

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	
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)

Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update - St. Joseph, Prineville

2017 Goal	Gifts Received to Date	Pledges Received to Date	Total Received to Date	% of Goal	Total # Donors to Date	Total # Parish Families	% of Participation
\$14,132	\$10,391	\$ 3,550	\$13,941	98.65%	51	450	11.33%

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, Emily Rosenbaum, Joanne Gleason for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

~ **St Vincent De Paul – Reverse Collection Today** ~

St. Joseph Catholic Church Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 16, 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 16th – Knights of Columbus

Date July 23rd – Eucharist Ministers

Date July 30th - Lectors

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 22nd 5pm:

Lectors – Tom MacDonald
Brett Edgerly

Euch. Min. – Dee Wettstein
Sue Godat

Altar Serv. – Roman Stenbeck
Shane Viescas

Sunday July 23rd 9am:

Lectors – Holly LeFerve
Avery LeFerve

Euch. Min. – Amy Koivisto
Nancy Redfern
Ralph Lee

Altar Servers – Isabel Sherman
Josh Sherman

Sunday July 23rd 12pm:

Lectors – Melissa Lopez
Pedro Gonzalez

Euch. Min – Eva Tapia
Alfredo Villagomez

Altar Serv. – Diocelina Sotelo
Eddie Ruiz

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

FR. Joseph's Corner...

A Touching Story

A young man was getting ready to graduate college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible. Angrily, he raised his voice at his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving the holy book.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business.

He had a beautiful home and

wonderful family, but realized his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care things. When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart.

He began to search his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. As he read those words, a car key dropped from an envelope taped behind the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

~ 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 16 – Betty Viescas
 July 23 – Carol Smith
 July 30 – Sammie Pedersen and Karin Davis
 Aug. 6- Betty Viescas
Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call the Office at 541-447-6475.

Mass Intentions July 15th – July 21st

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 – Chuck & Diane Giovanini (L) / The Parish
 Sat. 5pm –For the People
 Sun. 9am – Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family
 Sun 12pm – For the People
 Mon. 8am – Gary & Kathy Thompson (L) / The Parish
 Tues. 8am – Charles & Barbara Kurtz (L) / The Parish
 Wed. 12:15pm – For the Sick of the Parish
 Thurs. 8am – Ed McNamara (L) / The Parish
 Fri. – 12:15pm-Tom & Nancy MacDonald (L) / The Parish



God has a positive answer for your problems:

You say: “It’s impossible”
 God says: All things are possible (Lk18:27)
 You say: “I’m too tired”
 God says: I will give you rest (Mt11:28-30)
 You say: “Nobody loves me”
 God says: I love you (Jn3:16 & Jn3:34)
 You say: “I can’t go on”
 God says: My grace is sufficient (2Cor12:9 & Ps91:15)
 You say: “I can’t figure things out”
 God says: I will direct your steps (Prv3:5-6)
 You say: “I can’t do it”
 God says: You can do all things (Phil 4:13)
 You say: “I’m not able”
 God says: I am able (2Cor 9:8)
 You say: “It’s not worth it”
 God says: It will be worth it (Rom 8:28)
 You say: “I can’t forgive myself”
 God says: I Forgive you (1Jn 1:9 & Rom 8:1)
 You say: “I can’t manage”
 God says” I will supply all your needs (Phil 4: 19)
 You say: “I’m afraid”
 God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (2Tm 1:7)
 You say: “I’m always worried and frustrated”
 God say: Cast all your cares on ME (Pt 5:7)
 You say: “I’m not smart enough”
 God says I give you wisdom (1Cor 1:30)
 You say: “I feel all alone”
 God says: I will never leave you or forsake You (Heb 13:5)

Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph

Parish News

For those of you who have not yet contributed or pledged to the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal, the Bishop will send out a final letter this week asking for your Participation. Please reflect upon the importance of your charitable involvement and prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal to help our parish and Diocese meet their goal and be able to fund the very important work carried out by many ministries supported by the Appeal. To learn more about the Appeal and to view the video of Bishop Cary’s Appeal message, please visit the diocesan website.

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting Tuesday, July 18th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

We are looking for volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (men or women, young and old) there will be training for these positions. If you are interested please call the Parish Office at 541-447-6475. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Need for Mass Intentions

A Mass Intention is a special way to remember a friend or loved one after death or to honor someone on a special occasion. (Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, anniversaries, birthdays, special intentions, health, death anniversaries.) The Mass will be said by our Parish Priest or visiting Priests. To schedule a Mass Intention, come by the Parish Office, or fill out the envelope in your pew and put your mass intention in the offertory basket. Thank you!

