

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 ~ SEVENTH 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](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.stjosephdevine.com](http://www.stjosephdevine.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/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, February 23

8:00 am - † Mary Jean Vickers

10:30 am - † Tom Chmura

12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

### Tuesday, February 25

7:30 am - † Stephen Jones

† Leszek Lozinski

### Wednesday, February 26

7:30 am - † Carmen & Martin Novellas

### Thursday, February 27

7:30 am - † Chris Timmers

† Carla Eubank

### Friday, February 28

7:30 am - † Deacon David Thompson

8:15 am - School Mass - David Josten

### Saturday, March 1

8:30 am First Saturday Mass

† Carmen & Martin Novellas

5:30 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

### Sunday, March 2

8:00 am - † Rene Adolphe Ledee

10:30 am - † Tom Chmura

12:15 pm - † Mary Engelen

## 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 Dillesshaw, 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, Christian Myers, Glenda Napier, Carolyn Odle, Ellie O'Shea, Anita Owens Orf, 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, 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

## ASH WEDNESDAY AT ST. JOSEPH

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule | Wednesday, March 5

7:30 AM

12:15 PM

(livestreamed)

6:00 PM

Drive-Thru Distribution will be available from

3:30 - 4:30 PM under the overhang of the Ministries & Administration Building for those who viewed our Ash Wednesday Mass via livestream.

Traffic cones will be set up to direct cars.

If attending the 7:30 AM Mass, please do NOT park in front of the church on Devine Street, as it will affect carpool for the school. Also please note that when parking in the MAB lot please use the crosswalks at the corner intersections. Parking in the school parking lot will ONLY be available for the 6 PM Mass.

*ASH WEDNESDAY 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.*

*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.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend, the flowers on the main altar for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Chmura, given by Lech and Teresa Chmura.

## TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

2/22 - 3/7

In loving remembrance of Selma & George Goodwin, given by Sonja, Debra, Cyndy, and families.  
We miss you!

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

This weekend, we will welcome new members into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Levin Gopi Shah

## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Weekly Collection (2/15 - 2/16): \$31,903.58

### Upcoming Second Collections

Ash Wednesday - 3/5: Church in Central & Eastern Europe  
Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe - to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

### 3/8 - 3/9: Black & Indian Missions

Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection.



## UPCOMING "I CARE I SHARE"

3/1 - 3/2

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

## BLESSED PALMS



Palms from last year's Palm Sunday Masses may be brought to and placed in the box in the Narthex of the Church.

## 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.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



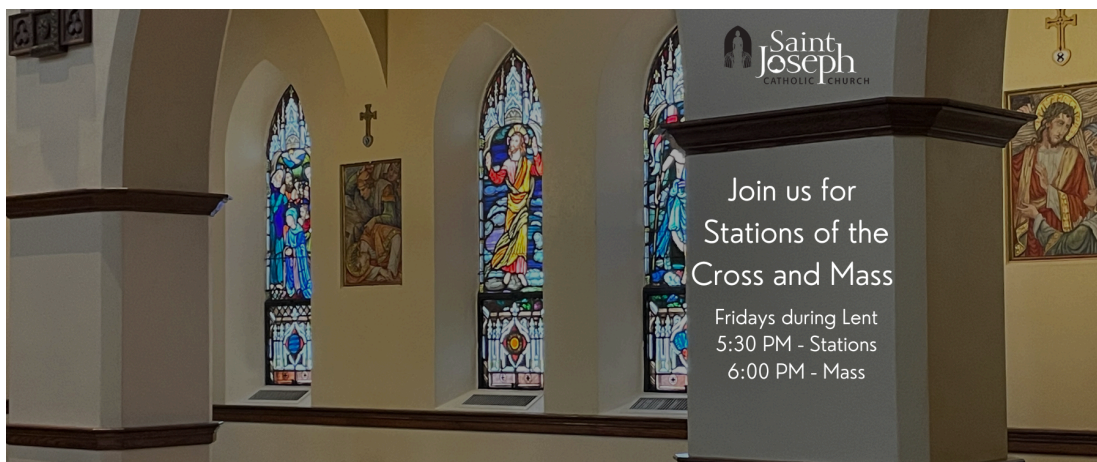
All Parishioners are invited to a traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Please come and enjoy!

Tuesday, March 4 | 5:30 - 7 PM

St. Joseph's Parish Gym

Hosted by: Knights of Columbus Council #12554

There will be no charge!



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fridays during Lent

\*March 14 - April 11

6:30 PM - Parish Gym

\*due to gym floors being refinished, there will be no Soup Supper on 3/7

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)





*The bee is more honored than other animals not because she labors, but because she labors for others.*  
- Saint John Chrysostom

*Make your gift today!*

### Evangelizing through sacraments

Priest Retirement  
Seminarians &  
Vocations

### Evangelizing with service

Catholic Charities of SC  
Outreach Programs &  
Ministry

**GOAL FOR 2025**  
**\$5,000,000**

### Evangelizing in Catholic education

Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
College Campus Ministry  
Catholic Schools

Last weekend, our parish conducted Pledge Sunday for the **2025 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 481  
Kensington, CT 06037

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 2025!

