

May 15, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Moe's Spirit Night; Birthright Service Project; 6th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation; Awards Day; 5th Grade Candle Mass; Last Days; School Supplies; Monday Folder Advertising; Parish Staff Opening; VBS Registration; and Local Covid Numbers.

Thoughts for the week: *"You do not have to make your children into wonderful people. You just have to remind them that they are wonderful people. If you do this consistently from the day they are born they will believe it easily."* ~ William Martin. Take time this week to encourage and support your children ~ Make a difference today.

Spirit Night: Welcome to Moe's- School Fundraiser! Order your premade Taco Kits at the link below-the Taco Kits (feeds 4-6) for \$34.99, with ground beef, chicken and our FAMOUS QUESO. For each kit sold \$5 will be donated back to our school. If we get over 51 kits sold then, \$10 per kit, will be given back to St. Joseph Catholic School. We had great feedback from the families who ordered during our last Moe's spirit night – don't miss out!

Deadline to order: Monday, May 16th by 4pm

Date: Tuesday, May 17th @5pm

Delivery: St. Joseph Catholic School

Feed the family and help fund our school! Click the link to pre order your kit:

<https://form.jotform.com/220763458103149>

Birthright Service Project: Each year in May, to honor our Holy Mother, Mary, we sponsor a baby shower for Birthright of Columbia so that they can help expectant and new mothers in need.

Please consider sending in much needed new baby items such as diapers, wipes, baby clothes, bibs, baby toys, etc... Here is a link to their Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2VFMPWX56KUVA?ref=wl_share

We will be collecting items from May 16 – May 25. You can find more information about Birthright and their services on their web-site: <https://birthrightofcolumbia.org>

6th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation: The class of 2022 will graduate on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30. The Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation will be held in the church.

2021-2022 Awards Day: The faculty and staff will host the Awards Day ceremony on Wednesday, June 1st at 1:30pm in the gym. The awards day program recognizes the 2022 class as well as a few underclassmen who have earned local, state, or national awards.

5th Grade Candle Mass: Each spring, at the last Mass of the school year, we celebrate the 5th grade Candle Mass. This year the Candle Mass will be celebrated at 8:15am on Thursday, June 2nd. At this Mass, the students of the Class of 2023 will be inducted as the new leaders of the student body. I would like to invite the parents of the rising 6th grade class to join us for this special occasion.

Last Days: The last day of classes for the Class of 2022 will be Wednesday, June 1st. The last day for 4K-5th grades will be Thursday, June 2nd which **will be a noon dismissal day**. There will be no Extended Care.

School Supplies: 2021-2022 school supplies are now available at www.schooltoolbox.com. Orders placed before June 12 will ship to the school and be delivered to your classroom for Open House. Orders placed after June 12 will ship to your home. Please see the flyer on our website for more information as well as supply lists by grade level.

Monday folder advertising: Each school year, parents and the local business community generously advertise in our school's Homework Assignment Books and Monday Folders. If you are a business owner interested in continuing to advertise or would like to do so for the first time, please contact Diane Grathwohl, BG Enterprises. Diane is our ad representative and has been working with schools in the Diocese of Charleston for over 35 years. You may reach her at 386-405-1849 or bgenterprises@cfl.rr.com.

Parish Staff Opening: Saint Joseph Catholic Church is seeking a parish receptionist. The position is 35 hours full time with benefits. This position can be a job share position with 18 hours part time. Office hours are 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, with holidays. We are looking to hire someone who is friendly, professional, and who is a practicing Catholic in good standing. The position requires greeting and receiving parishioners and visitors at the parish office in a welcoming and friendly manner; responding to inquiries on a wide variety of topics, both on the telephone and in person; answering the telephone in a professional and courteous manner; relaying telephone messages promptly and accurately; and transferring telephone calls appropriately. Duties include scheduling mass intentions, completing appropriate paperwork, sorting mail, copying the bulletin and other communications as needed, entering sacramental records and other office work as necessary.

Qualifications include: college degree; two years' office assistant/receptionist experience; courteous, friendly, and professional manner with strong communication and interpersonal skills including confidentiality, tact, and patience; and diplomacy to handle sensitive calls and situations and refer them appropriately. Candidates should be proficient with Microsoft Office and able to learn Church Office and Flock Notes; have knowledge of Catholic faith; be detail-oriented, with the ability to work efficiently and meet deadlines; and work harmoniously and cooperatively with other staff.

Please submit a resume and cover letter addressing your qualifications and availability for this position via email to adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org.

Vacation Bible School Registration: Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School! Monumental VBS will be July 11-15 from 9:00 – 12:00. Early bird registration rates are available through June 5: \$30 for one child; max of \$50 per family. Pricing after June 5: \$35 for one child; max of \$60 per family. Click here to register: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2428b9>. Volunteers are also needed and can register through the same link. If you have questions, please contact Emily MacLennan at emily@stjosephcolumbia.org.



Local Covid Numbers: We had no students or staff test positive for COVID this week.

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us - "Blessed are we". Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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