

Offertory 2017 Needed

	Week \$3500.00	Balance to cover expenses Month \$14000.00
Jan. 1 st	\$3,268.00	\$10,732.00
Jan. 8 th	\$1,449.00	\$ 9,283.00
Jan. 15 th		
Jan. 22 nd		
Jan. 29 th		
Total		

"You cannot give yourself to God and money." (Lk. 16:13)

"Usted no pueden server al mismo tiempo a Dios y al Dinero."
(Lucas 16, 13)



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017

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Mass Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass

Date: January 22th, 2016

Led by: St. Vincent de Paul

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 Jan 14th – Jan. 20th

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul.

Sat. 8am – Fr. Paco Vallejo (D) / Parish

Sat. 5pm – Frank and Joan Smith (L) / Parish

Sun. 9am – For the People

Sun. 12pm – Deacon Gustavo (L) /Parish

Mon. 8am – George Moore (D) / A. Greenwood

Tues. 8am – Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family

Wed. 8am – Fr. Robert E. Simard (D) / G. Thompson

Thurs. 8am – Fr. Paco Vallejo (D) / Parish

Fri. – 12:15pm- Naomi Blankenship (L/SP) / D. Strain



Please Remember the Following:

Lloy McDaniel; Linda Arian; Lorin; Jack Thompson; Ron & Tanya Deasly; Dan Browning; Patricia Carroll; Savanna King; Rita Witchman; David & Carol Leonard; Billie Lanier; Kate Erickson; 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; Rosemary Boe; Jeff Born; Peggy Kasberger; Glen Johnston; Jessie 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; Verconica Natalia Chavez; Maria Sol Montel; Veronica Rodriguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas.; Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez; Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Gustavo Caceres, Susan Markie, Ben Ryan, Anne Pimentel Hehr; Nettie Irene Downing, Kara Bachand, Doug Bristow,Harley Mayfield for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings Jan 16th – Jan 22nd

Mon – Heb.5:1-10; Mar.2:18-22

Tues – Heb. 6:10-20; Mar. 2:23-28

Wed – Heb. 7:1-3, 15-17; Mar. 3:1-6

Thurs – Heb. 7:25-8:6; Mar. 3:7-12

Fri – Heb.8:6-13; Mar. 3:13-19

Sat – Heb. 9:2-3, 11-14; Mar.3:20-21

Sun. – Isa. 8:23-9:3; 1Cor1:10-13,17;

Mat.4:12-23

Fr. Joseph's Corner... A Love Story

One day, I woke early in the morning to watch the sunrise. Ah the beauty of God's creation is beyond description. As I watched, I praised God for His beautiful work. As I sat there, I felt the Lord's presence with me. He asked me, "Do you love me?" I answered, "Of course, God! You are my Lord and Saviour!" Then He asked, "If you were physically handicapped, would you still love me?" I was perplexed. I looked down upon my arms, legs and the rest of my body and wondered how many things I wouldn't be able to do, the things that I took for granted. And I answered, "It would be tough Lord, but I would still love You." Then the Lord said, "If you were blind, would you still love my creation?" How could I love something without being able to see it? Then I thought of all the blind people in the world and how many of them still loved God and His creation. So I answered, "It's hard to think of it, but I would still love you." Then the Lord asked me, "If you were deaf, would you still listen to my word?" How could I listen to anything being deaf? Then I understood. Listening to God's Word is not merely using our ears, but our hearts.

I answered, "It would be tough, but I would still listen to your word." The Lord then asked, "If you were mute, would you still praise My Name?" How could I praise without a voice? Then it occurred to me: God wants us to sing from our very heart and soul. It never matters what we sound like. And praising God is not always with a song, but when we are persecuted, we give God praise with our words of thanks. So I answered, "Though I could not physically sing, I would still praise Your Name." And the Lord asked, "Do you really love Me?" With courage and a strong conviction, I answered boldly, "Yes Lord! I love You because You are the one and true God!" I thought I had answered well, but God asked, "THEN WHY DO YOU SIN?" I answered, "Because I am only human. I am not perfect." "Then why in times of peace do you stray the furthest? Why only in times of trouble do you pray the earnest?" No answers. Only tears.

