

Offertory 2017 Needed

	Wkly Offering	Needed	Difference	Balance to cover Monthly Exp. \$14,000.00
Feb 5 th	\$4,569.75	\$3,500.00	+ \$1,069.75	\$9,430.25
Feb. 12 th	\$2,791.81	\$3,500.00	(\$ 708.19)	\$6,638.44
Feb. 19 th	\$2,872.00	\$3,500.00	(\$ 628.00)	\$3,766.44
Feb. 26 th	\$2,233.30	\$3,500.00	(\$1,266.70)	\$1,533.14
Total	\$12,466.86			(\$1,533.14)

Daily Readings Mar. 6th – Mar. 12th

Mon – Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18; Mat. 25:31-46
 Tues – Isa.55:10-11; Mat. 6:7-15
 Wed – Jon.3:1-10; Luk. 11:29-32
 Thurs – Est.C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mat. 7:7-12
 Fri – Eze.18:21-28; Mat.5:20-26
 Sat – Deu. 26:16-19; Mat.5:43-48
 Sun. – Gen. 12:1-4a; 2Tim.1:8b-10; Mat.17:1-9

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 Rempel; Deborah Horrell; Hernan Enrique Caceres; Veronica Natalia Chavez; Maria Sol Montel; Veronica Rodriguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez; Rodolfo Martin Arrubarrena; Gustavo Caceres, Susan Markie, Anne Pimentel Hehr; Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, Julie Nolte, Ben Woodward, Clifford Schell for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

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

**First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017**



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Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass

Date: March 12, 2017

Led by: Eucharistic Ministers

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 4th – Mar 10th

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 – Fernando Salgado (RIP) / Anne Greenwood

Sat. 5pm –Steve and Carol Robertson (L) / Diane Schoenstein

Sun. 9am – Armand Bilodeau (D)/ Paul Emile Bilodeau

Sun. 12pm – For the People

Mon. 8am - Walter and Helen Husar (RIP)/ Diane Schoenstein

Tues. 8am – Mario Ferrarin (D) / Roy and Mary Beyer

Wed. 12:15pm – Lu Streetman (RIP) / Streetman Family

Thurs. 8am – Matt Beyer (D) / Roy and Mary Beyer

Fri. – 12:15pm - Ben Woodward (L) / Richard and Carol Moore

2017 Feb. Weekend Ministry Assignments

Sat. Mar 11th 5pm:

Lectors – Mitch Viescas

Ron Wortman

Euch. Min. – Dee Wettstein

Barbara Dalton

Altar Serv. – Ethan Edgerly

Roman Stenbeck

Sun. Mar 12th 9am:

Lectors – Doug Bristow

Kat Rodosevich

Euch. Min. – Ralph Lee

Evelyn Stirnaman

Kathy Thompson

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas

Shane Viescas

Sun. Mar 12th 12pm:

Lectors – Juana Villagomez

Angela Renteria Toledo

Euch. Min. – Joel Hernandez

Alfredo Villagomez

Altar Serv. – Allen Sotelo

Julissa Hernandez

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

Fr. Joseph's Corner...

"A Day in God's Court"

(a story from my collection)

AFTER LIVING A "decent life, my time on earth came to an end. The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in the waiting room of what I thought to be a court house. The door opened, and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table. As I looked, I saw the "prosecutor." He was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me. He definitely was the most evil person I had ever seen.

I sat down and looked to my left. There sat my lawyer, a kind and gentle man whose appearance seemed very familiar to me. The corner door flew open, and there appeared the judge in full flowing robes. He commanded an awesome presence as he moved across the room and I couldn't take my eyes off of him. He took his seat behind the bench and said "Let us begin." The prosecutor rose and said, "My name is Satan, and I am here to show you why this man belongs in hell." He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I had stolen, and when I cheated others in the past. Satan told of other horrible perversions that were once in my life. The more he spoke, the further down in my seat I sank. I was so embarrassed that I couldn't look at anyone, even my own lawyer, as the Devil told of sins that I had completely forgotten about.

As upset as I was at Satan for telling all these things about me. I was equally upset at my representative who sat there silently, not offering any form of defense at all. I knew I had been guilty of those things, but I had done some good in my life, too. Couldn't that at least equal out part of the harm I'd done?

Satan finished with a fury and said, "This man belongs in hell! He is guilty of all that I have charged, and there is not a person who can prove otherwise. Justice will finally be served this day!"

When it was his turn, my lawyer first asked if he might approach the bench. The judge allowed this over the strong objection of Satan, and beckoned him to come forward. As he got up and started walking. I was able to see him now in his full splendor and majesty. I realized why he seemed so familiar. This was Jesus representing me – my Lord and my Savior!

He stopped at the bench and softly said to the Judge, "Hi, Dad," and then he turned to address the court. "Satan was correct in saying that this man has sinned. I won't deny any of these allegations. And, yes, the wages of sin is death- and this man deserves to be punished."

Jesus took a deep breath and turned to his Father with outstretched arms and proclaimed, "However, I did on the cross so that this person might have eternal life, and he has accepted me as his Savior, so he is mine." My Lord then continued, "His name is written in the Book of Life, and no one can snatch him from me. Satan still does not understand that this man is not to be given justice but, rather, mercy." As Jesus sat down, he quietly paused, looked at his Father and went on, "There is nothing else that needs to be done -I've done it all."

The Judge lifted his mighty hand, slammed the gavel down, and the following words bellowed from his lips: "This man is free-the penalty for him has already been paid in full. CASE DISMISSED! As my Lord led me away, I could hear Satan ranting and raving and exclaiming, "I won't give up! I'll win the next one!"