For over 50 years, the diocese has served the people of South Carolina through parishes, schools, and ministries. While local parish support is important, it is equally vital to help the broader diocesan community. Gifts to CASC support Catholic schools, retired priests, youth ministry, outreach to the poor, seminarian formation, and college ministries. This is an opportunity to live out Christian stewardship by supporting the Church and those in need. The parish goal this year is \$113,525.

Last year, the parish exceeded its goal by \$36,775.98 and received \$18,377.99 back.

Only 55 churches out of 117 received money back, and we were one of the fortunate ones.

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.stjosephcolumbia.org/catholic-campaign-of-sc](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/catholic-campaign-of-sc).



## ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATING LIFE FOR 45 YEARS

Thursday, March 13, 2025

COCKTAILS: 5:30 PM

DINNER/PROGRAM: 6:30 PM

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center  
Lexington Room | 1101 Lincoln Street

Tickets are \$75/person  
(Dress: Semi-formal)

Keynote speaker | Michael Acquilano  
Chief Operating Officer and Vice-Chancellor  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

*Michael fights tirelessly for life, from the womb to the tomb, and his message will be one of hope and help.*

To reserve your seat, contact Terry Hodaly at 803.403.3391 or [terry@birthrightofcolumbia.org](mailto:terry@birthrightofcolumbia.org).  
*If you would prefer to use a credit card, please use your phone to scan the QR code below to place your reservation and to pay online.*



## HOME WORKS MISSION TRIP TO PERU MAY 12 -24, 2025

Home Works' Mission to Peru will take place from May 12-24, where volunteers will build homes for families in need.

There are two ways to get involved:

1. Volunteer: Join the team and stay at a retreat center in San Jacinto, Peru. Volunteers pay for their own travel. Contact Cliff Moore at [wmcliff@gmail.com](mailto:wmcliff@gmail.com) for details.
2. Donate: Help fund materials, supplies, transportation, and food. The goal is to raise \$15,100, with \$11,470 already committed. Donations can be made at [homeworksofamerica.org](http://homeworksofamerica.org) or mailed to Home Works of America, Inc., 3823 W. Beltline Blvd., Columbia, SC 29204. Donations are tax-deductible and must be received by April 15, 2025.

## GILMORE LADIES GROUP WELCOMES YOU!

This senior ladies group is an offspring of St. Joseph Respite Care which began in 1997, now called the Gilmore Ladies Group. This group meets weekly on Thursdays from 10 AM – 1:45 PM in the Gilmore Senior Center (MAB). We share

what's going on in our church, our lives, our community and the world. We are especially conscious of protection of all life and the environment. Join us for fellowship, games, music, and sometimes seasonal arts and crafts, and bring your own lunch!

Contact: Beverly Black Belser 803.261.8678  
or Mary Sue Gambrell 803.240.3817



## THE SEVEN SUNDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH

This is the 4th Sunday. Please see our Facebook page or website for the reflection and prayers.

[www.facebook.com/stjosephcolumbia/](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephcolumbia/)  
or  
[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/seven-sundays-of-st-joseph](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/seven-sundays-of-st-joseph)

## 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). Nursery is available! Please reach out to Adam Fisher with any questions:  
[adam@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:adam@stjosephcolumbia.org) or 864.747.5392.

- 2/23 Moral Theology pt 2
- 3/2 Social Justice and the Respect for Life
- 3/9 Confession and Anointing
- 3/16 Matrimony
- 3/23 Marriage and Virtues
- 3/30 The Holy Trinity
- 4/6 Holy Week Liturgies



## ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### YOUTH GROUP

#### Upcoming EVENTS March 2025

3.2

**YOUTH MASS**  
ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
12:15 PM MASS  
DONUTS AFTER IN ROWLAND BUILDING

3.19

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH**  
BIBLE STUDY  
BLOSSOM HOUSE 6-7:30 PM

3.2

**FLAG FOOTBALL & CRAFTS NIGHT**  
PLAYGROUND (GYM-RAIN LOCATION), 5-7 PM  
DINNER/LIFE NIGHT CHURCH ADMIN BLDG  
LIFE TEEN SERIES: AVOIDING GOSSIP AND THE  
GREATER VIRTUES TO WHICH WE ARE CALLED

3.23

**OPERATION: YOUTH BOOTCAMP**  
GYM, 5-7 PM  
DINNER/LIFE NIGHT CHURCH ADMIN BLDG  
LIFE TEEN SERIES: AVOIDING LAZINESS AND THE  
GREATER VIRTUES TO WHICH WE ARE CALLED

3.4

**SHROVE TUESDAY**  
PANCAKE DINNER-PARISHWIDE EVENT  
SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
LOCATION: GYM  
TIME: TBD

