began this past Monday and is scheduled to be completed by Monday, February 23.

This update reflects our ongoing commitment to the continued comfort of our parish family and to the careful stewardship of our sacred space. By caring for our worship environment, we help ensure that it remains welcoming, prayerful, and well-maintained for all who gather here - now and for generations to come.

LENTEN BURDEN BOX

A locked wooden box will be placed at the St. Joseph Altar beginning Ash Wednesday. Place your Lenten prayers or burdens inside; all submissions are confidential. These intentions will be used to fuel the Easter fire on Holy Saturday night.

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(2/21 - 3/6)

In loving memory of Selma Goodwin, remembered with love on her birthday. You are deeply missed. With love, Sonja, Debra, Cyndy, and families.



LENT AT ST. JOSEPH

As Catholics, we believe our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for Him are expressed through how we live. To fulfill the Great Commandment—to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves—the Church encourages us to practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- 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

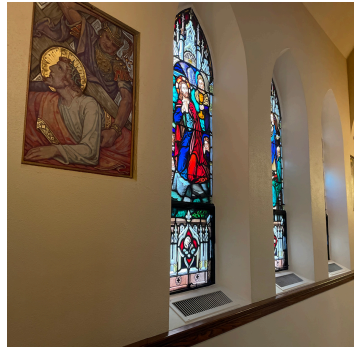
The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- 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 to practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy during Lent. Lent, originally called Quadragesima (“forty”), recalls the forty days of fasting before Easter. The word Lent comes from an Old English term meaning “spring,” when days grow longer. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older should not eat meat or poultry on these days.

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: the Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest), the “Alleluia,” Baptisms, Weddings (except in special emergencies), and flowers on the altars.



Get your tickets at:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/fish-fry
or scan the QR Code below:



PRAYING DURING LENT

Join us in praying for our parish this Lent. Choose one or more days to spend 30 minutes in prayer for our parishioners, the conversion of hearts in our families and community, and a deeper faith as we journey toward Easter.

To signup, go to www.stjosephcolumbia.org/lent

JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS

Fridays during Lent
5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM - Mass

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

February 20 - March 27*

6:30 PM - Donor Hall/MAB

**March 20 - Feast of St. Joseph Fish Fry*

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)

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH FISH FRY

Friday, March 20th in the Parish Gym
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
(following Stations of the Cross and Mass)

\$15 - Adults
\$ 7 - Children (ages 5-12)
\$50 - Families of 5 or more

Menu includes:

Fried Flounder

French Fries

Mac & Cheese

ColeSlaw

Rolls

Chips & Goldfish

Assorted Desserts and Drinks

Catered by: Lizards Thicket

Last day to order tickets: Friday, March 13th

*All proceeds will benefit the
Monsignor Richard Harris Special Education Program.*

WITNESS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Giving (2/14 - 2/15): \$53,679.18
Weekly Goal: \$35,036.60

Second Collection (February 18 - Ash Wednesday)
Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Legacy Phase of the 75th Anniversary Organ Project
Goal: \$2,250,000

Received and Pledged: \$2,113,139

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



AN INVITATION FROM ST. JOSEPH'S LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY

As we approach Lent, many are thinking about ways to develop their spiritual life. We hope to identify men and women who may be interested in learning about Carmelite Spirituality. We have meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM in the Gilmore Room of St. Joseph's Ministries and Administration Building. We invite you to visit our meeting on Feb 21 and/or March 21 as we pray, reflect on Scripture, and discuss the activities of our community.

If you have questions or plan to attend a meeting, please call Teri Kuhs at 803.360.1447.



UPCOMING "I CARE I SHARE"

Weekend of March 7/8

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. NO GLASS, PLEASE. Thanks for your support, both in prayers and contributions. For more information or questions, contact Steve Smoak at ssmoak12@icloud.com.

INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM

Join the Introduction to Catholicism course Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM in the MAB (Donor Hall). Nursery available.

For questions, contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392.

- 2/22 How shall we then live?
- 3/1 Imago Dei; the Church's Respect for Life
(class to attend the Scrutiny at the 8AM Mass)
- 3/8 Matrimony
- 3/15 Marriage and Virtue (Sexual Ethics)
- 3/22 Confession and Anointing
- 3/28 First Confessions, holy hour
- 3/29 Palm Sunday -NO CLASS - Easter Vigil rehearsal
(meet in church at 1:45 PM)

THE SEVEN SUNDAYS OF ST. JOSEPH

This is the Fourth Sunday.

You can find the reflection on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/stjosephcolumbia/

or at www.stjosephcolumbia.org/seven-sundays-of-st-joseph.



ST. JOSEPH'S MEAL MINISTRY

We are starting a
Meal Ministry at St. Joseph's,
And we need you!

Yes, I want to...
VOLUNTEER



Ways to
PARTICIPATE

- Cook and deliver a home-cooked meal
- Purchase and deliver a meal or gift card
- Send a gift card through Meal Train
- Freeze a meal in advance



MEAL MINISTRY'S MISSION

To coordinate meals for members of our parish family during significant life events, such as the birth of a new baby, the loss of a loved one, surgery, or illness. In these moments, people often ask, "How can I help?" One meaningful and practical way to show love and share the heart of Jesus is by providing a meal.

stjosephmealministry@gmail.com

GET INVOLVED

ST. JOSEPH SENIOR LIFE PRESENTS A TRIP TO DC...



Friday, June 12 -

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

\$749 per person (double occupancy) - add \$229 for single occupancy

- Motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights lodging in the Washington, DC area
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Guided tour of Washington, DC including the WWII Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr, National Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and more!
- Evening Guided Memorial and Monuments tour
- Tram ride through Arlington National Cemetery
- Visit to the Smithsonian Institution
- Admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Garden
- Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Final Payment due 4.5.26

More details to come!

