

Offertory 2017 Needed

	Wkly Offering	Needed	Difference	Balance to cover Monthly Exp. \$14,000.00
March 5 th	\$4,609.00	\$3,500.00	+ \$1,109.00	\$9,391.00
March 12 th	\$2,532.00	\$3,500.00	(\$ 968.00)	\$6,859.00
March 19 th	\$2754.00	\$3,500.00	(\$ 746.00)	\$4,105.00
March 26 th		\$3,500.00		
Total				

Daily Readings Mar. 27th – April 2nd

Mon – Isa.65:17-21; Joh. 4:43-54
 Tues – Eze. 47:1-9, 12; Joh. 5:1-16
 Wed – Isa. 49:8-15; Joh. 5:17-30
 Thurs – Exo.32:7-14; Joh. 5:31-47
 Fri – Wis. 2:1a, 12-22; Joh.7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Sat – Jer. 11:18-20; Joh. 7:40-53
 Sun – Eze. 37:12-14; Rom. 8:8-11; Joh. 11:1-45

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 Rempel; 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, Julie Nolte, Ben Woodward, Clifford Schell, Sam Lane, Kyle Salgado, Fr. Fabian, Matty Cunningham, Ron Edgerly, Gerry Pimental for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T, Administrator



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2017



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Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass
Date: April 2 2017
Led by: St. Vincent de Paul
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 25th – Mar 31st

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 – Patrick and Patricia Carroll (RIP) / Mike and Susie Carroll
Sat. 5pm –For the People
Sun. 9am – Armand Bilodeau (D)/ Paul Emile Bilodeau
Sun. 12pm – For the People
Mon. 8am – Jim and Cindy MacDonald (L) / Tom and Nancy MacDonald
Tues. 8am - Bill and Barbara Barnes (D) / Mike and Susie Carroll
Wed. 12:15pm – Edd Robson (D) / Mary Gottshall
Thurs. 8am – Edd Robson (D) / Mary Gotshall
Fri. – 12:15pm – Murra Miller (D) / Betty Maska

2017 April Weekend Ministry Assignments

Sat. Apr. 1st - 5pm:

Lectors – Mitch Viescas
Kirk Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Dee Wettstein
Barb Dalton

Altar Serv. – Sam LeFevre
Blaine Viescas

Sun. Apr. 2nd - 9am:

Lectors – Ron Wortman
Holly LeFevre

Euch. Min. – Nancy Redfern
Amy Koivisto
Cathy Baxter

Altar Serv. – Kaylee Weygandt
Ethan Edgerly

Sun. Apr. 2nd - 12pm:

Lectors – Leticia Toledo
Juana Villagomez

Euch. Min.- Martha Villagomez
Pedro Gonzalez

Altar Serv. - Edgar Tapia
Eddie Ruiz

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.



Fr. Joseph's Corner...

Every life has a purpose. Every life has meaning. We get many opportunities to become better persons if we keep our eyes, ears and hearts open. The following story invites us to reflect about the purpose of our lives on this earth, and I want to share it with you:

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home and with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table that held a display of apples for sale. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding—ALL BUT ONE!

He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, asking one of them to call his wife and explain his taking a later flight.

He returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the floor. He was glad he did because the 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her—no one stopping, and no one caring about her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her and gathered up the apples. He put them back on the table and helped to organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He then continued, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister? Are you Jesus?" He stopped in midstride and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus. He is good, kind, caring, loving, and He would never have bumped into your display in the first place."

"The girl gently nodded and said, "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister."

Then slowly the man made his way to the gate to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. That is our destiny—to be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference, as we live in a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

We are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked us up on a hill called Calvary. He paid in full for our damaged fruit—our sinful lives.

We take things for granted. Let us be grateful to God for all the wonderful blessings He has given to our lives and share the blessings with others. Be a *blessing* for others because God has blessed you abundantly.

~ Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph ~

Rosary Schedule

March 26th – The Youth

April 2nd – St Vincent De Paul

April 9th – Divine Mercy

April 16th – Knights of Columbus



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 26th - Albina Stagnoli

April 9th – Carol Smith

April 16th – Betty Viascas

Forgiven

The transforming Power of Confession Bible Studies March 8th 6-7:30pm

29th 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 you 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

The Elevator is not working, hope to have it in service by Holy Week.

We are happy to inform you we now have a website at stjosephsprineville.org

Stations of The Cross during Lent, will be said on Fridays after the 12:15pm mass, and 6pm in the evening.

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

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

Church Rummage Sale, Saturday, April 1st. 10am – 1pm at the east end of church lot, 1st and Court. Surplus items from our storage sheds: riding lawn mower, chair storage carts, desk, skis, refrigerator, computer, Magnavox phonograph, and much more.

