

Offertory 2017

	Needed	Wkly Offering
Oct. 1 st	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,553.05
Oct. 8 th	\$3,500.00	
Oct. 15 th	\$3,500.00	
Oct. 22 nd	\$3,500.00	
Oct. 29 th	\$3,500.00	
Total		

“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)

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	\$11,220	\$ 4,550	\$15,770	100.00%	62	450	13.78%

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; 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, Danilo Salgado, Betty Salgado, Joanne Rogers, Bev Carlton, Courtney Lynn Viescas for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 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 Oct. 8th – St. Vincent de Paul

Date Oct 15th – Knights of Columbus

Date Oct. 22nd - Lectors

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 August Weekend Ministry Assignments

Saturday Oct. 14th 5pm:

Lectors – Tom MacDonald
Mitch Viescas

Euch. Min. – Barb Dalton
Kathy Thompson

Altar Serv. – Roman Stenbeck
Blaine Viescas

Sunday October 15th 9am:

Lectors – Kirk Giovanini
Diane Giovanini

Euch. Min. - Acolytes

Altar Servers – Johanna Koivisto
Sam LeFerve
Max LeFerve

Sunday October 15th 12pm:

Lectors – Leticia Toledo
Marilu Lopez

Euch. Min – Pedro Gonzalez
Artemio Tapia

Altar Serv. – Uber Gonzalez
Julissa Hernandez

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

FR. Joseph's Corner...

The Fern and the Bamboo.....

(Author unknown)

One day I had just had enough, I decided to quit.... I quit my job, my relationships, and my spirituality. I wanted to quit my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God.

"God", I said. "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?"

His answer surprised me.

"Look around", He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?"

"Yes", I replied.

"When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo.

In the second year the Fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo".

He said. "In the third year, there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. In the fourth year, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit.

He said. "Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth.

Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant.

But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my

creations a challenge it could not handle."

He said to me. "Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots. I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you. Don't compare yourself to others."

He said. "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern, yet, they both make the forest beautiful."

"Your time will come," God said to me. "You will rise high!"

"How high should I rise?" I asked.

"How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return.

"As high as it can?" I questioned.

"Yes." He said, "Give me glory by rising as high as you can."

I left the forest and brought back this story. I hope these words can help you see that God will never give up on you.....

Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you Happiness.

Bad days give you Experiences. Both are essential to life.

Keep going... Happiness keeps you Sweet, Trials keep you Strong,

Sorrows keep you Human, Failures keep you Humble, Success keeps You Glowing,

But Only God keeps You Going!

Have a great day! The Son is shining!!

God is so big He can cover the whole world with his Love and so small He can curl up inside your heart.

—Prayerful wishes, Father Joseph



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

Social Time

Please join us for coffee **every 3rd Sunday** after the 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour
Schedule:

October 15th - Carol Smith

November 19th - Betty Viescas

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call the Office at 541-447-6475.

Mass Intentions Oct.7th – Oct 13th

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 – Edgerly Family (L) / The Parish

Sun. 9am – Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family

Sun 12pm – For the People

Mon. 8am – Frank Smith (L) / The Parish

Tues. 8am – No Mass

Wed. 12:15pm – No Mass

Thurs. 8am – No Mass

Fri. – 12:15pm – No Mass

Daily Readings Oct 9th – Oct 15th

Mon – Jon.1:1-2:2, 11; Luk.10:25-37

Tues – Jon.3:1-10; Luk.10:38-42

Wed – Jon.4:1-11; Luk.11:1-4

Thurs – Mal.3:13-20b; Luk.11:5-13

Fri – Joe.1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luk.11:15-26

Sat – Joe.4:12-21; Luk.11:27-28

Sun – Isa.25:6-10a; Phi.4:12-14, 19-20; Mat.22:1-14

God has a positive answer for your problems

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible (Luk.18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest (Mat.11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody loves me"

God says: I love you (Joh.3:16 & Joh.3:34)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient (II Cor.12:9 & Psa91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps (Pro.3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things (Phi.4:13)

You say: "I am not able"

God says: I am able (II Cor.9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it"

God says: It will be worth it (Rom.8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: I Forgive you (I Joh.1:9 & Rom.8:1)

You say: "I can't manage"

God says: I will supply all your needs (Phi.4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Tim.1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says: Cast all your cares on ME (Pet.5:7)

Your say: "I'm not smart enough"

God says: I give you wisdom (I Cor.1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb.13:5)

Prayerful wishers, Fr. Joseph



Parish News

Please join us TODAY for the annual parish picnic today October 8th, 12pm-3pm, at the grass area east of the Parish Hall. Bring yourself, family, an appetite and lawn chairs. If you have canopies bring those. Games will be provided for the children.

