

Offertory 2017

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Dec 3 rd	\$3,500.00	\$4,385.00
Dec 8 th	Holy Day	\$ 822.00
Dec 9 th	OLG	\$ 227.75
Dec 10 th	\$3,500.00	\$3,594.00
Dec 17 th	\$3,500.00	\$2,947.61
Dec 24 th	\$3,500.00	\$2,148.10
Dec. 25 th		\$2,196.00
Dec. 31 st	\$3,500.00	
TOTAL		

“Remember: sparse sowing sparse reaping; sow bountifully, and you will reap bountifully.”
(II Cor. 9:6)

“Ademas fijense: quien siembra con mezquindad, con mezquindad cosechara, y quien hace siembras generosas, generosas cosechas tendra.
(2Corintios 9, 6)

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; Glen Johnston; Jessie & Gilbert Sharp; Ann Pedersen; Jan Sletager; Richard Moore; Jim Lanning; Bernice Dubisar; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; 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, Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, Sam Lane, Ron Edgerly, Naomi Blankenship, Bill Nicholson, Bud Gilvinski, Joanne Gleason, Danilo Salgado, Betty Salgado, Courtney Lynn Viescas, for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings Jan. 1st – Jan. 7th

Mon. – Num.6:22-27; Gal.4:4-7; Luk.2:16-21 **Fri.** – 1Joh.3:11-21; Joh.1:43-51
Tues. – 1Joh.2:22-28; John.1:19-28 **Sat.** – 1Joh.5:5-13; Mar.1:7-11
Wed. – 1Joh.2:29-3:6; Joh.1:29-34 **Sun.** – Isa.60:1-6; Eph.3:2-3a, 5-6; Mat.2:1-12
Thurs. – 1Joh.3:7-10; Joh.1; 35-42

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

The Holy family

December 31, 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: Wednesday: 11:45am – 12:15pm, and 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: Dec. 31st – Ushers

Jan. 7th – Eucharistic Ministers

Jan. 14th – Lectors

Jan. 21st – Knights of Columbus

Jan. 28th - 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 of 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 January Weekend Minister Assignments

Saturday Jan 6th 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom MacDonald

Lectors – Matt Kutcher

Tawnya Layne

Euch. Min. – Mary Norton

Barbara Dalton

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas

Trevor Hockett

Sunday Jan. 7th 9am:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Kirk Giovanini

Avery LeFerve

Euch. Min. – Ralph Lee

Barbara M Kurtz

Altar Servers – Jesse Heath

James Heath

Sunday Jan. 7th 12pm:

Lectors – Melissa Lopez

Martha Villagomez

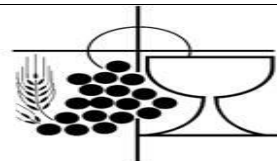
Euch. Min – Celia Nunez

Juan Nunez

Altar Serv. – Julissa Hernandez

Diocelina Sotelo

***If you cannot be available please find a substitute. *Altar Servers* call Rick Nolte @ 541-954-2331**



FR. Joseph's Corner...

What I've learned...

I don't know who wrote these phrases, but they are worth remembering and putting to good use....They may have been used by Andy Rooney in '60 Minutes.'

I've learned....That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned....That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned....That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned....That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned....That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned....That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned....That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned....That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned....That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned....That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned....That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned....That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned....That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned....That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph





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

Social Time

Please join us for coffee **every Sunday** after the 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour **Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call the Office at 541-447-6475.**

Mass Intentions Dec. 30th- Jan 5th

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 – Joan Mura Ayres (D) / Kate Erickson

Sat. 5pm- Karin Davis Intentions for family

Sun. 9am – Jeff & Colleen Collier & family (L)
/ Tom & Mary Norton

Sun. 12pm – Sacramento Lopez (D) / Apolonio Villagomez

Mon. 8am – Lu Street man (D) / Streetman Family

Tues. 8am – Betty Salgado (L) / Anne Greenwood

Wed. 12:15pm – David & Carole Leonard (L) /
Bob & Kathie Leonard

Thurs. 8am – Bruce Greenwood (L) / Anne Greenwood

Fri. 12:15pm Edward Salgado (L) / Anne Greenwood

Simple Prayers – Part 2

Father, help me not to put too much importance in possessions. Let me never forget that possessions are meant to enhance life, not to be the focal part of living. Amen.

Heavenly Father, stay close to those who are grieving and release them from their sorrows. Heartache is draining and makes life lonelier. I pray You will help them. Amen.

Loving Father, do not forsake me as I start my day with overwhelming problems. Guide me with Your loving hands and protect me from harm. Amen.

Dear Lord, there are times when I hunger for faith, feel lost and lonely with doubt. Guide me though this darkness. Amen.

Father, I pray that my words and actions will not hurt anyone today. If I cannot speak and act kindly, let me be silent. Amen.

O Father, I am a link in a chain that connects all of your children. Lead me on the path to strengthen that connection. Amen.

