

MARCH 23, 2025 ~THIRD 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](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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:gwhite@charlestandiocese.org)

### DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.

14th Bishop of Charleston

<https://charlestandiocese.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](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/become-a-member-update-info)

### 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 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](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.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM:

Parents must attend one baptism seminar before having their child baptized. Upcoming seminar dates: 5.4.25, 6.1.25, 8.3.25, 9.14.25 and 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](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.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, March 23 - Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am - † Daniel Eugene Connors

10:30 am - † Pasquale Biondi

12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

**Tuesday, March 25**

7:30 am - † Johanna Killoy

† Johnny Nix

**Wednesday, March 26**

7:30 am - David Josten

**Thursday, March 27**

7:30 am - † Eleanor Hillman

† Ann Torrico

**Friday, March 28**

7:30 am - Sister Vitalina

8:15 am - *School Mass* - † Lola Morales

6:00 pm - † Patrick Greenwood

**Saturday, March 29**

5:30 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

**Sunday, March 30 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am - † Louis Denis Ledee

10:30 am - † Tom Chmura

12:15 pm - † Tom Groves

## 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, Raymond Abdalla, Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Terry Baggott, Elizabeth Ball, Chuck Barnett, Lois Barnett, Tom Barry, Germaine Blake, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Judy Canada, Ron Childress, Joanne Childs, Stephen Creech, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Joseph DeMichael, Carol DeSouza, Rick Dilleshaw, Katie Dukes, Nancy Faller, Susan Faust, Jameson Finney, Freida Fixl, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Kevin Gantt, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, George Geckle, Richard Georgeson, Franci Goodrich, Karen Gray, Cindy Guidry, Steve Guidry, Jessika Johnson, Bill Jones, Nadine Jordan, David Josten, James Josten, Angie Kempson, James Kinard, John Kinard, William Kinney, Janice Lambka, Charlene Landry, John Lenti, Lynn Mancino, Natalie Marsha, Jared McLendon, Hope Mosher, Julian Montague, Shelley Montague, Mary Mulvihill, Glenda Napier, Carolyn Odle, Ellie O'Shea, Melissa Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Karen Pandur, Ruth Patterson, Stella Peebles, Maria Perez, Thelma Perkins, Lori Ann Pisano, David Richardson, Marcella Rodgers, Brianne Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara, Bill Sanders, Kelly Schneider, Jamie Scott, Bonnie Siegers, Jaime Simpson, Jr., Deacon Malcolm Skipper, Andrea Smith, Edna Soto, David Steele, Karen Steele, Maria Stewart, Betty Stork, Catherine Grace Stirling, Davis Bryan Stirling, Bettie Sturkie, Anthony Warren, Father Richard Wilson, Allan Winemiller, Neil Winter, Phyllis Yates



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Carmella Tronco Martin (3/19/25), parishioner, who was predeceased by her husband, Henry. She is survived by her children, Hank Martin (Katie), Sara Martin McAllister (Rob), Carmella Martin Roche (Joe), and David Martin, as well as ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. May her soul rest in peace.

## TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(3/22 - 4/4)

In loving memory of Barbara H. Bess,  
given by her daughter, Jennifer Bess.

**ATTENTION**

## SCAM ALERT

Just a friendly reminder:

Recently, there has been an increase in national email and phone scams where individuals impersonate parish priests and staff to solicit funds. Please be cautious of any fraudulent emails claiming to be from our church personnel requesting electronic donations—this is not how we operate. Additionally, a new scam is circulating involving text messages from our clergy asking for contributions; these messages are not genuine.

### St. Joseph will never solicit money over email or text

Scammers send brief messages asking for help, often from non-local numbers or fake email addresses that resemble real ones (e.g., FrJoe@gmail.com vs. FrJoe@msn.com). Always check the sender's email for slight differences.

Precautions:

- Verify money-related messages in person or by phone.
- Don't click links or attachments; they may contain malware.
- Never share passwords or open suspicious email attachments.
- Be cautious of urgent demands or offers that seem too good to be true.

Our church communicates mainly via weekly updates on Flocknote and mail. For inquiries, contact Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager, at [adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org).

# 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, 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." Lactentid 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:* 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

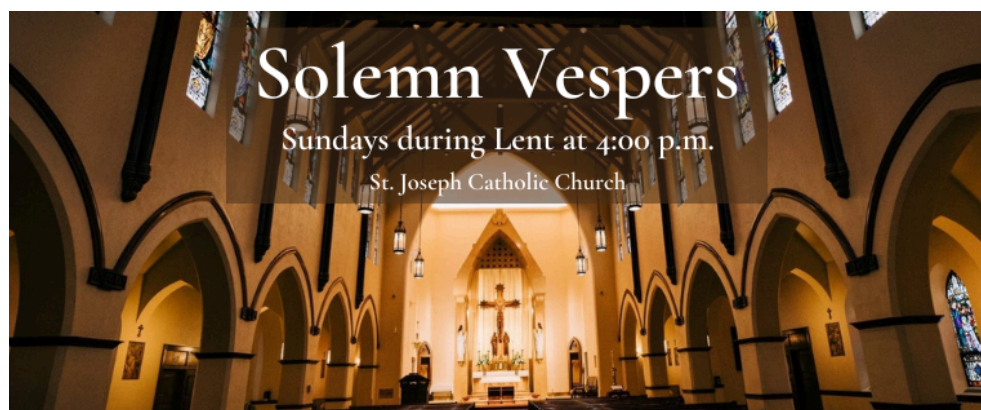
A locked wooden box will be placed at the St. Joseph Altar starting Ash Wednesday. Write down your burdens, prayers, or petitions for the Lenten season and place them in the box. All submissions will remain confidential. On Holy Saturday night, we will use these "burdens" to fuel our Easter fire.

