

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	\$2,931.30
July 30th	\$3,500.00	
Total		

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

Daily Readings July 31st – August 6th

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, Roy Hutley, Danilo Salgado for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 30, 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 30th – Lectors

Date August 6th – Choir

Date August 13th - 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 August Weekend Ministry Assignments

Saturday Aug. 5th 5pm:

Lectors – Barb Johnson
Kat Rodosevich

Euch. Min. – Barb Dalton
Sue Godat

Altar Serv. – Roman Stenbeck
Kaylee Weygandt

Sunday Aug. 6th 9am:

Lectors – Gary Thompson
Tom MacDonald

Euch. Min. – Ralph Lee
Cathy Baxter
Amy Koivisto

Altar Servers – Shane Viescas
Avery LeFerve

Sunday Aug. 6th 12pm:

Lectors – Melissa Lopez
Marilu Lopez

Euch. Min – Alfredo Villagomez
Martha Villagomez

Altar Serv. – Julissa Hernandez
Diocelina Sotelo

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

FR. Joseph's Corner...

Coal Basket Bible

A STORY IS told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early, sitting at the kitchen table, reading from his old worn-out Bible.

His grandson, who wanted to be just like him, tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you, but I don't understand it. And what I do understand, I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house.

The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and he sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster but, again, the basket was empty before he returned to the house. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to

carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead.

The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he tried harder, the water would still leak out of the basket before he got far at all.

The boy scooped the water up and ran as fast as he could, but when he got to the house he said, "See Papa, It's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" the old man asked. "Look at the basket."

The boy looked at the basket and, for the first time, he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean.

"Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

We have to listen to God in our lives. Reading the Bible and reflecting on it is the best way to understand the will of God in our lives. If we do that, God works in our lives to change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His son.

~ 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 **every 3rd Sunday** after the 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour Schedule:

Aug. 20 – Carol Smith

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

Mass Intentions July 29th – Aug. 4th

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 – Jim Bachman (D) / Jennie Bachman

Sat. 5pm –For the People

Sun. 9am –Anne MacDonald (D) / Tom & Nancy MacDonald

Sun 12pm – For the People

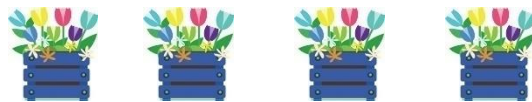
Mon. 8am - Neil & Emily Rosenbaum (D) / Art & Joan Whittley

Tues. 8am – Joan Collette (L) / Gilbert & Jessie Sharp

Wed. 12:15pm – Donald Bachman (D) / Jennie Bachman

Thurs. 8am – Sally Aspesi (L) / The Parish

Fri. – 12:15pm -Darlene Martin (D) / Jennie Bachman



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 Northern 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. Your purchase of a ticket will help in a manner that is multiplied many times over in India. And, you may be the lucky winner.

Parish News

There will be no 8a.m. Mass Saturday, August 5th.

Rosary for Neil Rosenbaum Saturday, August 5th, at 9:30am. Mass and funeral service after rosary at 10a.m., reception following at the Parish Hall.

Monday August 7th the Anniversary Tour of Fatima 2017 will be at St. Thomas Church, Redmond, Oregon. The schedule is in today’s bulletin, The Procession of the Fatima Statue into the Church begins at 3pm. **There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for St. Joseph parishioners for Adoration.**

There will be an Executive Meeting, Monday, July 31st at 5:30pm, in Fr. Joseph Office.

There will be a Practice Session for Acolytes, Wednesday August 2nd and 9th at 6pm in the church.

The Respect Life Committee will be hosting a booth at the Crook county Fair, August 9th thru the 12th. Volunteers are needed for 2-3 hour shifts to help monitor the booth and distribute materials. Please sign-up for a shift or two and help us promote life in all stages. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. We like to have two people in the booth for each shift. If you have questions call Betty at 541-704-8916 or Carol at 541-408-4623 or 541-447-7004, Thank you!!

Religious Education Registration begins August 26th and 27th after the, 5pm Saturday evening Mass and Sunday 9am and 12pm Masses. Also The first week of Sept. 5th, 6th, & 7th, 3-6pm at the parish school. And September 9th & 10th after the Masses. The last weekend to register is September 16th & 17th. The fee for registration is \$20.

RCIA will resume, Thursday September 14th, 7-8:30pm at the Parish School Rm 1.

