

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Breathing with No Air"

A boy once asked a wise old man what the secret to success is. After listening to the boy's question, the wise man told the boy to meet him at the river in the morning, and he would be given the answer there.

In the morning, the wise man and the boy began walking toward the river. They continued on into the river, past the point of the water covering their nose and mouth. At this time, the wise man ducked the boy into the water. As he struggled to get out, the wise man continued to push him further down. The boy felt a fish slip by his leg and squirmed to get up even harder. The man eventually pulled the boy's head up so he could get air. The boy gasped as he inhaled a deep breath of air.

The wise man said, "What were you fighting for when you were under water?" The boy replied, "Air!" The man said, "There you have the secret to success. When you want to gain success as much as you wanted air when you were under water, you will obtain it. That's the only secret."

Success starts with the desire to achieve something. **If your motivation is weak, your results will follow suit.** Think about what you desire the most in life and work toward getting it. Don't allow your environment or other people to influence the things that you truly want. Just because the fish swimming by is comfortable with being under water doesn't mean that you are.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
August 22, 2021 † 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Bilingual)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday • Tuesday • Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday	12:00 p.m.



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St. Joseph Parish August 15, 2021 70th Anniversary Celebration



Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 p.m.
(other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & CENACLE GROUP:** Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ **1ST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Prayer with the Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph, and Benediction after Mass.
- ♦ **REMAINING FRIDAYS:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with the Rosary and Benediction after Mass.

Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on 2nd Saturdays of the month in English and on 4th Saturdays in Spanish. Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to 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 6 months before the proposed date. A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.



MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

☞ Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved ☞

Monday	08/23/2021	8:00 a.m.	Robert Thompson (D)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	08/24/2021	8:00 a.m.	Claire Cebrowsky (L)	Revelations 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51*
Wednesday	08/25/2021	12:00 p.m.	Ray Parent (D)	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	08/26/2021	8:00 a.m.	Bill Barrus (D)	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	08/27/2021	12:00 p.m.	Lloyd Parker (D)	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13**
Saturday	08/28/2021	5:00 p.m.	Charles Popish (D)	Deut. 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sunday	08/29/2021	9:00 a.m.	Robert Koivisto (D)	Deut. 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sunday	08/29/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Deut. 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

* = Feast ♦ ** = Memorial ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

August 2021 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
August 1, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,676.00
August 8, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,791.00
August 15, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,025.21
August 22, 2021	\$3,700.00	
August 29, 2021	\$3,700.00	

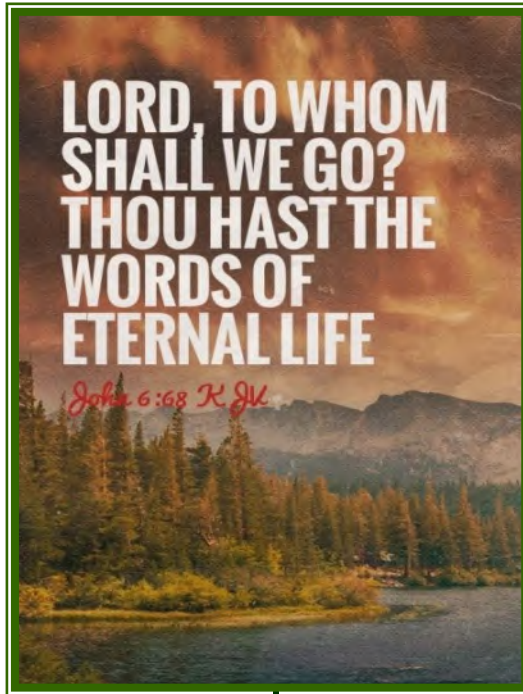
Monthly Rosary Schedule

- 1st Sunday: Pro Life
- 2nd Sunday: Eucharistic Ministers
- 3rd Sunday: Knights of Columbus
- 4th Sunday: Lectors
- 5th Sunday: Ushers



Today's Homily

THERE IS the story that during the Second World War, certain Nazis shot down a group of Jews and buried them in a mass grave. However, a wounded 12-year-old boy was still alive. He dug his way up out of the shallow dirt and then went around the neighborhood seeking shelter in homes. The people knew what had happened and, when they saw the little boy caked with dirt, they hurriedly shut the door in his face. One woman was about to do the same, but the boy said: "Mom, don't you recognize me? I'm the Jesus you Christians say you love." The lady broke into tears, and she received the little boy into her home. She had made her choice for Jesus.



The main theme of today's readings is that a Christian life is a **series of daily choices for God or against God**, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament and especially through His Son Jesus in the New Testament. They remind us that the fundamental choice that we make determines how we live our lives.

Concluding His long Eucharistic discourse in today's Gospel, Jesus challenges His Jewish audience to make their choice of accepting the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood, or of joining those who have lost their Faith in Him and have left Him, expressing their confusion and doubts about His claims. Today's passage describes the various reactions of the people to Jesus' claims.

As Joshua spoke to his followers, Jesus speaks to the 12 apostles and gives them the option of leaving Him or staying with Him. The disciples cannot reject Jesus after all that He has done for them. Peter, their spokesman, asks Jesus how they can turn to anyone else—He is the

only one who has the message of eternal life. The apostles exercise their freedom of choice by choosing to stay with Jesus.