For more information and reservations, contact John Long at 803.665.3770

ST. JOSEPH'S SENIOR LIFE MINISTRY
presents...

LUNCH bunch

GRILL

BACKSTREETS

Another fun way for seniors to connect and enjoy a meal together around town!
No host - just good conversation and your own check.
Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 AT 11:00 AM

RSVP BY 3/9
GWENSKIP@BELLSOUTH.NET

2400 DEVINE STREET

Hearts and Hands of St. Joseph



Name: Donna Sheheen Watson

Role at St. Joseph's: Director of Finance

How long have you been part of the parish/staff? This is my 7th year

Tell us a little about your background:

I come from a deeply religious Catholic family from Camden, SC. I am one of 7 daughters. I am married to my husband of 44 years, Mitch Watson. We have 4 daughters, 4 sons-in-law, and 15 grandchildren. I graduated from the College of Charleston with a degree in business and have worked in the field of accounting since I graduated.

What's one part of your role that brings you joy?

Working in the field of accounting has always brought me great joy. I started working for my father, who had an accounting firm, when I was in high school. Continuing that journey here at St. Joseph brings me great satisfaction. I also LOVE working with my fellow St. Joseph staff members!

What advice would you give to someone just joining our parish?

We are a community first. Whether you are searching for a deeper Faith or simply a family with which to enjoy, we are that Church. With our many ministries and events, we offer so much for any individual or family.

If you could have dinner with any saint, who would it be and what would you ask them? Abraham. I would not ask anything, but rather tell him that I would hope to trust in the Lord the way he did when he brought that knife to his son!

What's something people might not know about your job?

It is a lot more than accounting in and of itself (which I love), but there are so many interactions with parishioners in the way of helping them. I field a lot of questions from members who are not sure about ways in which to utilize their resources to help us here at St. Joseph.

Favorite hymn: On Eagles Wings

Favorite church season (Advent, Lent, etc.): Christmas

YOUTH & SCHOOL INFO

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming

MARCH 2026 EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

3/1

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

TALK: GROWING IN HOLINESS; ACTS OF VIRTUE
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 5-7 PM

3/4

CLERGY CHAT

BLOSSOM HOUSE
6:30-8 PM

3/15

ST CARLO ACUTIS MOSAIC BLESSING, CRAFTING, AND SOCCER GAMES

TALK: HOLINESS IN THE ORDINARY
BLOSSOM HOUSE/PLAYGROUND 5-7 PM

3/22

SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT

TALK: ROLE OF ST JOSEPH
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 5-7 PM

HIGH SCHOOL

3/1

REAL TALK: BIBLE STUDY

TALK: ENVY, KINDNESS, HOW TO OWN GOD'S GIFT TO YOU
BLOSSOM HOUSE 7-8:30 PM

3/4

CLERGY CHAT

BLOSSOM HOUSE
6:30-8 PM

3/7-3/8

DYC YOUTH CONFERENCE

COLUMBIA CONVENTION CENTER

3/15

REAL TALK: BIBLE STUDY

TALK: PRIDE, HUMILITY, & HOW TO THINK OF YOURSELF LESS, NOT LESS OF YOURSELF
BLOSSOM HOUSE 7-8:30 PM

3/22

REAL TALK: BIBLE STUDY

TALK: WRATH, MEEKNESS & HOW TO CHILL OUT
BLOSSOM HOUSE 7-8:30 PM

FOR ALL PARISH FAMILIES

3/15

YOUTH MASS & BEL CANTO CHOIR

MASS 10:30 AM
ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

3/20

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

FISH FRY DINNER 6:30-8:30 PM
GYM

3/26

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

ADORATION AND CONFESSION 6-7 PM
ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

3/27

SOUP SUPPER

YOUTH MINISTRY SPONSORED
CHURCH ADMIN BUILDING AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30 PM AND MASS 6 PM

3/29

LENTEN VESPERS & YOUTH GROUP

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH 4-5:30 PM
ADORATION, CONFESSION, VESPERS
DINNER AND BOARD GAMES AFTER FOR YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7 PM

S P R I N G

Open House

Monday, March 9th

8:30-1:30

Call to RSVP

803-254-6736

Saint Joseph
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

S P R I N G

See what all the buzz is about!
Meet our principal, Mr. Yarnall,
and take a tour of the school to
get a sneak peek of our
amazing teachers in action!



Saint Joseph
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Cardinal Newman School is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year. Currently enrolled families are encouraged to re-enroll by February 15 to secure their student's place, and new families are invited to apply early as space is limited.

Visit cnhs.org to learn more!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOSEPH AND CARDINAL NEWMAN

- Luker-Meyer Scholarship
For St. Joseph students
- Ranson-Able Scholarship
For St. Joseph students
- Laurie, Heather, and Alex Wier Saint Joseph Mental Health Awareness Scholarship
For students who are currently in 5th, 6th, or 7th grade - and who will be entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade at St. Joseph or CN - are eligible to apply.

TO LEARN MORE
AND APPLY:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/scholarships

What Would You Like Included in our new Parish Directory?



As many of you know, we're creating our new parish pictorial directory and would love to include your information - exactly the way you want it listed.

If you completed this information in the fall when you had your photo taken, there's nothing you need to do - we already have your information.

If you would like to be included and have not yet submitted your details, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/stjosdirectoryinfo> or scan the QR code and check the items you'd like included so we can enter your information accurately.

A photo is optional - your information can be included even if you choose not to submit a photo.

If you'd like to submit a family photo for the directory - please contact Libby Garlitz at libby@stjosephcolumbia.org.

If we don't hear from you, we'll assume you prefer not to be included in the directory.

SCAN QR CODE
TO TELL US!



**Deadline:
March 1, 2026.**