Coffee Hour times have changed. We will now have Coffee Hour only on the 3rd Sunday of the month the next one will be August 20th after the 9am Mass.

TIPS TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY

- Fall asleep praying the Rosary. It is better than counting sheep. (Icon: Sheep)
- Say it in moments of sadness or spiritual drought. (Icon: Cactus)
- If you can't pray a whole Rosary at once, break it into parts. (Icon: Alarm clock)
- Carry a Rosary in your pocket. (Icon: Rosary)
- Use each mystery to ask for a particular intention. (Icon: Chain link)
- Say it while you wait (for example, at the bus stop). (Icon: Bus)
- Pray while you walk and think of the people in your life. (Icon: Cloud)
- Recite the Rosary while doing chores or while you work out. (Icon: Sneaker)
- Use images and music. The Rosary is a contemplative prayer. (Icon: Headphones)
- If you're upset, pray for the situation that worries you. (Icon: Prayer hands)

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st R. – 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Res. Ps – 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,
129- 130
2nd R -. Rom. 8:28-30
Gospel Accl – Mat. 11:25
Gospel - Mat.13:44-52

Jesus concludes a long series of parables about the reign of God in today's Gospel by praising those wise men and women who have listened carefully, understood and responded to his message. The first reading tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life and doing God's will. That is why he asked of God "an understanding heart" *to distinguish right from wrong*, so that he might govern the people properly. Yahweh was pleased with his request and granted him *a wise and discerning heart* which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom. In the second reading, Paul teaches that the wisdom to perceive God's grace is essential for those who want to follow Him and to do His will, thus remaining in His kingdom. He assures Rome's Christian community

that "*all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*" In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that God's Kingdom (the rule of God in us, accepting Jesus as our God and Savior, putting our Faith in him, and doing His will), is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or costly pearl, and that safeguarding it within us calls for total commitment. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and are willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded. Through the first and second parables of the treasure and pearl Jesus teaches us that identifying God's will and living according to the Gospel, both with His help, are the most precious and worthwhile things in life. Through Jesus and his Gospel, we come to know and understand the real meaning of life and the most important things we must do to secure our eternal salvation.

We should live every moment in view of our precious goal. Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, status or pleasure. Often, we are locked into regrets over the past, or focused too much on the future. As a result, the enriching present passes us by, and the treasure is never discovered. Thus, the really valuable pearl of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven is never found. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of

us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments. Right now, it is for us to use the time given to us to go in search of the pearl of great price and to help others in their search. We are challenged to search and discern where the Lord is calling us so that we may know what path to take. Let us remember that whenever we fight against discrimination, whenever we trust completely in God, whenever our selflessness conquers selfishness, whenever our love overcomes sin and our Faith overcomes suffering, whenever we render humble service to others, we are doing the will of God as it is done in Heaven. Hence, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still on earth. The pearl of great price in this life is also found in our human relationships: a happy family, good friends and people who love and accept us, even if none of them is perfect; we must give all we have to possess this great pearl because, through selfishness and self-worship, we can destroy entirely the bond of love that otherwise would flourish, surviving in spite of sickness, disease or geographical distance and would grow stronger when death divides us.

2) We need to take all precautions to keep our greatest treasure safe: We will be able to keep safe the treasure of our personal relationship with Jesus by accepting him every day as our God and Savior, by allowing him to have total

control over our lives through our loving obedience to his will, by asking him daily for the strengthening and guidance of his Holy Spirit, by talking to him daily in prayer, by listening to him in our meditative reading of the Bible, by getting reconciled to him and others every day, asking pardon and forgiveness for our sins, by offering Him our lives on the altar during the Holy Mass and by nourishing our souls frequently, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

3) A lesson in tolerance and compassionate understanding. The lesson of this parable is similar to that of the weeds growing up with the wheat, namely, that the kingdom is a mixed body of saints and sinners (good and rotten fish). There will be always a temptation for those who feel they are more "faithful" to separate themselves from the "weeds"/"bad fish." But Jesus reminds us that the final judgment resulting in reward or punishment is God's work. Thus, we must learn to be patient, compassionate and understanding with those who seem to fall far below the requirements of the Gospel and the Kingdom. Let us humbly admit the fact that there are only a very few of us who are not a mixture of good and evil. Let us admit as St. Paul did, "*I am what I am with the grace of God.*"

