

Offertory 2018

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Jan 7 th	\$3,700.00	\$5,236.86
Jan 14 th	\$3,700.00	\$3,112.00
Jan 21 st	\$3,700.00	\$3,432.00
Jan 28 th	\$3,700.00	\$2,956.01
Total	\$14,800.00	\$14,736.87

Please Remember the Following:

Linda Arian; Dan Browning, Patricia Carroll; Savanna King; Rita Witchman; David & Carol Leonard; Billie Lanier; 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, Howard Tocher, Rose Varghese, Leo Kuper, Rick Hughlett, Elizabeth MacDonald Casey, Patricia Monohon for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings Feb. 5th – Feb. - 11th

Mon. – 1Kin.8:1-7, 9-13; Mar.6:53-56
Tues. – 1Kin.8:22-23, 27-30; Mar.7:1-13
Wed. – 1Kin.10:1-10; Mar.7:14-23
Thurs. – 1Kin.11:4-13; Mar.7:24-30
Fri. – 1Kin.11:29-32, 12; 19; Mar.7:31-37
Sat. – 1Kin.12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mar.8:1-10
Sun. – Lev.13:1-2, 44-46; 1Cor.10:31-11:1; Mar.1:40-45

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018



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: Feb. 4th – Ushers

Feb. 11th – Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 18th – Knight of Columbus

Feb. 25th – Lectors

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

Prayers to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

2018 Feb. Wkly Min. Asgmt.

Saturday Feb. 10th 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom MacDonald

Lectors – Gary Thompson

Diane Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson

Barbara Dalton

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas

Trevor Hockett

Sunday Feb. 11th 9am:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Holly LeFerve

Avery LeFerve

Euch. Min. – Robert Koivisto

Nancy Redfern

Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto

Tanner & Taylor Joyce

Sunday Feb. 11th 12pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Martha Villagomez

Leticia Toledo

Euch. Min – Artemio Tapia

Celia Nunez

Altar Serv. – Eddie Ruiz

Allen Sotelo

Wednesday Feb 14th 8am:

Acolyte – Tom Norton

Lectors – Diane Giovanini

Kathie Leonard

Wednesday Feb 14th 6pm:

Acolyte – Steve Schilling

Lectors – Holly LeFerve

Kat Rodosevich

Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto

Johanna Koivisto

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

current and, in fact, most of us do. That is why we need Lent, a wake-up call, a reminder to halt, look and be liberated from the slavery of our basic instincts.

That is precisely what Jesus does tempted in the desert—a wrestling with his three natural instincts for *survival, possession and recognition*. That tug-of-war between the natural and the supernatural, the human spirit and the divine spirit is very dramatically and symbolically presented in the episode of the three temptations of Jesus.

These three temptations are common to each and every one of us—not just to Jesus. The temptations that Jesus faced at the commencement of His public life were not His last either. Concluding the description of the temptation of Jesus, the Evangelist Luke indicates, “When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time” (4:13). Please take note of it, “for a time.” Luke does not say that the devil, accepting defeat, left Him alone “forever.” No, only for a time. Only “for a short time.” After this convincing triumph over Satan, Jesus could not “live happily ever after” as our fairy tales conclude! On His way, Jesus often had to bump into Satan who approached Him in various disguises.

Jesus is teaching us an important truth. Neither baptism nor confirmation, nor religious vows, nor ordination would ever

safeguard a person from temptations. Temptations will accompany us till our grave—till we breathe our last breath. There exist no living saints! As the late Nelson Mandela has said, “I’m not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying.” Our present Pope Francis also continuously reminds us that he is a sinner, as is everybody else.

All of us are frail, fragile human beings. Anybody who claims that he or she is a living saint is a liar, a crook, a fraud. There exist only “struggling saints and trying saints!” Jesus was struggling all through His life—till His last breath. During His public life, He could identify the cunning voice of the devil speaking through the mouth of His favorite disciple—Peter. Jesus did not think twice to scold him saying, “Get behind me, Satan!” Yes, Satan was setting his snare once again, which Jesus could immediately identify and respond to.

