

Offertory 2017 Needed

	Wkly Offering	Needed	Difference	Balance to cover Monthly Exp. \$14,000.00
April 2 nd	\$3,494.35	\$3,500.00	(\$ 5.65)	\$10,505.65
April 9 th	\$3,056.56	\$3,500.00	(\$ 433.44)	\$ 7,449.09
April 16 th	\$4,394.00	\$3,500.00	+\$894.00	\$ 3,055.09
April 23 rd		\$3,500.00		
April 30 th		\$3,500.00		
Total				

Daily Readings April 24^h – April 30th

Mon – Acts 4:23-31; Joh. 3:1-8

Tues – 1Pet.5:5b-14; Mar.16:15-20

Wed – Act. 5:17-26; Joh.3:16-21

Thurs – Act. 5:27-33; Joh.3:31-36

Fri – Acts.5:34-42; Joh.6:1-15

Sat – Acts. 6:1-7; Joh.6:16-21

Sun. – Acts.2:14, 22-33; 1Pet.1:17-21; Luk.24:13-35

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**

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

Parish Office Administrative Assistant: Anne Greenwood

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Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass
Date: April 30, 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

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 April Weekend Ministry

Assignments

Saturday April 29th 5pm:

Lectors – Kat Rodosevich
Gary Thompson

Euch. Min. – Dee Wettstein
Kathy Thompson

Altar Serv. – Kaylee Weygant
Ethan Edgerly

Sunday April 30th 10am : Anniversary Mass (bilingual)

Lectors - Tom MacDonald
Ruby Ruiz

Euch. Min. - Nancy Redfern
Ralph Lee
Joel Hernandez

Altar Serv. – Avery LeFevre
Shane Viescas
Uber Gonzalez

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

Fr. Joseph's Corner...

A Burden of My Own

(Author Unknown)

A MONARCH OF long ago had twin sons, and there was some confusion about which one was born first. As they grew to young manhood, the king sought a fair way to designate one of them as crown prince.

All who knew the young men thought them to be equal in intelligence, wit, personal charm, health, and physical strength. Being a keenly observant king, though, he thought he detected a trait in one, which was not shared by the other.

Calling the twins to his council chamber one day, he said, "My sons, the day will come when one of you must succeed me as king. The burdens of sovereignty are very heavy. To find out which of you is better able to bear them cheerfully, I am sending you both to a far corner of the kingdom. One of my advisors there will place equal burdens on your shoulders. My crown will one day go to the one who first returns, bearing his burden like a king should."

In a spirit of friendly competition, the brothers set out together. Soon they overtook an aged woman struggling under a burden that seemed far too heavy for her frail body.

One of the boys suggested that they stop to help her. The other protested: "We have a burden of our own to worry about. Let us be on our way." The objector

hurried on while the other stayed behind to give aid to the aged woman.

Along the road, from day to day, he found others who also needed help. A blind man took him miles out of his way, and a lame man slowed him to a cripple's walk.

Eventually, he did reach his father's advisor, where he secured his own burden and started home with it safely on his shoulders. When he arrived at the palace, his brother met him at the gate and greeted him with dismay.

He said, "I don't understand. I told our father the burden was too heavy to carry. However did you do it?"

The future king replied thoughtfully, "I suppose when I helped others carry their burdens, I found the strength to carry my own."

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



Rosary Schedule

April 23rd – Choir
April 30th – SVDP
May 7th – Eucharistic Ministers
May 14th - Lectors



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **May 7, 2017**

Social Time

Please join us for coffee after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour **Schedule**
April 23rd – Albina Stagnoli
May 14th - Carol Smith
May 21st – Betty Viescas

Mass Intentions April 22nd – April 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 – Dolores and Ron Meyers (L) / Karin Davis
Sat. 5pm –For the People
Sun. 9am – Helen and Earl Nehls (D) / Mary Nehls
Sun. 12pm - For the People
Mon. 8am- No Mass
Tues. 8am – No Mass
Wed. 12:15pm – No Mass
Thurs. 8am – No Mass
Fri. – 12:15pm – No Mass

