

## Offertory 2019

Needed Weekly Offering

Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$ 4502.00
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$ 3143.32
Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$ 2941.16
Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$
Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$
TOTAL	\$14,800.00	\$

*“Give to the Most High as he has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” (Sirach 35:10)*

Please Remember the Following:

Stephanie Keeler(niece of Fr. Greiner); Sheila Nehls; Patricia Carroll; David & Carol Leonard;; Billie Lanier; Sammi Pedersen; Bob & Lola Godat; Fred Vandehey; Katie Jordon; Joanne Besio; Mike Mulvihill; JenniferChristy; Dee Wettstein; Paul Paquin; Glen Johnston; Ann Pedersen; Gloria Wilcox, Kate Erickson, Erin Lowrie, Jim Lanning; Bernice Dubisar; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; Hernán Enrique Natalia Chávez; María, Sol Montel; Verónica Rodríguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Susan Markie, Linda Arian Nettie Irene Downing, Harley & Cleta Mayfield, Sam Lane, Shelly McAlary Bill Nicholson, Joanne Gleason, Betty Salgado, Rose Varghese, Leo Kuper, Sandy Shriver, Patrick Arnold, Virginia Martell, Kara Bachand, Carter Bailey, Charlene McMann, Marie Annette, Teri Burke, Nancy Meyers, Arelene Mura, Marisa Hazelton, Tuff Penhollow, Debbie Kern, Dennis Rose; Kim Remppe and for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

### *Daily Readings Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Mon. - Isa 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38*

*Tues.- Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Mat 18:21-35*

*Wed. - Deu 4:1, 5-9; Mat 5:17-19*

*Thurs. - Jer 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23*

*Frí. - Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34*

*Sat. - Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14*

*Sun. - Exo 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1Co 10:1-6, 10-12; Mat 4:17; Luke 13:1-9*

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

*March 24, 2019*



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 - Saturday 8:00am

Wednesday and Friday 12:15pm

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#### **Sacraments**

**Confessions:** Wednesdays: 11:45am – 12:15pm, and Saturdays: 3:30 -4:30pm other times by appointment.

**Contact Fr. Joseph for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

**Baptisms** will be every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month: Spanish Baptisms at 12pm and English Baptisms at 5pm vigil mass. Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to the baptism. A Baptismal preparation class is mandatory for both parents and godparents. For more information call the parish office.

**Marriages:** Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph six months before the proposed date. Marriage Preparation course is mandatory.

## Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass  
Every Sunday after the Rosary the  
Prayer for Vocations (BishopCary)  
will be said together.

Date: Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – Lectors  
Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – K of C  
Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - Ushers  
Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – Chior



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~



## Mar. 2019 Weekly Minister Assignment

### Saturday Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> 5pm:

**Acolyte** – Tom MacDonald  
**Lectors** – Kathie Leonard  
Tawnya Layne  
**Euch. Min.** – Barb Dalton  
Kathy Thompson  
**Altar Serv.** – Trevor Hockett

### Sunday Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 9am:

**Acolyte** – Rick Nolte  
**Lectors** – Avery LeFevre  
Holly LeFevre  
**Euch. Min.** – Ralph Lee  
Cathy Baxter  
**Altar Serv.** – Elizabeth Koivisto

### Sunday Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 12pm:

**Acolyte** –  
**Lectors** – Berenice  
Rubi  
**Euch. Min.** – Alfredo  
Eva  
**Altar Serv.** –  
\*If you cannot be available please find a  
substitute. \*Altar Servers\* call Rick Nolte  
@ 541-954-2331

## God Will Protect You

*Do not look forward to what might happen  
tomorrow; the same Everlasting Father who  
cares for you today, will take care of you  
tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield  
you from suffering or he will give you  
unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then  
and put aside all anxious thoughts and  
imaginings.*

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

A MINISTER PASSED through his church in the  
middle of the day. He decided to pause by the altar to  
see who came in to pray. Just then the church door  
opened, and a man came down the aisle. The minister  
frowned as he saw that the man hadn't shaved in a  
while. His shirt was a little shabby, and his coat was  
worn and frayed. But the man knelt down, bowed his  
head, then rose and walked away. In the days that  
followed, at noon time came this chap. Each time he  
knelt just for a moment, with a lunch pail in his lap.  
Well, the minister's suspicions grew, the robbery being  
a main fear. He decided to stop the man and ask him,  
"What are you doing here?" The old man said that he  
worked down the road, and lunch was half an hour.  
Lunchtime was his prayer time – for finding strength  
and power. "I stay only moments, see, because the  
factory is far away. As I kneel here talking to the Lord,  
this is kinda what I say: JUST CAME AGAIN TO  
TELL YOU, LORD, HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN  
SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S  
FRIENDSHIP, AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.  
DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,  
BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY, SO  
JESUS, THIS IS JIM, JUST CHECKING IN. The  
minister feeling foolish, told Jim that it was fine. He  
told the man he was welcome to come and pray just  
anytime. "Time to go," Jim smiled and said, "Thanks,"  
as he hurried to the door. The minister knelt at the  
altar – he'd never done it before. His cold heart  
melted, warmed with love, and met with Jesus there.  
As the tears flowed, in his heart, he repeated old a  
Jim's prayer: I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL