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

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)

**Fridays during Lent**  
(ending on April 11)  
**6:30 PM - Donor Hall**

PLEASE NOTE: LOCATION CHANGE!





## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budgeted Goal for  
2024-2025: \$33,120.57

Weekly Collection(3/15 - 3/16):  
\$30,583.60

Upcoming Second Collections on  
weekend of 3/29 - 3/30:

Each month with five Sundays, we hold a collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on the 5th Sunday. Since March has five Sundays, the collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place on the weekend of March 29-30. Additionally, the Diocese has designated a second collection for Catholic Relief Services during the same weekend. If you wish to contribute and are NOT using the second collection envelopes, please be sure to indicate whether you would like your donation to go to Catholic Relief Services or St. Vincent de Paul.



VIA ZOOM AND FB LIVE @NFPS

Join us online

## Seven Sorrows Rosary for Infertility

MEDITATION | GROUP SHARING | INTRO TO HOPE INFERTILITY MINISTRY



*"The prayer itself was the most relevant. It was the first time I've heard it and was very powerful. It made me feel comfortable" - 2024 attendee*

March 28, 2025 | 7:00 PM (EST)

Register in advance : <https://tinyurl.com/7sorrowsinfertility>




## UPCOMING "I CARE I SHARE" WEEKEND (4/5 - 4/6)

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

For more information or questions, contact Steve Smoak at [ssmoak12@icloud.com](mailto:ssmoak12@icloud.com).

## NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S SOCIETY



### ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH: JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN RETREAT

When: Sunday, April 6, 2025,  
following the 12:15 PM Mass

Where: Ministries & Administration  
Building - Donor Hall

We will serve a light lunch prior to  
starting the program with

our Retreat Leader,

Sister Amelia Marie Cueva, C.S.JB

(Director of Religious Education at

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Simpsonville)

More details to follow!



### CONGRATULATIONS, THERESE!

The Saint Joseph Women's Society  
Congratulates the South Carolina

Council of Catholic Women

For 94 Years of Dedicated Service  
to the Diocese of Charleston

and Congratulates

*Therese Petit Dionne*

2025 Catholic Woman of the Year

for St. Joseph Women's Society and  
The Columbia Deanery of the SCCCW.

# GROW

## INTRO TO CATHOLICISM

All are invited to join the Introduction to Catholicism course meeting from 9:15-10:15 AM each Sunday in the MAB (Corley Room). Any questions: [adam@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:adam@stjosephcolumbia.org) or 864.747.5392.

- 3/23 Marriage and Virtues
- 3/30 The Holy Trinity
- 4/6 Holy Week Liturgies



## VATICAN & MICROSOFT UNVEIL AI-GENERATED 'DIGITAL TWIN' OF ST. PETER'S

To enrich people's experience of the Holy Year either in Rome or at home, the Vatican has partnered with Microsoft to create an AI-powered "digital twin" of St. Peter's Basilica, offering immersive virtual views, a new app and interactive features. To learn more, go to: <https://virtual.basilicasanpietro.va/en/home>

*Senior Life*  
**PICKLEBALL PLUS!**

*Pickle Ball and more activities!*

*Beginning on 3/18!*

**TUESDAYS FROM 6 - 8 PM**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH GYM**

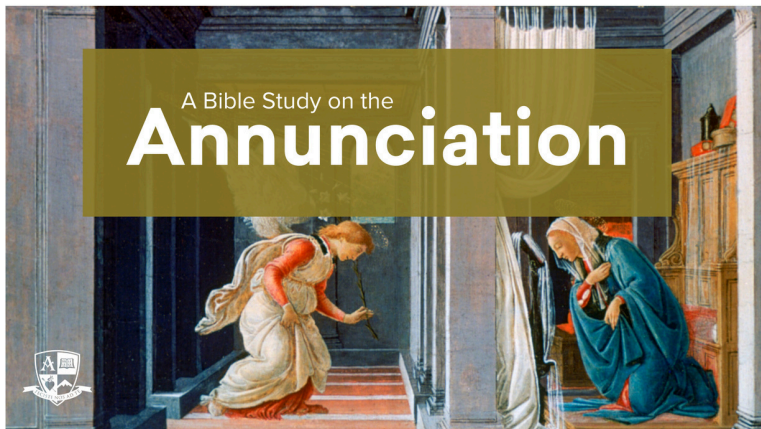
*Beginners/Newcomers Welcome (Adults only)*