Meat and condiments will be provided by the Knights of Columbus along with grills and chefs. Also paper plates, cups and plastic silverware will be provided. Bring your favorite main dish and either a salad or desert. This is an opportunity to spend time with fellow parishioners (new and old) and get to know each other better and celebrate Fr. Joseph's 1st year anniversary as our pastor. We will have a bouncy for the kids to play. Pray for good weather.

Monday October 9th Mass will be at 8am.

There will be no weekday Masses

October 10th - 13th. Fr. Joseph will be attending the 2017 Clergy Assembly.

Sunday, October 15th 9am Mass,

Bishop Cary will be here for the Institution for our Acolytes. He will also celebrate the 12pm Spanish Mass.

Christmas Bazaar Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2017 at 1pm in the parish hall. For information, call Nancy Redfern 541-508-9872.

The Finance Committee will meet Monday, **October 16th at 5pm** in Fr. Joseph's Office. Members are Stan Rogers (Chairman), Diana Strain (Secretary), Susan McDermott, Ruby Ruiz, Charles Pentkowski.

Pastoral Council Announcement

On Monday, October 16 at 6pm is Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. Please channel your concerns, suggestions, to any member of the Council. The members are: Tom MacDonald, Brett Edgerly, Stan Rogers, Barb Dalton, Apolonio Villagomez, Ruby Ruiz, Carol Smith, Gary Thompson, Cathy Baxter, Nancy Redfern, Mike Carroll, Maureen Fagan, Jim Rodosevich, Anne Greenwood, and Charles Kurtz.

Liturgical Meeting Tuesday October 17th at

5:30pm, in Fr. Joseph's Office. Member are: Cathy Baxter, Maureen Fagan, Sue Godat, Barb Dalton, Gary Thompson, Mike Carroll, Ruby Ruiz, Beth Prosch-Jenson, and Brett Edgerly.

All Altar Servers, there will be a meeting Friday, October 20th at 5pm in the church. New members please also attend.



Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st R. – Isa.5:1-7

Res. Ps – 80:9, 12, 13-14,
15-16, 19-20

2nd R – Phi.4:6-9

Gospel Accl – Joh.15:16

Gospel – Mat.21:33-43

The common theme of today's readings is the necessity of bearing fruit in the Christian life. The readings warn us of the punishment for spiritual sterility, ingratitude and wickedness.

In today's first reading, called "Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard," the prophet describes God's care of, and expectations for, His Chosen People. God's Chosen People failed to bear fruit in spite of the blessings lavished upon them by a loving and forgiving God. Further, they were poor tenants in the Lord's

vineyard. Hence, God laments: "*I expected My vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour ones instead?*"

In the second reading, Paul tells Philippians about the high expectations he has for them, reminding them that they need to become fruit-producing Christians by praying and giving thanks to God and by practicing justice, purity and graciousness in their lives.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells an allegorical parable where the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel, as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel. The story emphasizes the failure of the tenants, the Chosen People of God and their leaders, to produce fruits of righteousness, justice and mercy. Giving a theological explanation of Israel's history of gross ingratitude through the parable, Jesus reminds us Christians that, since we are the "new" Israel, enriched with additional blessings and provisions in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the Kingdom, that is, the

Fruits of the Holy Spirit, in our lives.

Are we good fruit-producers in the vineyard of the Church? Jesus has given us the Church, and through her everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing: i) The Bible to know the will of God. ii) The priesthood to lead the people in God's ways. iii) The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the remission of sins. iv) The Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food. v) The Sacrament of Confirmation for a dynamic life of Faith. vi) The Sacrament of Matrimony for the sharing of love in the family, the fundamental unit of the Church. vii) Role models in thousands of saints We are expected to make use of these gifts and produce fruits for God.

Are we fruit-producers in the vineyard of the family? By the mutual sharing of blessings, by sacrificing time and talents for the members of the family, by humbly and lovingly serving others in the family, by recognizing and encouraging each other and by honoring and gracefully obeying our parents, we become producers of

"good fruit" or good vines in our families.

Are we ready to face these hard questions? Have we come close to fulfilling God's dream about us? What kind of grapes do we, as a parish community and as individuals, produce? Are they sweet or sour? What is our attitude toward everything God has given to us? Are we grateful for everything God has given to us, or are we like the ungrateful tenants who acted as if they owned everything God had given them? Do we practice justice every day of our lives? Do we recognize the righteousness of God that keeps us from self-righteousness? Do we remember to show mercy? Is our parish a real sign of Jesus' presence and love? What kind of impact do we have? Do we measure the quality of our parish not only by what happens during Mass, but also by what happens when we leave Church? Both are important, and each requires the other.