Attention Lectors

Gary Thompson	Kirk Giovanini
Mitch Viescas	Diane Giovanini
Kat Rodosevich	Kathy Leonard
Barb Johnson	Tom MacDonald
Brett Edgerly	Ron Wortman
Elle’ Edgerly	Doug Bristow
Holly LeFevre	Avery LeFerve

We are updating our information for the office of our Lectors. If you could email or call us giving your current information it will be greatly appreciated.

We need more Lectors, if you are interested in volunteering to be a Lector please call the Office 541-447-6475.

Daily Readings July 17th- July 23rd

Mon – Exo.1:8-14, 22; Mat.10:34-11:1
 Tues – Exo.2:1-15a; Mat. 11:20-24
 Wed – Exo.3:1-6, 9-12; Mat.11:25-27
 Thurs – Exo.3:13-20; Mat.11:28-30
 Fri – Exo.11:10-12:14; Mat.12:1-8
 Sat – Song 3:1-4b; Joh.20:1-2, 11-18
 Sun. – Wis.12:13, 16-19; Rom.8:26-27; Mat. 13:24-43



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st R. – Isa.55:10-11

Res. Ps – 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

2nd R -. Rom. 8:18-23

Gospel Accl –

Gospel - Mat.13:1-23

Today's readings are about the transforming power of the word of God when read, preached and lived. They also warn us not to be disappointed at the absence of immediate results. We must take a positive and optimistic view of our missionary efforts as we keep on bearing witness to Christ's Gospel. The parable of the sower in today's Gospel challenges us to listen intently to God's Word, to be open to it and to shape our lives by its power. The parable reminds us that man's reception of God's Word is determined by the condition of his heart.

Scripture lessons: In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish slaves in Babylon, assuring them that, like rain and snow which water the earth so that seeds may sprout and grow, God's word will accomplish its purpose, in this case by returning the exiles to their homes in peace as God promised. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that just as seeds must fall into the earth and die in order to produce abundant crop, the pain and sufferings God permits in our lives help our redemption. Paul wants us to wait for our eternal reward while we continue sowing the word of God diligently and suffering for the Lord, as he did. Today's Gospel teaches us that word of the Lord is the seed, our hearts and minds are the soil. The good spiritual yield in life depends on how much a person willingly accepts and responds to the word of the Lord. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagination. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the word of God to germinate, grow and yield 30-, 60-, or 100-fold.

A challenge for examination of conscience. The questions we need to ask ourselves are: Am I merely hearing God's word without

understanding it? Does God's word meet with a hard heart in me? Am I too anxious about money, security, provision for retirement or old age? Is God's word taking root in me? Converting me? Transforming me? Enabling me to sacrifice? And what about the "fruits" that we are being invited to produce: justice and mercy, hospitality for the immigrant and those with AIDS, the dispossessed, the unborn, the single mother? By refusing to consider these things, we may be missing the healing that the Word of God can bring into our lives. The parable of the sower challenges us to see how deeply the word of God has taken root in our lives, how central God is to the very fabric of our day-to-day life. Jesus also invites his followers to embrace the Faith of the sower: to trust and believe that our simplest acts of kindness and forgiveness, our humblest offers of help to anyone in need may be the seeds that fall "on good soil" and yield an abundant harvest.

What kind of soil are we? How do we respond to the Word of God and to the various Acts of God in our lives? Do we allow the trials and tribulations of this world to overwhelm the tender seed growing

within us? Do we pull back when people harass us because we are believers? Do we decide, because things are not working out the way we think they ought, that God doesn't care for us, or that He is powerless, weak and not to be heeded? Do we allow the cares of this world, our ambitions or our desires for success and happiness, to choke out the messages that God sends us through the various events of our daily lives and through the various people we encounter? How we respond to the Word of God is the key to how fruitful the Gospel is going to be in our lives. Unlike the situation in nature, we can, as it were, change the kind of soil that we are. God allows the seed to land on the hard paths, on the rocky ground and in the thickets of our lives in the hope that in those places it will find a place to mature and bear fruit, that those things which impede growth will be removed and that the soil may be just a little deeper than it at first appears to be in those rocky places. Jesus challenges us in the parable of the sower to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation regardless of the "soil" on which it is scattered, and to imitate the seed's total giving of self that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy.