YOU, LORD, HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN SINCE  
WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S FRIENDSHIP, AND  
YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN. DON'T KNOW HOW  
MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY, BUT I THINK ABOUT  
YOU EVERYDAY, SO JESUS, THIS IS ME, JUST  
CHECKING IN. Past noon one day, the minister  
noticed that old Jim hadn't come. As more days passed  
without him, he began to worry about Jim. So he went  
to the factory to ask about him and learned that Jim  
was ill. The hospital staff was worried, too, but he'd  
given them a thrill. The week that Jim was with them  
brought changes in the ward. His smiles, a joy  
contagious. Changed people were his reward. The  
head nurse couldn't understand why Jim was so very  
glad. Because no flowers, calls, or cards came – not a  
visitor had. The minister stayed close by his bed: he  
voiced the nurse's concern. No friends to show they  
cared. He had nowhere to turn. Looking surprised, old  
Jim spoke up and said with a winsome smile, "The  
nurse is wrong, she couldn't know that HE sits right  
down, and takes my hand, leans over and says to me: I  
JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, JIM, HOW  
HAPPY I HAVE BEEN, SINCE WE FOUND THIS  
FRIENDSHIP, AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN. I  
ALWAYS LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY. I THINK  
ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY. AND SO JIM, THIS IS  
JESUS, JUST CHECKING IN. Now this is what it is  
all about, not buildings, or clothes, but a relationship  
that goes beyond the wisdom of this world.

... Prayerful Wishes, Father

Joseph



The Knights of Columbus offer  
Breakfast every first Sunday of the  
month after 9am Mass **Apr. 7, 2019**

### Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee and donuts every  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 9am Mass.  
Schedule:  
Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to  
help call Kate Erickson at 541-678-8495

### Mass Intention Schedule



Mass Intentions Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> –Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>  
One must never forget the infinite graces  
that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass  
which benefit ones soul.  
(L) =Living (D) = Death

**Sun. 9am-** For the People  
**Sun.12pm** – Jonathon Perez  
**Mon. 8am** –Gilbert Sharp (D)  
**Tues. 8am** – Margaret Ontko (D)  
**Wed. 12:15pm**– Naomi Blankenship(D)  
**Thurs 8am** – Mike Bailey(D)/ Gari Lynn Tocher  
**Fri. 12:15pm** – Kari Anne Mckay(D)/ Chuck &  
Diane Giovanini  
**Sat. 8am** – Lu Streetman(D)/ Streetman Family  
**Sat. 5pm** – For the People

### Words of Encouragement

Your way through life will not  
remain the same. There are years  
of happiness and years of  
suffering. There are years of  
abundance and years of poverty,  
years of hope and disappointment,  
of building up, and of breaking  
down. But God has a firm hold on  
you through everything.

There are years of strength and  
years of weakness, years of  
uncertainty, years of doubt. It is all  
part of life, and it is worth the effort  
to live it to the end, and not give up  
before it is accomplished.

You need never stop growing, a  
new future is always possible.  
Even on the other side of death. A  
new existence waits for you in the  
fullness of that glory which God  
has prepared for you from the  
beginning.

### Parish News

#### **Maintenance Volunteers Needed:**

Our new Maintenance Committee Chairperson Dan  
Arian is looking for volunteers, everyone is  
welcome. For more information please contact Dan  
at (541)815-0341

#### **Fridays During Lent**

Starting March 8<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross will be said  
at 6pm with a Soup supper afterwards in the parish  
hall.

#### **March 26, 2019- Lenten Penitential service at 6:30 pm.**

Five priests here to hear confessions  
All First Holy Communion and Confirmation  
candidates, with parents and sponsors, should plan  
on attending for confessions.

**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.

**New Parish Directory:** it has been four years since  
the last parish directory was published. Father has  
requested that we obtain a new parish directory.  
We have approached Lifetouch who published the  
last directory and have set up three days to shoot  
photos for the new directory. Those dates are:  
Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm – 8:30 pm. The photo  
shoots are scheduled every 10 minutes for families  
with 1-6 members and 20 minutes for families of 7  
or more. They style of the directory will be like the  
last edition and pets are allowed to be a part of the  
sitting. Sign up sheets are available after Mass in  
the vestibule, at the Parish office, at the Ham  
Dinner, Soup Suppers, and K of C Breakfast. Part of  
building our Parish Community is being able to  
recognize and identify fellow Parishioners and the  
directory helps do that. A portrait is free plus a

directory to those who participate. For more  
information please contact Gary Thompson at  
(541)447-5001.