Anybody who continues the struggle to break free from the bondage of our basic instincts is a “saint.” It is in this sense that St. Paul addressed believers as saints. There are no “living saints” or “sleeping saints”—only “struggling and trying saints!” Lent is a wake-up call. Are we awake? Only we will know and nobody else. God Bless You!

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **February 4, 2018**

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 Feb 3rd – Feb. 9th

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 – Frieda Schwab (D) / Kate Erickson

Sat. 5pm – Neil Rodgers (D) / Stan & Lyn Rodgers

Sun. 9am – Joey & Barbara Hernandez (L) / Doug & Socorro Benton

Sun. 12pm – For the People

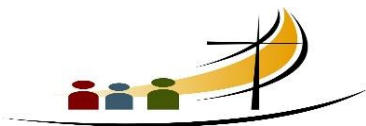
Mon. 8am – Fred Dobler & Family (L) / Kate Erickson

Tues. 8am – David Schwab (L) / Kate Erickson

Wed. 12:15pm – Tocher Family (L) / Garilyn Tocher

Thurs. 8am – Dale Geiman (L) / Karin Davis

Fri. 12:15pm – Tocher Family (L) / Kate Erickson



FR. Joseph’s Corner...

Reflection on Lent

THE SEASON OF Lent is in fact a wake-up call—a reminder that “man does not live by bread alone.” There are still higher potentials and possibilities waiting for us human beings to realize. As a Hindu Holy man, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, once stated, “He is born in vain, who having attained the human birth, so difficult to get, does not attempt to realize God in this very life.”

Every now and then we need to be reminded of this truth because we live in a world that is still preoccupied and engrossed in an unrelenting struggle for survival and sustenance. One may be surprised and shocked to see that persons and nations, who have exploited others and already amassed more than enough wealth for their own survival and for their posterity, still continue to snatch from the begging bowls of the less fortunate to keep hoarding up wealth insatiably.

Conversely, there is nothing to be shocked or surprised about this phenomenon because they are simply following their natural or basic instincts, which can be split into three: the instincts of survival, possession and recognition. These are, of course, blind forces. Unless one consciously swims against this natural current, we will be flowing along this

Parish News

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

Executive Meeting - Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30pm in Fr. Joseph’s office. All new and old committee members please attend. Rick Nolte, Barbara Johnson, Nancy Redfern Gary Thompson, Stan Rodgers, Kate Erickson, Ruby Ruiz, Tom MacDonald, and Brett Edgerly.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th, masses will be at 8a.m. and 6.p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

FAST & ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.

Daughters of St. Joseph will sponsor a Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, February 23rd after Stations of the Cross, in the parish hall. Please contact Kate Erickson 541-678-8495, if your ministry would like to supply a Friday Lenten Soup Supper.

Bible Study will start February 21st at 6:30pm in the school Rm 1. We will be studying the Book of James. If you have any questions call Sue Godat at 406-439-6582

St. Joseph’s Daughters would like to invite you to a ladies night of food and fellowship. Thursday March 1- 5:30- 7:30 pm Crooked River Brewing for questions please contact Holly LeFevre at 1-208-550-2946 or Cheyenne Edgerly at 541-610-6464 ~Know Mary-Know Jesus~

On Sunday, March 18th, St. Joseph’s Parish celebrates a 70 plus year tradition with its Annual St. Patrick’s Day Ham Dinner. The Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of St. Joseph 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, 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 crème 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 or Kate Erickson 541-678-8495. Remember, many hands make light work. All proceeds go to the Parish.

