

## Offertory 2017

	Needed	Wkly Offering
July 2nd	\$3,500.00	\$3,713.50
July 9th	\$3,500.00	\$3,172.00
July 16th	\$3,500.00	\$3,292.75
July 23rd	\$3,500.00	
July 30th		
Total		

“With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.”  
(Sirach 35:9)

### Daily Readings July 24<sup>th</sup>- July 30<sup>th</sup>

Mon – Exo.14:5-18; Mat.12:38-42  
 Tues – 2Cor.4:7-15; Mat.20:20-2  
 Wed – Exo.16:1-5, 9-15; Mat.13:1-9  
 Thurs – Exo.19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mat.13:10- 17  
 Fri – Exo.20:1-17; Mat.13:18-2  
 Sat – Exo.24:3-8; Joh.11:19-27  
 Sun – 1Kings.3:5, 7-12; Rom.8:28-30; Mat.13:44-52

### Please Remember the Following:

Linda Arian; Dan Browning, Patricia Carroll; Savanna King; Rita Witchman; David & Carol Leonard; Billie Lanier; Born Family; Dan Christ; Linda Christ; Sammi Pedersen; Bob & Lola Godat; Fred Vandehey; Gal Kessel; Debbie Enneberg, Carmen Orsi; Katie Jordon; Mindy Hopfer; Joanne Besio; Mike Mulvihill; Jennifer Christy; Chuck & Dee Wettstein; Paul Paquin; Carlos Coit; Jeff Born; Peggy Kasberger; Glen Johnston; Jessie & Gilbert Sharp; Hazel Engstrom; Ann Pedersen; Jan Sletager; Richard Moore; Jim Lanning; Cal and Bernice Dubisar; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; Jeanne Enos; Kim Remppel; Deborah Horrell; Hernán Enrique Cáceres; Verónica Natalia Chávez; María Sol Montel; Verónica Rodríguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Pérez; Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Susan Markie, Anne Pimentel Hehr; Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, Julie Nolte, Sam Lane, Ron Edgerly, Naomi Blankenship, Bill Nicholson, Richard Remppel, Neil and Emily Rosenbaum, Joanne Gleason for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 23, 2017



Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 pm    Sunday Mass 9:00 am English  
 12:00 Noon Spanish  
 Holy Days 8:00am and 6:00pm  
 Monday- Tuesday –Thursday 8:00am  
 Wednesday and Friday 12:15pm

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### Sacraments

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday: 3:30- 4:30pm \* Other times by appointment\*  
 Contact Fr. Joseph for preparation of the Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage  
 and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

## **Rosary Schedule**

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass

**Every Sunday after the Rosary the Prayer for Vocations** (by Bishop Cary) **will be said together.**

Date July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Eucharist Ministers

Date July 30<sup>th</sup> – Lectors

Date August 6<sup>th</sup> – Choir

Date August 13<sup>th</sup> - Ushers

**Every committee is responsible for the rosary being said each Sat. & Sunday**

## **Prayer for Priestly Vocations**

Lord Jesus Christ, Living Bread come down from heaven, in Your Name we ask the Father to bless the Diocese for Baker with vocations to the priesthood. By the prompting of the Holy Spirit call forth from among us men who are able to sympathize with our weakness and deal gently with the wayward, men who will give us confidence to draw near to the font of Mercy and find grace in the time of need. Send us priests to bring comfort to the afflicted, pardon to the sinner, and peace to the dying; priests to hand You over to us in the Breaking of the Bread. High Priest, of the New and Eternal Covenant, we place our trust in You. To You be glory and praise forever. Amen

*~Composed by Bishop Liam Cary~*

## **2017 June Weekend Ministry Assignments**

### **Saturday July 29th 5pm:**

Lectors – Kathie Leonard  
Kirk Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Barb Dalton  
Dee Wettstein

Altar Serv. – Ethan Edgerly  
Blaine Viescas

### **Sunday July 30th 9am:**

Lectors – Mitch Viescas  
Doug Bristow

Euch. Min. – Cathy Baxter  
Amy Koivisto  
Ralph Lee

Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto  
Roman Stenbeck

### **Sunday July 30th 12pm:**

Lectors – Lorena Nunez  
Juana Villagomez

Euch. Min – Joel Hernandez  
Alfredo Villagomez

Altar Serv. – Allen Sotelo  
Uber Gonzalez

**\*If you cannot be available  
please find a substitute.\***

## **FR. Joseph's Corner...**

### **Who created the weeds?**

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives. Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy Crème Donuts. Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "And as long as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled.