**More Information : [rspell909@gmail.com](mailto:rspell909@gmail.com)**



## SENIOR LIFE PRESENTS... LUNCH & LEARN

Date: April 9, 2025  
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 PM  
Topic: New Benefits with Medicare, presented by Traisha Campfield, Pharmacist  
Location: Ministries & Administration Building (Donor Hall)  
Lunch will be provided (Publix Subs)  
RSVP by Wednesday, April 2 to reserve your space - Regina Spell at [rspell909@gmail.com](mailto:rspell909@gmail.com)  
\$5 donation per attendee would be appreciated to go toward lunch



## A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.





# SCHOOL NEWS



[WWW.STJOSDEVINE.COM](http://WWW.STJOSDEVINE.COM)

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 Thursdays during Lent. Please make plans to join us in the school cafeteria to pray the rosary.

Each Monday and Wednesday during Lent, 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, there will be an optional 10-minute Prayer Meditation for students in the library starting at 7:45 AM.



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ENROLL NOW for fall 2025

Guide to South Carolina's Best Columbia Private School 2024

Saint Joseph CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SERVING 4K - 6TH GRADE | COLUMBIA, SC



## 2025 CN CAMPS



June 9 - 12

4:00 - 6:00 PM | Volleyball Camp

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Art Camp

June 16 - 19

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Lego Camp 1

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Basketball Camp

June 23 - 26

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Cheerleading Camp

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Baseball Camp

July 7 - 10

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Wrestling Camp

July 14 - 17

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Lego Camp 2

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Tennis Camp

July 21 - 25

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Soccer Camp

**REGISTER NOW!**



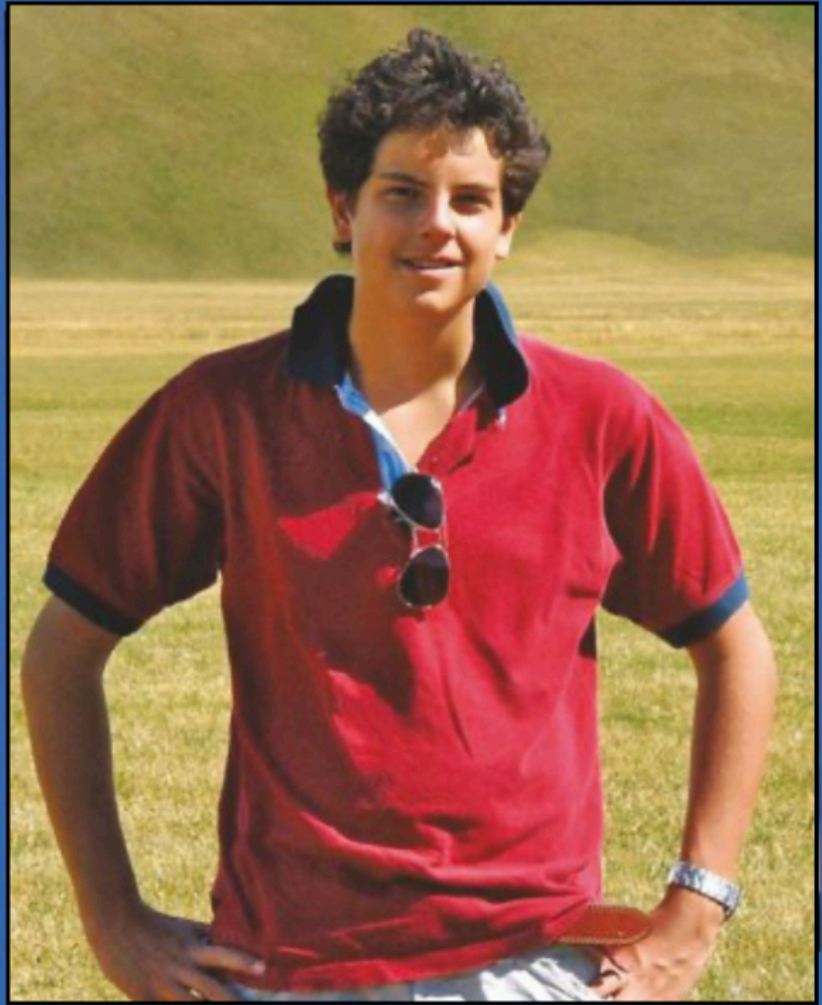
# YOUTH

# Carlo Acutis

*Save the Date*  
*Eucharistic Miracles*  
*Exhibition*

April 26-27, 2025

St Joseph  
Catholic Church



## CANONIZATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: The First Millennial Saint In The Digital Age

### Exhibition

(Ministries & Admin Building)

- Saturday: 12 - 5 PM
- Sunday: 1:30 - 6 PM

### Italian Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

(Gym) Deadline to RSVP is 4/16/25

[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/carlo-acutis-italian-dinner](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/carlo-acutis-italian-dinner)

Carlo documented Eucharistic miracles on his website to spread the message of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Proceeds from Dinner Fundraiser support St. Joe's Youth Ministry trip to Steubenville, OH.