3.26

**FAST FOOD DINNER & MINGLE**  
ONLY 8-12TH GRADERS, 6:30-8 PM  
DINNER MEET UP- MCALISTER'S FOREST DR  
4710-A FOREST DR, COLUMBIA, SC 29206

3.8-  
3.9

**HIGH SCHOOL DYC**  
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE  
COLUMBIA CONVENTION CENTER

3.30

**PICKLE BALL NIGHT**  
GYM, 5-7 PM  
DINNER/LIFE NIGHT CHURCH ADMIN BLDG  
LIFE TEEN SERIES: AVOIDING COMPLAINING  
AND THE GREATER VIRTUES TO WHICH WE ARE  
CALLED

3.16

**FIELD TRIP TO USC CAMPUS**  
YOUTH GROUP & WOMEN'S SOCIETY  
HOST DINNER FOR STM STUDENTS- 5 PM  
YOUTH GROUP DINNER & CAMPUS TOUR  
WITH STM COLLEGE LEADERS, 5-7 PM  
FOCUS: CATHOLIC COLLEGE CAMPUS LIFE

## YOUTH SIGN UP TO SERVE →



## BEL CANTO CHOIR AND ST JOE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

# YOUTH MASS

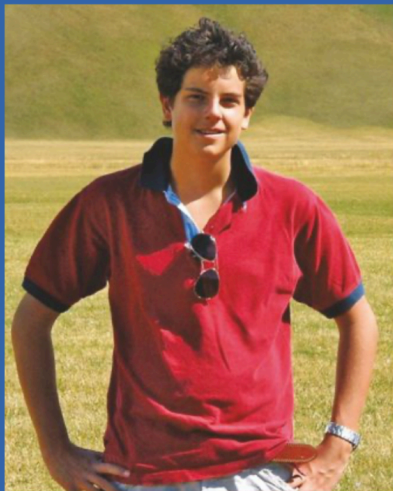
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025  
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DONUTS SERVED AFTER MASS IN THE ROWLAND BUILDING

# Carlo Acutis

Save the Date  
Eucharistic Miracles  
Exhibition

April 26-27, 2025  
St Joseph Catholic  
Church



## BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: THE FIRST MILLENIAL SAINT IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Exhibition  
(Ministries & Admin Building)

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

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser  
(Gym)

- Saturday: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

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.

Reach out to the Office of Youth Ministry for more information:  
[eghaasecharlestondiocese.org](mailto:eghaasecharlestondiocese.org)

# Save the Date!

JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC  
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (CLI)

Registration Open  
Summer Camp 2025

**Jr. High CLI**

For rising 7th-9th grade students

When: June 23rd-27th

Where: Camp Kinard

Cost: \$325 per person

**High School CLI**

For rising 10th-12th grade students

When: July 7th-11th

Where: Camp Kinard

Cost: \$325 per person



# SCHOOL NEWS

South  
Carolina's First  
Private Purple  
Star School

ENROLL NOW  
for fall 2025

Guide to South  
Carolina's Best  
Columbia Private  
School 2024



SERVING 4K - 6TH GRADE | COLUMBIA, SC

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



## ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Cardinal Newman School is still accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year!

Join a vibrant community dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and personal development. Cardinal Newman offers rigorous academics, competitive athletics, and a wide range of extracurricular opportunities. Don't miss the chance to provide your child with a transformative Catholic education. Visit our website or contact our admissions office today to learn more and schedule a tour!

[www.cnhs.org/admissions/why-cn](http://www.cnhs.org/admissions/why-cn)

*The Financial Aid Portal closes  
on March 7, 2025.*

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL STUDENTS?

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

### LUKER-MEYER SCHOLARSHIP

The Luker-Meyer Scholarship Fund, established in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Luker's parents, offers up to 50% tuition scholarships for children from our parish. This \$25,000 annual fund supports families seeking a Catholic education at St. Joseph School.

The scholarship is renewable each year, provided the child maintains satisfactory academic performance and the family meets need-based criteria through FACTS and the Tuition Parishioner Discount agreement.

Applicants must be active, practicing Catholics at St. Joseph Church. Families with children in grades K-6 are eligible to apply, with separate applications required for each child. Recipients are also invited to attend a back-to-school luncheon with Msgr. Harris and Dr. & Mrs. Luker.

### RANSON-ABLE SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of William (Bill) F. Ranson III, Ph.D., a Professor of Mechanical Engineering who valued education, especially Catholic education, as a foundation for moral and academic growth. This annual scholarship fund will offer up to 50% in scholarships to eligible students of St. Joseph Catholic School, offering families with limited means the opportunity for a Catholic education.

Qualifications: This scholarship is for the 2025-2026 academic year, open to students in 4K through 6th grade at St. Joseph School. Families must be active, registered, contributing members of St. Joseph Church and meet financial need, demonstrated through the FACTS process. A completed Tuition Parishioner Discount Agreement is also required. Scholarships may be received annually.