Married Parishioners 50 yrs and older

Gilbert and Jessie Sharp	71 yrs
Richard and Carol Moore	66 yrs
Charles and Dolores Wettstein	65 yrs
Wallace and Rosemary Boe	62 yrs
Roy and Jean Hutley	62 yrs
Leo and Joan Collette	58 yrs
Robert and Lola Godat	58 yrs
Robert James and Kathie Leonard	58 yrs
Gerald and Deanna Pimental	56 yrs
James and Joanne Gleason	55 yrs
Larry and Theresa Leach	54 yrs
William and Frances Butrico	53 yrs
Gary and Sandy Shriver	53 yrs
Thomas and Georgia Fitzgerald	52 yrs
Delwin and Joan Holland	50 yrs

If you have been married 50 years or more please contact the parish office before Friday, April 10th, at 541-447-6475 and we will add your name. Mass at 10 am (bi-lingual)



Parish News

Thank you all who actively took part in our Holy Week and Easter Celebration making it such a beautiful spiritual experience. A special thanks to Sue Godat our RCIA director, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, the Choir, flower arrangements and altar display.

After Every Mass on the weekend, the members of the Knights of Columbus will be standing outside the exits with containers for donations for Pennies To Heaven. Whether it is pennies, other change or folding money all donations go to support our seminarians at Mount Angel and other seminarians through the Christopher Fund... Please be generous and help support our vocations.

No Masses from April 24th to April 28th. Fr. Joseph will be on Retreat in Mt. Angel.

Please note: We have combined our Rosary pamphlet, St. Michael's prayer and Pray for Vocations (English and Spanish) into one sheet, for your convenience.

We will continue to have the weekday mass on Wednesday at 12:15pm.

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 bilingual Mass at **10 am.** There will be a celebration in the Parish Hall from 11:30am -2pm. Coffee and punch and cake will be provided. **There will be no noon Mass on April 30th.**

First Holy Communion May 7th 12pm mass.

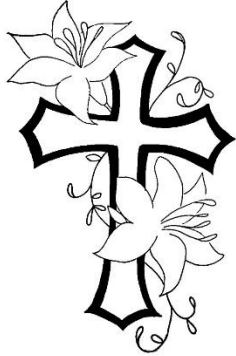
There will be a breakfast in your honor after the 9am mass. All are invited so please plan on attending. There will be a **group photo at 10:00am.** We want no one left out so be prompt and ready for the photo and ceremony. The attire for the girls is all white, the attire for the boys is black slacks, white shirt and black tie. This is a proper First Holy Communion attire, it is mandatory.

There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 1pm, in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. For thinking of items for the Annual Christmas Bazaar. Please attend and bring ideas. Questions – Call Nancy Redfern 541-508-9872.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter



1st R. Acts 2:42-47
Res. Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
2nd R. 1Pet. 1:3-9
Gospel Accl. Joh. 20:29
Gospel Joh. 20:19-31

Divine Mercy Sunday

The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and the need for the forgiveness of sins. God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only-begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, instituted to sanctify us.

Scripture lessons: The first reading (Acts 2:42-47) tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the

acts of mercy and sharing, the sacrificial *agápe* love practiced by the early Christians. In the second reading (1 Peter 1:3-9), St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting Resurrection from the dead and glorious Ascension into Heaven to His Son, Jesus, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection.

Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "*My Lord and my God,*" the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Today's Gospel also emphasizes the importance of Faith in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord of Mercy. To believe without having seen is every later Christian's experience. We are invited to receive liberation from doubts and hesitation by surrendering our lives to the Risen Lord of Mercy. Let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy in the form of His Holy Spirit.

Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy. One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive Divine Mercy. The Gospel command, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," demands that we show mercy to our fellow human beings always and everywhere. We radiate God's mercy to others by our actions, our words, and our prayers. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the Risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service ("Faith without good works is dead" James 2:17). It was this Faith in the Lord and obedience to His missionary command that prompted St. Thomas to travel to India to preach the Gospel among the Hindus, to establish seven Christian communities (known later as "St. Thomas Christians"), and eventually to suffer martyrdom.

The Fathers of the Church prescribe the following traditional means to

grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle. a) We must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) We must strengthen our Faith by the power of the Holy Spirit through our personal and community prayer. c) We must share in the Divine life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. Blessed Mother Teresa presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action." Christ's mercy shines forth from us whenever we reach out to the poor, the needy and the marginalized, as Blessed Mother Teresa did. His mercy shines forth as we remain open to those who struggle in Faith, as did the Apostle Thomas in today's Gospel. We should be able to appreciate the presence of Jesus, crucified and raised, in our own suffering and in our suffering brothers and sisters, thus recognizing the glorified wounds of the Risen Lord in the suffering of others.

