

Offertory 2017

	Needed	Wkly Offering
Aug 6th	\$3,500.00	\$3,297.75
Aug 13th	\$3,500.00	\$2,871.00
Aug 20th	\$3,500.00	\$3,146.00
Aug 27th	\$3,500.00	
Total		

“People should regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.”

(1 Corinthians 4:1)

“Que todos pues, vean en nosotros servidores de Cristo y encargadas de las obras misteriosas de Dios.” (1 Corintios 4, 11)

Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update - St. Joseph, Prineville

2017 Goal	Gifts Received to Date	Pledges Received to Date	Total Received to Date	% of Goal	Total # Donors to Date	Total # Parish Families	% of Participation
\$14,132	\$10,870	\$ 4,550	\$15,420	100.00%	61	450	13.56%

Please Remember the Following:

Linda Arian; 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 & Gilbert Sharp; Hazel Engstrom; Ann Pedersen; Jan Sletager; Richard Moore; Jim Lanning; Cal and Bernice Dubisar; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; Jeanne Enos; Kim Rempel; Deborah Horrell; Hernán Enrique Cáceres; Verónica Natalia Chávez; María Sol Montel; Verónica Rodríguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Pérez; Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Susan Markie, Anne Pimentel Hehr; Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, Sam Lane, Ron Edgerly, Naomi Blankenship, Bill Nicholson, Richard Rempel, Emily Rosenbaum, Joanne Gleason, Roy Hutley, Danilo Salgado for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017



Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday Mass 9:00 am English
 12:00 Noon Spanish
 Holy Days 8:00am and 6:00pm
 Monday- Tuesday –Thursday 8:00am
 Wednesday and Friday 12:15pm

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Sacraments

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

Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass

Every Sunday after the Rosary the Prayer for Vocations (by Bishop Cary) will be said together.

Date August 27th – Eucharistic Ministers

Date Sept. 3rd – Lectors

Date Sept. 10th – The Choir

Every committee is responsible for the rosary being said each Sat. & Sunday

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 August Weekend Ministry Assignments

Saturday Sept. 2nd 5pm:

Lectors - Gary Thompson
Mitch Viescas

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson
Sue Godat

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas
Roman Stenbeck

Sunday Sept. 3rd 9am:

Lectors – Ron Wortman
Kat Rodosevich

Euch. Min. – Amy Koivisto
Nancy Redfern
Cathy Baxter

Altar Servers – Sam LeFerve
Avery LeFerve
Max LeFerve

Sunday Sept 3rd 12pm:

Lectors – Melissa Lopez
Lorena Nunez

Euch. Min – Joel Hernandez
Onecimo Ambriz

Altar Serv. – Eddie Ruiz
Uber Gonzalez

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

FR. Joseph's Corner...

WHITE RIBBON TIED AROUND THE TREE

This is a story about a runaway boy named David, who is writing a letter to his mother at home. He expresses the hope that his old fashioned father will forgive him and accept him again as a son.

The boy writes: In a few days I will be passing our property. If Dad will take me back, ask him to tie a white cloth on the apple tree in the field next to our house.

Days later David is seated on a train which is rapidly approaching his house. Soon the tree will be visible around the next bent. But David can't bring himself to look at it. He is afraid the white cloth won't be there. Turning to the man sitting next to him, he says nervously, "Mister, will you do me a favour? Around the bend on the right you will see a tree. Tell me if there is a white cloth tied to it."

As the train rumbles past the tree, David stares straight ahead. Then in a quaking voice he asks the

man, "Mister is a white cloth tied to one of the branches of the tree?" The man answers in a surprised voice. "Why son, there is a white cloth tied to practically every branch."

Though this is a real story, this has got a similarity to the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Lk. 15. What we miss in this story is the climax, the meeting of David with his father. But we can presume that the reconciliation, the meeting, would be a joyful one.

Sometime in our life, like David, we too run away from the love of our heavenly father, seeking our own freedom, our comfort and selfish needs. We make wrong choices which we think will make us happy and free. Sometimes, like David, we think, the guidance and the teachings we receive from our parents, teachers and our Church is old fashioned and they restrict us and make us slaves.

—God bless you and prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph





The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **September 3, 2017**

Social Time

Please join us for coffee **every 3rd Sunday** after the 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour
Schedule:
 September – 17th – Betty Viescas
Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call the Office at 541-447-6475.

Mass Intentions Aug. 26th – Oct 1st

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 – No Mass
 Sat. 5pm –Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family
 Sun. 9am –Maurice Gerke (D) / Gerke Family
 Sun 12pm – For the People
 Mon. 8am – No Weekday Mass
 Tues. 8am – No Weekday Mass
 Wed. 12:15pm – No Weekday Mass
 Thurs. 8am – No Weekday Mass
 Fri. – 12:15pm – No Weekday Mass

Daily Readings Aug. 28th – Sept 3rd

Mon – Deu.10:12-22; Mat.17:22-27
 Tues – Rev.11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 1Cor.15:20-27; Luk.1:39-56
 Wed – Deu.34:1-12; Mat.18:15-20
 Thurs – Jos.3:7-10a, 13-17; Mat.18:21-19:1
 Fri – Jos.24:1-13; Mat.19:3-12
 Sat – Jos.24:14-29; Mat.19:13-15
 Sun – Isa.56:1, 6-7; Rom.11:13-15, 29-32; Mat.15:21-28