In the Eucharistic celebration, we, like Peter, are called to make a decision—to profess our Faith in God's Son, and to renew the Covenant ratified in His life, death and Resurrection.

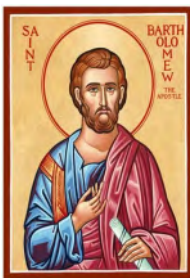
Let us make our choice for Christ and live it: We Christians have accepted the challenge of following the way of Christ and making our choices for Christ, fortified by the Bread He gives us, and relying on the power of the Holy Spirit. The Heavenly Bread and the Holy Spirit will give us the courage of our Christian convictions to accept the teachings of the Church, to face ridicule, criticism—or even social isolation—for our adherence to sound Christian principles in our lives.

The very option or possibility of choosing for or against Jesus is repeated over and over again in the modern age. We should resolve to take a stand for Jesus, and accept the consequences. We recognize, in our going to Communion, the accepting of that challenge to be totally one with Jesus. When the priest gives us Holy Communion saying, "The Body of Christ," we respond, "Amen." That "Amen," that "Yes," is not just an act of faith in the Real Presence; it is a total commitment of ourselves to Jesus in the community of which we are members.

We must accept Him totally, without any conditions or reservations. Christ's thoughts and attitudes, His values, and His life-view must become totally ours—and they must govern and shape our lives. Above all, we are to identify with Him in the offering of His Flesh and the pouring out of His Blood on the cross—the symbol of God's unutterable love for us.

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Tuesday, August 24th, is the Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle:



Bartholomew was one of the 12 apostles of Jesus, according to the New Testament. He preached in India and Armenia, where he was martyred for having converted Polymius, the King of Armenia, to Christianity. The Golden Legend related that Bartholomew was flayed alive before being crucified.

Friday, August 27th, is the Memorial of St. Monica:



St. Monica (c. 332–387), was the mother of St. Augustine. She was a model Christian mother, but her dissolute and violent husband caused her much suffering. With patience and dedication, she succeeded in bringing her hhim to baptism, and she always looked after her son. After she died at Ostia, her son, too, was baptized.

2021—The Year of St. Joseph August—The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Anniversary Party Thank You



This past Sunday was a very amazing day for me. Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Catholic Church with so many of our parishioners, and having Bishop Liam Cary and Fr. Joseph Reeves here with us for Mass and the festivities was truly a blessed day!

There were so many people who had contributed to the success of this celebration. I want to offer my sincere thanks to each and every one of you. You all know who you are. This will be a day to remember in the history of our Parish! (See the photos on the back page.)

—In Christ, Fr. Joseph

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Mass Cancelled

Please be advised that there will be no Mass on **Monday, August 30th**. Father will be away from the area.

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Religious Education 2021–2022: Change in Dates and Time

Registration will be open for all Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation on the following dates:

- ◆ **August 31st from 3 to 6 p.m.**
- ◆ **September 1st, 2nd & 3rd from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**



The first day of class for **Grades 1–5** is **Wednesday, September 22nd, from 3:15 to 5 p.m.**

The first day of class for **Confirmation** is **Thursday, September 23rd, from 6 to 8 p.m.**

If your family or child is new to Religious Education at St. Joseph Catholic Church, please remember to bring a copy of their baptismal and sacramental certificate (if they received their First Holy Communion). If they have not been baptized, please bring a copy of the birth certificate.

Religious Education is \$40 per child; First Holy Communion is \$50 per child; and, Confirmation is \$80 per child, which covers two years. Cash or checks only—we cannot process credit or debit cards.

If you cannot attend on the above dates for registration, or if you have any questions or concerns, please call **Barbara Dalton, DRE**, at (541) 410-3720. Registration is not allowed outside the specific dates or without an appointment. There will be no registration once class starts on **September 22/23**.

Message from Father Joseph

As you all are aware, the spike in COVID is back with us. Many have and many have not been vaccinated. I am here only to ask that everyone be respectful, and show love and concern for your fellow parishioners. There will be masks available for those who have concerns.

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RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) introduces the Catholic faith to non-Catholics and those with no formal Christian instruction, including those who may have been baptized as Catholic but have not been able to participate in a faith formation program or receive their Sacraments.



RCIA classes introduce what the Church believes, and how we worship and celebrate our faith.

If you are interested in attending RCIA, please contact **Garlynn Torcher** at (541) 815-5823.

Classes will be held beginning on **Monday, September 13th, from 6 to 7 p.m.**

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Bible Quotation for the Week

Zephaniah 3:17: The Lord your God is with you; He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you; He will quiet you with His love; He will rejoice over you with singing.

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Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are seeking donations to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Resource Center. If you can donate, please write your check out to Knights of Columbus Charities with "ultrasound" on the memo line. If you are donating cash, please place it in an envelope with your name on the outside. You can place all donations in the collection basket during Mass.

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Prayer List



Frederick Smit ◆ Dcn. Caleb Cunningham Linda Arian ◆ Larry Bellah ◆ Diane Ingmire
People of India ◆ Anthony & Ruth Jordan
Julie Bither ◆ Patricia Bither ◆ David Leonard
Chuck & Diane Giovanini