# Offertory 2017 Needed

				Balance to cover
	Wkly Offering	Needed	Difference	Monthly Exp. \$14,000.00
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,609.00	\$3,500.00	+ \$1,109.00	\$9,391.00
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,532.00	\$3,500.00	(\$ 968.00)	\$6,859.00
March 19 <sup>th</sup>		\$3,500.00		
March 26th		\$3,500.00		
Total				

### Daily Readings Mar. 20th - Mar. 26th

Mon – 2Sam.7:4-5a, 12-14, 16; Rom. 4; 13, 16-18, 22: Mat.1:16, 18-21, 24a Tues – Dan. 3:25, 34-43; Mat. 18:21-35 Wed – Deu. 4:1, 5-9; Mat. 5:17-19 Thurs – Jer. 7:23-28; Luk. 11:14-23 Fri – Hos. 14:2-10; Mar. 12:28-34 Sat – Isa. 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb. 10:4-10; Luk. 1:26-38 Sun. 1Sam.16:1b, 6-7, 13a; Eph. 5:8-14; Joh. 9:1-41

### **Please Remember the Following:**

Linda Arian; Lorin; Jack Thompson; 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 and Gilbert Sharp; Hazel Engstrom; Ann Pedersen; Jan Sletager; Richard Moore; Hans Kaumanns; Jim Lanning; Cal and Bernice Dubisar; Dolores Myers; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; Jeanne Enos; Kim Remppel; Deborah Horrell; Hernan, Enrique Caceres; Veronica Natalia Chavez; Maria Sol Montel; Veronica Rodriguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas,Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez; Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Gustavo Caceres, Susan Markie, Anne Pimentel Hehr; Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, JulieNolte, Ben Woodword, Clifford Schell, Sam Lane, Kyle Salgado, Fr. Fabian, Matty Cunningham, Ron Edgerly for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

# **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

150 E. First St P.O. Box 1315 Prineville, OR 97754 Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T, Administrator



Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday Mass 9:00 am English 12:00 Noon Spanish

# Third Sunday of Lent March 19, 2017



Parish Office Administrative Assistant: Anne Greenwood Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00am-12:00 noon and 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm Office: 541-447-6475 Rectory: Evenings 7pm-9pm 541-420-4458 Office Fax 541-416-914 Email: stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com

#### **Rosary Schedule**

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass Date: March 26, 2017 Led by: The Youth Every committee is responsible for the rosary being said each Sat. & Sunday

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

Mass Intentions Mar 18th – Mar 24th One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. (L) = Living (D) = DeathSat. 8am – Lu Streetman (RIP) Sat. 5pm –For the People Sun. 9am – Armand Bilodeau (D)/ Paul Emile Bilodeau Sun. 12pm – For the People Mon. 8am – Mindy MacDonald (L) / Tom and Nancy MacDonald Tues. 8am – Edd Robson (D) / Mary Gotshall Wed. 12:15pm - Jack Godat (D) / Sue Godat Thurs. 8am – Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family Fri. – 12:15pm – Jeff Hunter (L) and Fr. Vincent Kopper (D) / Patty Marx

#### 2017 March Weekend Ministry Assignments

Sat. Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 5pm: Lectors – Brett Edgerly Elle' Edgerly

Euch. Min. – Sue Godat Kathy Thompson

Altar Serv. – Ethan Edgerly Roman Stenbeck

Sun. Mar 26th 9am: Lectors – Gary Thompson Diane Giovanini

Euch. Min. - Evelyn Stirnaman Nancy Redfern

Altar Serv. – Johanna Koivisto Blaine Viescas

Sun. Mar 26th<sup>th</sup> 12pm: Lectors – Lorena Nunez Martha Villagomez

Euch. Min. – Marilu Lopez Onecimo Ambriz

Altar Serv. Uber Gonzalez Allen Sotello

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

# Fr. Joseph's Corner...

## "Two Angels"

**TWO TRAVELING ANGELS** stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead, the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest.

When the sun came up the next morning, the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field. The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel, "How could you have let this happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him," she accused. "The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die."

"Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied. "When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Because the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it. Then last night as we slept in the farmers' bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem."

**THAT IS EXACTLY** what happens sometimes when things don't turn out the way they should. If you have faith, you just need to trust that every outcome is always to your advantage. You just might not know it until sometime later.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people become friends and stay awhile, leaving beautiful footprints on our hearts, and we are never quite the same because we have made a good friend!

Yesterday is history – tomorrow a mystery. Today is a gift – that's why it's called the present! Live and savor every moment – this is not a dress rehearsal!

**RIGHT NOW SOMEBODY** is thinking of you ... somebody is caring about vou ... somebody missed vou ... somebody wants to talk to you ... somebody wants to be with you ... somebody hopes you aren't in trouble ...somebody is thankful for the support you have provided ... somebody wants to hold your hand ... somebody hopes everything turns out all right ... somebody wants you to be happy ... somebody wants vou to find him or her ... somebody is celebrating your success ... somebody wants to give you a gift ... somebody thinks that you are a gift ... somebody loves you ... somebody admires your strength ... somebody is thinking of you and smiling ... somebody wants to be your shoulder to cry on.

~Prayerful wishes, Father Joseph ~

## **Rosary Schedule**

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus March 26th – The Youth April 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Vincent De Paul April 9<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **April 2, 2017** 

## Social Time

Please join us for coffee after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour **Schedule** March 19<sup>th</sup> – Betty Viescas March 26<sup>th</sup> - Albina Stagnoli April 9<sup>th</sup> – Carol Smith

## **Forgiven**

#### The transforming Power of Confession Bible Studies March 8<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Rite Explained - 6pm 29<sup>th</sup> March – Symbolon – (session 6) – The paschal mystery - 6pm

If you are interested in signing up for our class, a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

**FORGIVEN** explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Forgiven is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute's library of sacramental preparation programs. As a FORMED subscriber, you can access the first four sessions of this powerful new series. In our parish bulletin is a flyer with step by step instructions on how to register for FREE access to formed.org and the program FORGIVEN- please take one as you leave. Our parish code is **T7TCYT**. We also have postcards in the vestibule of the church for FORMED. This Lent, we have a wonderful opportunity to grow as a parish family and experience a lent to Remember. We want to invite you to participate in a program called FORGIVEN offered on formed.org. With beautiful film-making and teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, FORGIVEN will move your heart and give vou plenty to discuss as a family or bible study group. The program will be 4 weeks, with an episode to watch each week.



# Parish News

**Come one come all** to our Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner, today, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 12-5pm, All members of our Parish, the Prineville and Central Oregon community are invited to co-celebrate this event. Adults \$9.00, children (ages 6-12) \$5.00, Families \$27.00 parents and kids (under 18). Please come, invite friends and neighbors and enjoy St. Patty's Day feast and celebration.

#### Stations of The Cross during Lent,

starting March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be said after the 12:15pm mass, and 6pm on Fridays.

**Every Wednesday during Lent,** we will have mass at 12:15pm, in order that more people can take part in the Mass during Lent.

#### Welcome Bishop Cary!!

Bishop Cary will be here on the weekend of March  $25^{\text{th}} - 26^{\text{th}}$  to celebrate the 5pm, 9am and 12pm masses. We will be arranging a potluck dinner welcoming and honoring Bishop Cary in his home parish. Potluck dinner will be from 1pm – 3pm, please bring your favorite dishes.

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation for

**Lent,** is on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will have 3 priests and the Bishop for confessions. Spanish will be spoken by two of our priests. Please attend.

**<u>CRS Rice Bowl</u>** is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to <u>Catholic Relief Services</u>... in order to help those who do not have enough to eat. You will find the rice bowls in the vestibule of the church.

Sunday, April 30, 2017, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph (May 1st), the head of the Holy Family and the patron saint of our Parish. On this day we will honor our parishioners who have shared fifty or more years of **marriage.** There will be a special mass and a party in the Parish Hall to celebrate. Look for details of the celebration in the Sunday Bulletin during March and April. Although we have the names of many of our couples who have been married for fifty years or more, we want to make sure to include everyone. If you will have been married for fifty years or by the year 2017, please let us know by calling Anne Greenwood in the Parish office at 541-447-6475 Mon- Thurs. 9am-5pm.