Difference

*I got up early one morning
 And rushed right into the day;
 I had so much to accomplish
 that I did not have time to pray.
 Problems just tumbled about me,
 And heavier came each task,
 “Why doesn’t God help me?” I
 wondered.
 He answered, you didn’t ask”
 I wanted to see joy and beauty,
 but the toiled on, gray and
 bleak;
 I wondered why God didn’t
 show me.
 He said, “But you didn’t seek”.
 I tried to come into God’s
 presence;
 I used all my keys at the lock
 God gently and lovingly chided,
 “My child you didn’t knock”
 I woke up early this morning,
 and paused before entering the
 day.
 I had so much to accomplish
 that I had to take time to pray.*

Parish News

Fr. Joseph’s ‘Thank you’ note

I would like to thank you very much for your active participation in the fund raising for my home diocese, Hazaribag Catholic Diocese, through the 50/50 raffle and personal contributions.

Checks of \$2160.00 and \$332.00 dollars will be given to my Bishop in India.

The Raffle amount - \$2215.00

Knight’s Breakfast - \$332.00

Personal contributions - \$503.00

Karin Davis won the raffle and I thank her for donating half of it to my diocese.

Finally I thank all the organizers, especially, Tom MacDonald, members of the Knights of Columbus and all you Parishioners for your contributions and generosity. I am very sure, my bishop will be grateful to all of you for this generous contribution.

Thank you very much. Fr. Joseph

Starting August 23rd there will be no weekday masses.

Fr. Joe Reeves will be here Saturday, for confession, 5pm vigil mass, 9am Sunday mass and 12pm Spanish mass, while Fr. Joseph is on vacation. Fr. Joseph will return September 28th and will resume weekday mass on Saturday, September 30th at 8am. For any emergencies call the office Monday – Thursday 9am – 5pm., or Fr. Unger at St. Thomas Catholic Church 541-923-3390.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday October 4th, Labor Day.

Attention ALL Altar Servers,

Knights of Columbus has sponsored a bowling trip on Sunday, September 3rd. Please meet at the parish hall after the Spanish Mass at 1:15pm. To reserve your spot call George Gerke 541-447- 1645.

Religious Education Registration

begins August 26th and 27th after the, 5pm Saturday evening Mass and Sunday 9am and 12pm Masses. Also The first week of Sept. 5th, 6th, & 7th, 3-6pm at the parish school. And September 9th & 10th after the Masses. The last weekend to register is September 16th & 17th. The fee for registration is \$20.

RCIA--For those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and traditions please join us for this year’s RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) program. Class will begin Thursday Sept. 14 from 7:00PM till 8:30 PM room 1 in the Parish Hall. Catholics who want to energize their faith journey are also welcome. Please contact Sue Godat at [406-439-6582](tel:406-439-6582) or 541-447-6475 parish office.

St. Joseph's bible study group will begin again Wednesday Sept. 13 from 6:00PM till 7:30PM room 1 in the Parish Hall. This session we will be doing a program call "Follow Me" a study of the Gospel of John by Edward Sri. There is a study guide available for those who want it for \$16.95. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for class and please indicate if you wish to purchase the study guide contact the parish office as we need to get them ordered. Come journey with us....Questions Sue Godat at [406-439-6582](tel:406-439-6582) or 541-447-6475

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st R. – Isa. 22:19-23
Res. Ps – 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
2nd R -. Rom.11:33-36
Gospel Accl – Mat.16:18
Gospel - Mat.16:13-20

: OT XXI [A] Sunday (Aug 27) Matthew 16: 13-20 (L-17)

We might call this Sunday “Power Sunday” because the main theme of all three readings is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people and with the Pope and the other Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children.

The first reading, taken from Isaiah, tells us how God hates

unfaithful and selfish officials by describing how He removed the proud “master of the royal palace,” Shebna from his office and promoted the humble and faithful Eliakim. The *robe, the sash, and the keys* are the insignia of this office. In today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 138), David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as king over the people of Israel. In the second reading, St. Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom and knowledge and correct judgments, and asserts that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven.

Today’s Gospel passage shows us how Peter confesses Jesus as his *Lord and Savior* and how Jesus, in turn, approves his words and gives the teaching and ruling authority in his Church to Peter. Thus, Jesus establishes a “Magisterium” in his Church to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the Church members. By Jesus’

statement, “*I will give you the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven,*” he gives Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose (make laws; exercise authority) in the Church, and the assurance that their decisions will be ratified in Heaven.

We need to accept and experience Jesus as our Lord and personal Savior: First, we should accept Jesus as the Son of God and our personal Savior. This means that we are accepting Jesus as our Good Shepherd, our Divine Savior and our Redeemer. Next, Jesus should become a living experience for us – as our God protecting us and providing for us in our life’s journey, loving us, forgiving us, helping us and transforming our lives and outlook. This is made possible by our listening to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, by talking to Jesus through daily, personal and communal prayers, by offering our lives on the altar with

Jesus whenever we participate in the Holy Mass and by leading exemplary lives with Jesus’ grace. Our personal experience of Jesus will also lead us to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, both good and bad, realizing that God’s loving hands are behind every event of our lives.

We need to surrender our lives to Jesus, our Lord and Savior. That surrender requires that we freely give all areas of our lives to Jesus, and radiate to all around us Jesus’ sacrificial *agápe* love, unconditional forgiveness, overflowing mercy and committed service. The joy, the love, the peace that we find in Jesus needs to be reflected in the way we live our whole lives. We also surrender our lives to Jesus by rendering humble, loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person.