**We will celebrate our Parish Day** on Sunday, May  
19, 2019, to 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 completed 25 to 40 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  
May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you will have been married for twenty  
five – forty years by the year 2019, please let us  
know by email:  
stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com or calling  
Alejandra in the Parish office at 541-447-6475. We  
need the information of those parishioners who  
have shared twenty five to forty years of marriage  
before April 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **Holy Week Schedule**

April 13<sup>th</sup> 5pm – Palm Sunday Vigil Mass  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 9am and 12pm- Palm Sunday  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm- Holy Thursday  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 3pm- Stations of the Cross  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Good Friday (veneration of the  
cross)  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)  
April 21<sup>st</sup> 9am and 12pm – Easter Sunday Masses

**Thanks** to the efforts of over 80 volunteers, the  
2019 St. Joseph Ham Dinner was an outstanding  
success. We served over 360 dinners and took in  
\$3369.00 gross income with net expenses of \$1098  
we netted \$2271 for the Parish. Thanks to a \$500  
donation from Prineville Funeral Home to offset  
the expenses an additional \$500 went to the  
Parish. Once again we as a Parish came together to  
enjoy each other's company and share this special  
event with the community. Plans have already  
started for next year's 75<sup>th</sup> dinner and suggestions  
are welcome. Thank you all.

## Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

All three of today's readings speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment while giving them another chance despite their repeated sins. Although God's love for us is constant and consistent, He will not save us without our co-operation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithful service.

**Scripture lessons, summarized:** The first reading tells us how God shows His mercy to His chosen people by giving them: Moses as their leader and liberator. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (v. 6) reveals Himself to Moses from the burning bush and assures Moses of His Divine presence with His people and of His awareness of their sufferings in Egypt. He declares His intention to use Moses as the leader who will rescue His enslaved people. Then God reveals His name as Yahweh ("I AM Who AM") and renews His promise to the patriarchs (v. 8), to give them a "land flowing with milk and honey." Our Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 103) reminds us

of God's unfailing mercy: "Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness." The second reading warns us that our merciful God is also a disciplining God. Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth that they must learn from the sad experience of the Israelites who were punished for their sins by a merciful but just God. The merciful and gracious God is also just and demanding, and hence they must be free from sexual sins and idolatry. Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people, invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Citing two tragic events, Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. With the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus also warns them that the merciful God will not put up with them indefinitely. Although God patiently waits for sinners to repent, giving them grace to do so, He will not wait forever. Time may run out; therefore, timely repentance is necessary. Hence, one can say, "A Lent missed is a year lost from the spiritual life."

1) We need to live lives of repentance, because (a) we never know when we will meet a tragedy of our own. Let us repent while we have the chance. Let us turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and

failings and receive from him mercy, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. There is no better way to take these words of Jesus to heart than to go to sacramental confession, and there is no better time to go to confession than during Lent. We are unable to predict when a tragic accident may happen to us. Our end may come swiftly – without warning and without giving us an opportunity to repent.

(b) Repentance helps us in life and in death. It helps us to live as forgiven people, and helps us to face death without fear. When we repent, we are saying: "I've been going in the wrong direction – I must turn my life around."

Repentance begins with an admission of our sin and inadequacy. We cannot see Jesus in all his fullness unless we look at Him through the lens of repentance. Repentance is a statement of regret for the inner condition of our souls, with a determination to have that condition changed.

2) We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits. The fruits God expects from us during Lent are repentance, renewal of life and the resulting virtues of love, compassion,

mercy, forgiveness, selflessness and humble service. Let us start producing fruits in the family by becoming more sensitive to the feelings of others and by accepting each member of the family with love and respect. We become fruit-bearing in the community by caring for the poor, the sick, the little ones, the old, and the lonely.

3) We need to make the best use of the "second chance" God gives us. Our merciful Father always gives us a second chance. The prodigal son, returning to the father, was welcomed as a son, not treated as a slave. The repentant Peter was made the head of the Church. The persecutor Paul was made the apostle to the Gentiles. During Lent, we, too, are given another chance to repent and return to our Heavenly Father's love. We are also expected to give others a second chance when they ask our forgiveness. God would like to use each one of us as the "gardener" in the parable to help Him cultivate our families and communities and enrich them with grace. Let us thank God for using others to help us bear fruit. Grace is everywhere. Let us always cooperate with grace, especially during Lent.