# Third Sunday of Lent



1<sup>st</sup> R. Exo. 17:3-7 Res. Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8 Gospel Accl. Joh. 4:42, 15 Gospel Joh. 4:5-42

Today's readings are centered on Baptism and new life. Living water represents God's Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources of the *living* water of Divine Grace. We are assembled here in the Church to drink this *water* of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word and daily empowered by the anointing of the Spirit, we are challenged by today's Gospel to remain thirsty for the *living water*, which only God can give.

<u>The first reading</u> describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb. <u>The Responsorial Psalm, Ps</u> <u>95</u>, refers both to the *Rock of our salvation* and also to our hardened hearts. It reminds us that our hard hearts need to be softened by God

through our grace-prompted and -assisted prayer, fasting and works of mercy which enable us to receive the living water of the Holy Spirit, salvation and eternal life from the Rock of our salvation. In the second reading, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of mankind, Jesus poured the living water of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. In the Gospel, an unclean and outcast Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the *living water*. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which He had come to satisfy. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus' revelation about Himself as the Source of Living Water and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because He is that *life-giving water*.

We need to allow Jesus free entry into our

personal lives. A sign that God is active in our lives is His entering in to our personal, "private" lives. Jesus wants to get personal with us, especially during this Lenten season. Jesus wants to get into our "private" lives. We have a "private" personal life which is contrary to the will of God. Christ wishes to come into that "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, not to be unkind or malicious to us. Rather, Christ comes into our "private" personal life to free us, to change us and to offer us what we really need: living water. The living water is God the Holy Spirit Who enters the soul of the woman through Jesus and his love. We human beings are composed of four parts: mind, body, emotions and spirit. When we let God the Holy Spirit come into us and take control of our thinking, our physical activity, our emotions and our spirit, He can bring harmony to the

way we live with all four parts of our humanity. We can find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer and in the Holy Bible.

We need to be witnesses like the Samaritan

**woman**, proclaiming Jesus as God and Savior through our loving lives. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for unwanted people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life.

We need to be open to others and accept others as they are, just as Jesus did. We have been baptized into a community of Faith so that we may become one with each other as brothers and sisters of Jesus and as children of God. To live this oneness demands that we open ourselves to others and listen to one another. We need to provide the atmosphere, the room, for all to be honestly what they really are: the children of God. It is the ministry of Jesus that we inherit and share. Jesus did not allow the woman's status. past, attitude, or anything else to obstruct his ability to love her. And loving her, he freed her and made her whole, made her the child of God she already was. Let us also open our hearts to one another and accept each other as God's gifts to us. Thus, we'll experience resurrection in our own lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

We need to leave the "husbands" behind during Lent as the Samaritan woman did. Today's Gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is the time to learn from our mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that may keep us from coming to the *living waters* of a right relationship with God. We all have our short list, don't we? And we all know, honest to God, what it is we need to leave behind before we come to the *Living Water* and the Bread of Heaven. Let us make an earnest attempt to do so during this Lenten season.

We need to turn to Jesus who loves us with non-evaluative, non-judgmental unconditional love: We all face moments when guilt plagues us and we are upset for falling for the same temptations again and again; when we make choices that turn out to be all wrong; when our relationships with others fall in a heap; when we feel lonely, sick and tired of the way people are treating us; when we are depressed and upset and can't see anything good in ourselves; when our faith is at rock bottom and we feel as if the Church and religion aren't doing anything for us; when we beat ourselves up for lack of enthusiasm to be true disciples of Jesus ready to do anything for him, and for days that go by without a word of prayer; when all we feel is failure and defeat. During such moments it is great to read a story about Jesus and his love and acceptance of the woman at the well. Let us rest assured that Jesus is there to accept us warmly and help us to see that he will give us the strength and the power we need to overcome whatever it is that is grieving us.