I asked Jesus as he gave me my instructions where to go next, "Have you ever lost a case?" Christ lovingly smiled and said, "Everyone who has come to me and asked me to represent them has received the same verdict as you-PAID IN FULL."

Oh what a blessing! There is no greater commandment than to love your neighbor as yourself!

~Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph~



Rosary Schedule

March 5th – Divine Mercy
March 12th – Eucharistic Ministers
March 19th – Knights of Columbus
March 26th – The Youth



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **March 5th 2017**

Social Time

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

March 12th – Carol Smith
March 19th – Betty Viescas
March 26th - Albina Stagnoli

Forgiven

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

8th March – Who are you - 6pm
15th March – An encounter with mercy - 6pm
22nd March – Rite Explained - 6pm
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

Knights of Columbus Breakfast today after the 9am mass. Come join us for a delicious meal of pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns, and good company with friends and family!

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered during Knights of Columbus Breakfast. Barbara Mannenbach-Kurtz, registered nurse will be taking blood pressure.

Stations of The Cross during Lent, starting March 3rd will be said 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.

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](#). . . in order to help those who do not have enough to eat. You will find the rice bowls in the vestibule of the church.

David Bisono from the Diocese of Baker is offering a class for "Forgiven" for the Spanish community starting Wednesday March 8th from 7-8:30pm in the parish school room- 4. David is the associate director of evangelization and catechesis.

On Sunday, March 19th, St. Joseph's Parish celebrates a 70 plus year tradition with its Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner. The Knights of Columbus will coordinate the dinner. All members of our Parish, the Prineville and Central Oregon community are invited to co-celebrate the event. The menu will continue to be Hickory Pit Smoked Ham,

split pea soup, rolls, string beans, baked potatoes, and deserts. The deserts have traditionally been donated by Parishioners and brought to the Hall the morning of the dinner. Please help, but no crême pies or cheese cake. Also featured is Gertrude Reif's historic raisin sauce. To be a success we need volunteers and diners. Please come, invite friends and neighbors and enjoy St. Patty's Day feast and celebration. For information, prepaid tickets and volunteers call Gary Thompson at 541-447-5001. Remember, many hands make light work. All proceeds go to the Parish

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.



First Sunday of Lent



1st R. Gen.2:7-9, 3:1-7
Res. Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
2nd R. Rom.5:12-19
Gospel Accl. Mat.4:4b
Gospel Mat.4:1-11

Today's Gospel (Matthew 4: 1-11)

teaches us how the "desert experience" of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening was a kind of spiritual "training camp" for Jesus which enabled him to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The Gospel also prescribes a dual action plan for Lent: (1) We should confront our temptations and conquer them as Jesus did, by fasting, prayer and the Word of God. (2) We should renew our lives by true repentance and live the Good News of God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Forty days of fasting and prayer: "Forty days" was a Hebrew expression meaning a considerable period of time, as seen in various incidents in Jewish history: a) the 40 days of rain in Noah's time which Noah spent in the ark in prayer; b) the 40 days which Moses spent on the mountain with God (Ex. 24:18); c) the 40 days the prophet Elijah traveled on the strength of

the meal which the angel had given him (II Kg. 19:8).

The temptations. The graphic descriptions of the temptations of Jesus given in Matthew and Luke are sometimes interpreted as the dramatic presentation of a single temptation Jesus experienced throughout his public life. The devil was trying to entice Jesus away from his mission so that he could become, instead, a political messiah of power and fame according to the Jewish expectation, while using His Divine power to avoid suffering and death. In this account, we are given a glimpse of the inner struggle of Jesus as he faced the question of how to accomplish his mission. Matthew presents Jesus as conquering the tempter and beginning his preaching in Galilee.

The first temptation has to do with Jesus' own need for food. The second temptation involves a wider circle in Jerusalem and the Temple. Finally, the third temptation takes in the whole world. Matthew saw the sequence of the three temptations as significant in that they moved to greater heights, from stones on ground level, to the pinnacle of the temple in Jerusalem, and finally to a mountain top from which all the kingdoms of the earth could be surveyed. The progression was also greater intensity and scope, from personal food to power in Israel and then to rule of the whole world.

We are to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed. Every one of us is tempted

to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and a position of authority, power and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through prayer, penance and the active use of the Word of God. Temptations make us more powerful warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. By constantly struggling against temptations, we become stronger. Each time one is tempted to do evil but does good, one becomes stronger. Further, we are never tempted beyond our power. In his first letter, St. John assures us: *"Greater is the one who is in us, than the one who is in the world (1 John 4: 4). We may be strengthened by St. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 10:13: "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and [God] will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing [God] will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."* Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass), by penance and by meditative reading of the Bible.

We are to grow in holiness by prayer, reconciliation and sharing during Lent: a) by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Bible; b) by repenting of our sins daily and asking God's forgiveness every night at bedtime; c) by being reconciled with God through the Sacrament

of Reconciliation; d) by being reconciled with others, forgiving them the hurts they have caused us and asking their pardon for the hurts we have inflicted on them; e) by sharing our love with others through selfless and humble service, almsgiving and helping those in need; f) by living the Gospel or the Good News of God's love, mercy and forgiveness in our lives, thus bearing true Christian witness.

Lent is the time for the desert experience.

We can set aside a place and time to be alone daily with God, a time to distance ourselves from the many noises that bombard our lives every day, a time to hear God's word, a time to rediscover who we are before God and a time to say yes to God and no to Satan as Jesus did.