And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14. So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said, "I have sent you heart-healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried chicken, fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight

and his cholesterol went through the roof.

God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake," and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it, "Devil's Food." God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave them cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds.

Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds. God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then he asked, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super-size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest. God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery. Then Satan created HMOs.

(Author Unknown)

*~ Prayerful wishes Fr. Joseph ~*



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **August 6, 2017**

**Social Time**

Please join us for coffee after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour Schedule:

- July 23 – Carol Smith
- July 30 – Sammie Pedersen and Karin Davis
- Aug. 6- Betty Vierras

**Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call the Office at 541-447-6475.**

**Mass Intentions July 22nd – July 28th**

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul.

- (L) =Living (D) = Death
- Sat. 8am – Diana Strain (L) /The Parish
- Sat. 5pm –Neil & Emily Rosenbaum (L) / Joan & Art Whittley
- Sun. 9am -Katrina Vasquez (D) / Cookie Benton
- Sun 12pm – For the People
- Mon. 8am – Patrick Paquin (D) / Cliff & Patty Schell
- Tues. 8am – Alex Aguirre & family (L) / Cookie Benton
- Wed. 12:15pm – David Schwab (L) / The Parish
- Thurs. 8am - Susan & Charles McDermott (L) / The Parish
- Fri. – 12:15pm-Anne Porter (L) / The Parish



**Some very powerful words...**

I asked God to take away my pride.  
 God said “No”  
 It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.  
 I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.  
 God said “No”  
 Her spirit is whole, her body was only temporary.  
 I asked God to grant me patience.  
 God said “No”  
 Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn’t granted, it is earned.  
 I asked God to give me happiness.  
 God said “No”  
 I give you blessings, happiness is up to you.  
 I asked God to spare me pain.  
 God said “No”  
 Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.  
 I asked God to make my spirit grow.  
 God said “No”  
 You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.  
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.  
 God said “No”  
 I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.  
 I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me.  
 God said...  
 Ahhhhhh.....finally you have the idea!

*Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph*

**Parish News**

We are very fortunate to have Father Joseph as our pastor. However, as many of us know, he is “on loan” to Baker Diocese from his home Diocese in Northern India.

The Hazaribagh Diocese in southern India has 28 parishes and 68 “sub-centers” with over 42,000 Catholics. Many of the people in Father’s home diocese live in outlying areas with no schools, electricity or basic services. The per capita income in Southern India is less than \$1.25 per day. Many in this country spend more than that on a daily cup of coffee. It makes one realize how fortunate we are at St. Josephs.

In the United States, Catholic parishes support the Bishop and Dioceses with assessments for Diocesan programs. However, in India, the opposite is true. Each diocese supports the parishes and diocesan schools, seminaries and other programs. Father Joseph’s home diocese could use some support to help advance the faith in India.

The Knights of Columbus decided to support Father Joseph’s home diocese by holding some fund-raising activities during the month of August. We will have a 50-50 raffle with the Parish proceeds dedicated to this purpose. In addition, the net proceeds of the August KC’s breakfast will be included in the gift. We hope to send Father off with a generous gift from our Parish when he returns to India for a visit in late August. This has been a traditional practice in the parishes Father Joseph has served in the United States.

First, the 50-50 raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout August with the drawing at the September KC’s breakfast on September 4. Tickets are \$5 each with a special deal of 5 for \$20. You do not need to be present to win on September 4. The ushers will have tickets available starting on July 22 and continue through September 4.