The Lord continued: "Why only sing at fellowships and retreats? Why seek Me only in times of worship? Why ask things so selfishly? Why ask so unfaithfully?" The tears continued to roll down my cheeks. "Why are you ashamed of Me? Why are you not spreading the good news? Why in times of persecution, you cry to others when I offer My shoulder to cry on? Why make excuses when I give you opportunities to serve in My Name?" I tried to answer, but there was no answer to give. "You are blessed with life. I made you not to throw this gift away. I have blessed you with talents to serve Me, but you continue to turn away. I have revealed My Word to you, but you do not gain in knowledge. I have spoken to you but your ears were closed. I have shown My blessings to you, but your eyes were turned away. I have sent you servants, but you sat idly by as they were pushed away. I have heard your prayers and I have answered them all. "DO YOU TRULY LOVE ME?" I could not answer. How could I? I was embarrassed beyond belief. I had no excuse. What could I say to this? When my heart had cried out and the tears had flowed, I said, "Please forgive me Lord. I am unworthy to be Your child." The Lord answered, "That is My Grace, My child." I asked, "Then why do you continue to forgive me? Why do You love me so?"

The Lord answered, "Because you are my creation. You are my child. I will never abandon you. When you cry, I will have compassion and cry with you. When you shout with joy, I will laugh with you. When you are down, I will encourage you. When you fall, I will raise you up. When you are tired, I will carry you. I will be with you till the end of your days, and I will love you forever." Never had I cried so hard before. How could I have been so cold? How could I have hurt God as I had done? I asked God, "How much do You love me?" The Lord stretched out his arms, and I saw His nail-pierced hands. I bowed down at the feet of Christ, my Saviour. And for the first time, I truly prayed.

God Bless You All!

Father Joseph

Rosary Schedule

January 15th Knights of Columbus
January 22nd – St. Vincent de Paul
January 29th – The Youth



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass.



Social Time

Please join us for coffee after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour Schedule

January 15- Carol Smith
January 22 – Albina Stagnoli
January 29th- Sammie Petersen and Karin Davis



Choir Practice

Choir on Wednesday's from 5:00pm – 6:00 pm

Respect Life News

"One who has hope lives differently". What can we do to give hope to those with an unplanned pregnancy or suffering from an abortion?
~Pope Benedict XVI~

Endow

St Francis Women Parishioners are enthusiastically discussing how Endow; *Catholic Education on the Nature and Dignity of Women*, has touched their hearts, renewed their faith, and deepened their understanding of Catholic Doctrine. Two 8-10 week courses will be available this winter at Saint Francis Parish starting February 2017. These study groups are open to all Catholic Women throughout the Central Deanery: Bend, Redmond, Sisters, Sunriver, Prineville, LaPine, Madras, Warm Springs, Gilchrist, and Christmas Valley.

- The introductory study "Letter to Women" will be offered on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:00 pm beginning February 23rd in Seminar Room #2. This class is the first in the Endow Series and sets the stage for all the additional outstanding classes offered. This class is based on Saint Pope John Paull II's letter (*of the same name*) delivered at the Forth United Nations Conference on Women in 1995 "On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering", based on the papal document *Salvifici Doloris* helps women find consolation and purpose in life when things go wrong. This evening course will begin on Monday February 6th, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Seminar Room #2.

Study groups meet weekly over an 8-10-week period. No homework is required! To register, go to <https://store.endowonline.org/categories.aspx> or contact Kristine McLean at dkmclean@bendcable.com There is a very reasonable course fee assessed at registration.

Parish News

We had a **Liturgical Meeting** on Jan. 12th at 5pm in the parish hall conference room for evaluating the Christmas celebrations and planning for the liturgical celebrations of 2017. The members are: **Cathy Baxter (chairperson)**, Maureen Fagan Bristow, Sue Godat, Barbara Dalton, Gary Thompson, Mike Carroll, Ruby Ruiz, Brett Edgerly, Ethan Edgerly, and Beth Prosch-Jenson.

The Finance Committee will meet Jan. 18th at 4:30pm in the parish hall conference room. Members are **Susan McDermott (chairperson)**, Diana Strain (secretary), Charles Pentkowski, Stan Rodgers, and Ruby Ruiz.

Pastoral Council Announcement

On Monday, Jan. 23rd is Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. Please channel your concerns, suggestions, to any member of the Council. The members are: Tom MacDonald, Brett Edgerly, Susan McDermott, Barb Dalton, Apolonio Villagomez, Ruby Ruiz, Mitch Viescas, Carol Smith, Gary Thompson, Cathy Baxter, Nancy Redfern, Mike Carroll, Maureen Fagan, Jim Rodosevich, Anne Greenwood, Ethan Edgerly, and Charles Kurtz.

Our New Executive Committee members are: **Tom MacDonald** – Chairman of the Pastoral Council

Brett Edgerly – Vice Chairperson of the Pastoral Council

Ruby Ruiz – Vice Chairperson of the Pastoral Council

Gary Thompson – Grand Knight

Susan McDermott – Chairperson of Finance Committee

Nancy Redfern – Secretary of the Pastoral Council

TBA, Head of Altar Society (when re-formed)

We are looking for volunteers once a month on Mondays to help clean the church. Your help is greatly appreciated. Call Diane Giovanini 541-447-4086

Confirmation Students there is a volunteer opportunity to help unload the food truck for the food bank at the Parish Hall Friday Jan. 20th, starting after school at 3pm.

Winter is here. The Parish needs more volunteers to remove snow from the sidewalks, stairs and areas around the Church, Rectory and Parish Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the Vestibule for volunteers. Please sign up for a week you will be available. Thank you!

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st R. Isa. 49:3, 5-6
Res. Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
2nd R. 1Cor. 1:1-3
Gospel Accl. Jn.1:14a, 12a
Gospel Jn.1:29-34

Today God speaks to us through his holy word about the mystery of his “call.” God calls each and every human being—every man, woman, and child—into relationship with him. He calls us to be living and active sharers in the life and love of God in three persons, the Holy Trinity. The Father’s plan is that we will be in communion with his divine Son, Jesus Christ. He calls us to be members of the Body of Christ, the community that is the Church. God issues a call to each one of us.

In the first reading we hear the prophet Isaiah’s account of his own call. “The Lord said TO ME...” Certainly, the call of Isaiah is addressed to him personally; it’s a call to be a prophet, a good servant of God who will speak words that will be “a light” to his own people, and to all the nations. In a deeper sense, this call is made by God through Isaiah to the Chosen People as a whole. “You are my servant, Israel...” Israel is to be a sign for all other nations of God’s

holiness. That is why Israel must be a “holy people:” so that other people will see the goodness and holiness of God in his work through and for them. And in a final, deepest sense, Isaiah’s word are address to the one who will come—to the Son of God made flesh, Jesus the Messiah. Jesus is the savior of Israel and more. God says of him, “I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” He is the universal savior of all who have lived, and all who will ever live.

Saint Paul was also called by God. In his own words, he was “called to be an apostle of God.” He is God’s instrument for preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. Why? Because through the apostolic preaching people are called into relationship with Jesus. They are “called to be holy.”

How does this call occur? John the Baptist testified that when Jesus was baptized, John “saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.” That is how John knew that Jesus was the Son of God.

You, my brothers and sisters in Christ, are sons and daughters of God. You, too, were baptized. And when you were baptized, that same Holy Spirit that descended at Jesus’ baptism came down upon you, and came in power in your Confirmation. In a little while we will pray that the Holy Spirit

will come down upon the gifts on this altar, so that they will become the Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. And immediately after the Consecration the Church’s prayer asks “that we who are nourished by his body and blood may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ” [E.P. III].

We are called, not because of any merit of our own, but because of the mercy and generosity of God. We are allowed to partake of divine life because the Holy Spirit same Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus at the Jordan is given to us. Isaiah the prophet and Paul the apostle were called to do God’s work. So are we. You and I know that we are weak and sinful. But with God’s strength we are able to respond to his call, so that we, too, might be “glorious in the sight of the Lord.” We can become his good servants who raise up those who are broken down, and who help God to restore and strengthen the faith, hope, and love of others. The Spirit will help us to overcome the darkness of sin in the world and in our own life, so that we can be a light to others. All we have to do is ask for this gift. Can we doubt that he would answer such a request?

Jesus was called by his Father and given a mission to communicate the Father’s merciful love to the world. Through baptism Jesus calls

each of us to share in his mission. He calls us because he needs us to do his work. May we turn our hearts to God and rely on his strength, and may we make the words of today’s Opening Prayer [Alternative] our own: “Help us to embrace your will; give us the strength to follow your call.”

Thank You!

I am very thankful to those of you who sent me Christmas/ New Year wishes, prayers and gifts. Please know that your kindness is much appreciated. May God bless you for your sacrifices and generosity. **Fr. Joseph**

Catholic Men: Do You Want to Be an Acolyte?

Acolytes assist the priest at Mass and other liturgical functions. If the Lord is tugging at your heart to be an acolyte. Please email Fr. Joseph at: joe55kunnel@hotmail.com or call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475, 541-420-4458.

Please look forward to ‘Fr. Joseph’s Corner’ to know more about the duties and responsibilities of an Acolyte.

Fr. Joseph