CRS Rice Bowl is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to [Catholic Relief Services](http://CatholicReliefServices.org). . . 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.

A Special Thank you to over 100 volunteers of our 2017m St. Patrick's Ham Dinner, it was an outstanding success. We served over 400 dinners and made a profit of almost \$2,000 for the Parish. With super donations of desserts, set up, hosting, cashiersing, cooking, serving, busing, dish washing, meat slicing, coffee brewing, take out distribution and clean-up; we as a Parish came together to enjoy each others' company and share this special event with the community. Many new volunteers came forward to help the veterans. Plans have already started for next year and suggestions are welcome. **THANK YOU ALL!!** Yours in Christ, Gary Thompson.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Tuesday, april 4, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: Cartid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, a Heart Rhythm Screening and a Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/advantageclub and receive you "Advantage" club discount and your Preferred Appointment, or call 1-888-653-6441. Pamphlets in the vestibule of the church for more information. Join the fight against vascular disease!

Fourth Sunday of Lent



1st R. 1Sam.16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Res. Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

2nd R. Eph. 5:8-14

Gospel Accl. Joh. 8:12

Gospel Joh. 9:1-41

Introduction:

This is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Traditionally, this day is known as *Laetare Sunday*, from the Latin word for the command “rejoice,” the first word in the introductory antiphon for today’s Liturgy, (based on the words of Isaiah 66:10). The antiphon and the readings both express the Church’s joy in anticipation of Jesus’ Resurrection. Today’s readings both remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul, and instructs us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness. By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God’s help.

In the second reading, Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light: “*You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*” Jesus’ giving of sight to a blind man, reported in

today’s Gospel, teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the mind by Faith and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. “*There are none so blind, as those who will not see.*”

To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Today’s Gospel reminds us that we are to live as children of the light, seeking what is good and right and true. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Blindness and Baptism: In the context of the Lenten RCIA scrutinies, the Church challenges us to see this man’s journey from darkness to light as a paradigm for our own spiritual lives—from the darkness of doubt to belief (for catechumens preparing for Baptism); from the darkness of sin to the light of repentance, mercy and freedom (for those of us already baptized, who are called to renew our Baptismal promises, and to “own” our Baptism more consciously). From earliest times, today’s Gospel story has been associated with Baptism. Just as the blind man went down into the waters of Siloam and came up whole, so also believers who are immersed in the waters of Baptism come up spiritually whole, totally healed of the spiritual blindness with which all of us are born. Raymond Brown comments

that in the lectionaries and liturgical books of the early Church, there developed the practice of three examinations before one’s Baptism. These correspond to the three interrogations of the man born blind. When the catechumens had passed their examinations, and were judged worthy of Baptism, the Gospel book was solemnly opened and the ninth chapter of John was read, with the confession of the blind man, “I do believe, Lord,” serving as the climax of the service. Paintings on the walls of the catacombs of Rome portray Jesus healing the man born blind as a symbol of Holy Baptism. One of the writings from that time says: “*Happy is the Sacrament of our water, in that, by washing away the sins of our earthly blindness, we are set free unto eternal life.*” The early Christians looked at their Baptism as leaving behind blindness and darkness and stepping into the glorious light of God. In other words, they realized that their becoming Christians and then continuing as followers of Christ, was indeed a miracle - as great as, if not greater than, the healing of the physical blindness of the man in the Gospel today.

Life messages: We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. Physiologically, the “blind-spot” is the part of our eye where vision is not experienced. It is the spot where the optic nerve enters the eye ball. A blind spot in a vehicle is an area around the vehicle that cannot be directly observed by the driver. In real life, we all have blind-spots -- in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We often wish to remain in the dark, preferring darkness to light. It is even possible for the religious people in our day to be like the

Pharisees: religious in worship, in frequenting the Sacraments, in prayer-life, in tithing, and in knowledge of the Bible – but blind to the poverty, injustice and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blind-spots. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness, namely, self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, “God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly.”

We need to pray for clear vision: Peter Marshall, the former chaplain to the United States Congress used to pray, “*Give us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.*” Today’s Gospel challenges our ability to see clearly. Do we see a terrorist in every member of a particular religion? Do we see people who are addicted to drugs as outcasts and sinners? Do we fail to see God at work in our lives because He has shown us no miracles? Jonathan Swift said, “Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.” Let us remember that this gift belongs to those who can see the good hidden in the kernels of suffering and of failure. It resides in those who never give up hope. Let us pray for the grace to see and experience the presence of a loving and forgiving God.