Join us in these joyful ways of helping others. You purchase of a ticket will help in a manner that is multiplied many times over in India. And, you may be the lucky winner.

Look for details of Father Joseph’s home diocese on our new Facebook page at:

***St Joseph”s Catholic Church, Prineville, Oregon***

God Bless and please be generous, Gary Thompson, Grand Knight Tom MacDonald, Pastoral Council, Chairperson

**St. Vincent De Paul news:**

We will have now 2 food donation blue barrels, one in the vestibule of the church and the other at the school entrance, for your convenience of donating food to the poor.

Thank you, Fr. Joseph



## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



1<sup>st</sup> R. – Wis. 12:13, 16-19

Res. Ps – 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

2<sup>nd</sup> R. – Rom. 8:26-27

Gospel Accl – Mat. 11:25

Gospel - Mat.13:24-43

Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family based on unwarranted and hasty judgment.

A Bishop was sailing for Europe on one of the great transatlantic ocean liners. When he went on board, he found that another passenger was to share a cabin with him. After unpacking his bags, he went to the purser and inquired if he could leave his gold watch and other valuables in the ship's safe. He explained that he had just met the man who was to occupy the other berth in his cabin and he was afraid that the man might not be trustworthy. The purser smiled, accepted the valuables and remarked, "It's all right, Bishop, I'll be very

glad to take care of them for you. The other man has just been up here and left his valuables for the same reason!" Today's Gospel reminds us that we should not judge others hastily. There is a lot of good in the worst of us and a lot of evil in the best of us. In other words, the best of us are still "weeds" in God's garden.

The first reading shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others. Finally, in the Gospel parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that the evil ones may come to conversion before their time ends. *"Let the wheat and the weeds [darnel] grow together till the harvest time."* In other words, God awaits repentant sinners, giving them the strength to acknowledge their weakness. He calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil as no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

We need to practice patience. First of all, we need to be patient with ourselves. We may not get everything done perfectly this week, but so what? Then we must be patient with the others – those who annoy

us by the way they drive their cars, those whose opinions differ from ours, those who make too much noise and disturb us and those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us by their bad example and counter-witnessing. Let's practice patience, remembering that, in the end, it is God who controls. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example and our fervent prayer for their conversion.

We need allow God to judge us and others as "weeds" or wheat; This parable was told so that we might not go around judging others as "weeds" or wheat. Judgment is the function of God the Father and His angels. Instead, the parable asks us to take a close look at our own life with the understanding that one can judge one's own heart, then repent and bear good fruit. It is a time to look at our own sins and at the way we conduct our own life, then to make a decision about our own repentance so that we can turn around and bear fruit for Jesus. Our Gospel lesson asks us whether we are secure in our Faith life. Are we secure in the knowledge that one day we will be judged as wheat or "weed"? How often have we been a "weed" in the garden of the Lord? Would we, knowing what we know now, like to have been plucked up at those times? God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace and to share His Word and love with others.

We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God's field, leaving the "weeds" for Jesus to take care of. We live in a violent and impassioned culture. Christians often appear too self-righteous, suggesting that those who disagree with them are the "weeds" in the garden of life. Some are judged as being too radical and others as not being radical enough. Some are judged for embracing doctrinal errors, others for appearing not to have any doctrine at all. Some are condemned for not caring for the poor, others for caring too much for the poor. We often forget that appearances can be deceptive. The old saying, "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, it's a duck," may be true in the secular realm, but not in the Kingdom of God. If one talks like a Christian, sings like a Christian, etc. it doesn't necessarily mean he or she is a Christian. While we do our best to exercise right judgment as to what is or isn't correct (John 13:35; I John 2:5, 3:10), the final determination will be made by God. Evil will coexist with good until the second coming of Jesus. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of "weed control." In the end, it's enough to know that we are "seeds" who have been planted by the "Son of Man," and that we're part of a healthy harvest that will someday be reaped by the angels of God.