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 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 **forty to fifty 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. If you will have been married for forty - fifty years by the year 2018, please let us know by calling Anne Greenwood in the Parish office at 541-447-6475 Mon- Thurs. 9am-5pm.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st R. – Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Res. Ps – 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

2nd R – 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel Accl – Mat. 8:17

Gospel – Mar. 1:29-39

The controversial best seller which was later proved to be a “fake-memoir” of the recovering addict hero, James Frey, begins with a challenging anecdote as its preface: The Young Man came to the Old Man seeking counsel. “I broke something, Old Man.” “How badly is it broken?” “Into a million little pieces.” “I’m afraid I can’t help you.” “Why not?” “There is nothing I can do.” “Why can’t it be fixed?” “Because it’s broken beyond repair. It’s in a million little pieces.” Doesn't that sound like what Job says in chapter 7: 1-4, 6-7 in today’s first reading when his life was broken into a million little pieces? But today’s Gospel (Mark 1:29-39), gives us the assurance and proof that nothing in our lives is beyond repair for Jesus, the healing savior.

The readings today challenge us to go courageously beyond people’s expectations by doing good as Jesus did, instead of brooding over all the

pain and suffering in the world that we cannot end. They invite us to explore the importance of work in our lives and to learn a lesson in work ethics from Job, Paul and Jesus. While the Gospel presents Jesus enthusiastically living out his Sabbath day of missionary work, the first reading details Job’s attitude in striking contrast: in the midst of his long suffering, Job speaks of the tedium and futility of life. Job’s words describe the miseries of human existence. Eventually, Job arrived at a place in his life where, in trust and in Faith, he surrendered himself, his suffering, his work and everything he had had and lost to the greater wisdom of God (Job 42:1-6).

The second reading, on the other hand, reveals Paul as a true and dynamic follower of Jesus, ready to do something extra for his Lord. Paul’s conviction about the Good News and his commitment to Christ were so intense that preaching the Gospel had become a compulsion for him. Knowing that he had been called to do more than just “preach” the Gospel, he resolved to preach it without recompense. Pointing out the spontaneous response of Peter’s mother-in-law after she had been healed by Jesus – “...*the fever left her and she waited on them*” (Mark 1:31)”

Today’s Gospel teaches us that true discipleship means getting involved in giving selfless service to others. Jesus’ first day of public ministry at Capernaum was a Sabbath day. During the day, he had taken part in the synagogue worship, taught with authority, exorcised a demon and healed Simon’s mother-in-law. After all that, when the sun had set, he “*cured many who were sick with various diseases, and drove out many demons.*” Thus, Jesus spent himself and most of his time ministering to the needs of others, bringing healing, forgiveness and a new beginning to many. Yet, he was well aware that even the most important work had to be continually refueled and evaluated before God his Father. Hence, Jesus rose early the next morning and went off “to a deserted place” to pray in order to assess his work for his Father’s glory and to recharge his spiritual batteries.

We need to be instruments for the exercise of Jesus’ healing power.

Bringing *healing and wholeness* is Jesus’ ministry even today, He continues it through the Church and through the Christians. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness. We all need the healing of our minds, our memories and our broken relationships. Jesus now uses

counselors, doctors, friends or even strangers in his healing ministry. Let us look at today’s Gospel and identify with the mother-in-law of Peter. Let us ask for the ordinary healing we need in our own lives. When we are healed, let us not forget to thank Jesus for his goodness, mercy, and compassion toward us by our own turning to serve others. Our own healing process is completed only when we are ready to help others in their needs and to focus on things outside ourselves. The Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes 7:39 instructs us: “*Be not slow to visit the sick; because by these things you shall be confirmed in love.*” Let us also be instruments for the exercise of Jesus’ healing power by visiting the sick and praying for their healing. But let us remember that we need the Lord’s strength, not only to make ourselves and others well, but to make ourselves and others whole.

2) We need to live for others as Jesus did:

Jesus was a man for others, sharing what he had with others. In his life there was time for prayer, time for healing and time for reconciliation. Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness with others. Instead of considering life as dull and boring let us live our lives as Jesus did, full of dynamism and zeal for the glory of God.