Parish News

Tuesday January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and Mass will be at 8am, this is not a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA.

There will be no Coffee Hour for December 31st. Coffee Hour will resume Sunday, January 14 by the Daughters of St. Joseph.

Sunday, Jan.7th Knights of Columbus Breakfast after the 9a.m. mass

Finance Meeting – Wednesday, January 3rd at 4:30pm in Fr. Joseph’s Office. All members please attend.

Executive Meeting - Tuesday, January 9th at 5:30pm in Fr. Joseph’s office. All committee members please attend.

Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 23rd at 5:30pm in the parish hall conference room.

We now have a new organization called the **“Daughters of St. Joseph,”** it is a Catholic Women’s group created to promote and support spiritually, fellowship, service and outreach to the women, children and families of St. Joseph Church. Our President is Kate Erickson and the Secretary is Sue Erickson. Our next meeting will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday, January 9th at 1pm. These are the following committees

we have, please think and pray about where your talent lies and select a committee or committees that you know would utilize those talents.

Spirituality – Social – Members Outreach – Liturgical needs – Children’s Outreach – Evangelism – Community Volunteers

Any questions, please contact Kate Erickson at 541-678-8495 or Sue Gerke at 541-480-7725.

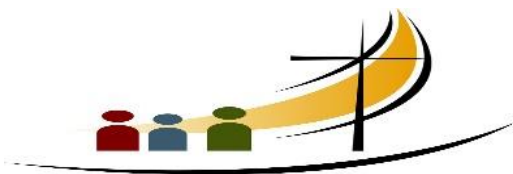
Thank you!

Religious Education classes, will resume Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Bible Study Classes, will resume Wednesday January 3rd at 6:30pm at the Parish School Room 1.

The offertory envelopes for 2018 are ready in the vestibule for pick up. Please take yours.

An Offertory Food Basket, will begin for every weekend Mass, to be brought up during the offertory with the Bread & Wine. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring any food for the food basket and we will give the food to St. Vincent de Paul.



The Holy Family



1st R. – Gen.15:1-6; 21:-:1-3

Res. Ps – 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

2nd R – Heb.11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel Accl – Heb.1:1-2

Gospel – Luk.2:22-40

The Sunday after the Christmas is celebrated as the feast of the Holy Family. Christmas itself is the feast of God entering a family to stay with the humans. It appears that God thought it to be wise to start the decisive phase of salvation history from a family.

In the story of the fall, the very first negative consequence of sin was visible in the family of the first parents; they distanced themselves from God, blamed one another and their life together became difficult, painful and filled with suffering. God deemed it fit to restore the broken family bonds as an important step towards the restoration of ruptured relationship

the human race had with God. When God sent his son as the member of the family of Joseph and Mary, he was undoing the mistakes of the first parents.

The Church has always presented the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model family for Christians to imitate, calling it to be the Holy Family. But for the people living in the twenty first century, there is very little that makes it attractive to them.

Jesus' family was just too simple and ordinary. It was a family which lived under the threat of the powerful and the influenced; evicted to Egypt from their home land, forced to live as migrants in Galilee. It did not have any financial or social security. It struggled hard to win its daily bread; did not receive any privileges from any quarters.

Many of the features which we cherish and long for were absent in the family of Jesus. Still the Church calls it a model family and a holy family. **Do you know why?** It is because in this family, **Jesus, the Word incarnate, was its center, his bonds of love and respect for the family members were very strong, and the only philosophy of its members was**

to seek the will of God and to obey it. Any family which follows these principles would be a model family always and everywhere.

Parents must learn to keep **Jesus at the center of their married life.** It would help them tackle many problems that might arise in their life. If Jesus is the center of their life, they would learn the art of making the family from Jesus' perspective.

Letting Jesus enter our families and keeping him at its center is the big challenge the couples of our time face. In the Gospel we see Jesus entering the homes of many. When Jesus enters a home he leads its members to a deeper understanding of the Word of God (as happened in the home of Martha and Mary), when he enters a home, he invites them for a change of heart (as happened in the home of Zacchaeus), gives them healing(as happened in the home Peter) and restores life to its fullness (as happened in the home of Jairus).His presence in a home guarantees solution to the most waxing problems affecting it (as happened in the wedding home at Cana). Still many are afraid to let Jesus in, in their home.

The other characteristic that is noticeable in the Holy Family was its commitment to follow the will of God in everything. All the members of the Holy Family sought the will of God wholeheartedly. There was no trace of selfishness and vested interest in their life. Their unwavering faith in the providence of God enabled them to accept the joys and sorrows of life with serenity. They did not complain about anything. They accepted every happening in the family with humility. They were convinced that whatever happened to them was the Lord's doing. This attitude of theirs increased their love and respect for one another. They trusted each other as they trusted God. So they stood united in the ups and downs of their life.

What we see in the families around us is the lack of openness to God and one another and the consequent disunity. When we push up our selfish agenda it will hurt both God and other members of our family. On this feast day of the Holy Family, let us recollect what the Psalmist has to say: "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain".