

Fr. Joseph's Corner

“Pope Francis From the Hospital . . .”

The late Pope Francis wrote this reflection while he was recovering in the hospital, just a few weeks before he died:

The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches.. They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports.

- ♥ Do not waste it fighting with people.
- ♥ Do not criticize your body too much.
- ♥ Do not complain excessively.
- ♥ Do not lose sleep over bills.
- ♥ Make sure to hug your loved ones.
- ♥ Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

- ♥ It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.
- ♥ A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar.
- ♥ In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist.
- ♥ A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care.
- ♥ A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor.

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence. This life will pass quickly, so . . .

Material goods must be earned by each person. Do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance. You are waiting for too much: whether for Christmas, for Friday, for next year, for when you have money, for when love arrives, or for when everything is perfect. Listen: perfection does not exist! A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn. So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now!

- ♥ Respect yourself; respect others.
- ♥ Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.
- ♥ Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.
- ♥ Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!
- ♥ And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyer
 Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Pierre Jones ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ Barbara Gadotti ♦ John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara
 Brittany ♦ Duncan Osgood ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither ♦ Lyn Rodgers ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦
 Jeanne Hackett ♦ Peggy Holtz ♦ Michael Kuenzi ♦ Mary Ellen Marquez ♦ Charlie McDermott ♦ Susan McDermott
 Barbara Hopla ♦ Gilbert Marquez ♦ David Pedersen

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
 August 3, 2025 † The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday Mass (English)* 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Mass (Spanish) 12:00 p.m.
 Holy Days 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesdays • Fridays 12:00 p.m.
 *Coffee and Donuts are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Pastor ♦ Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T.
Secretary ♦ Darlene Counts

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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 AND CENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1–2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on Saturdays.

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	08/04/2025	8:00 a.m.	Clark Hay (D)	Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	08/05/2025	8:00 a.m.	Andrew Koivisto (D)	Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	08/06/2025	12:00 p.m.	Meghan Freelove (L)	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1-16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday	08/07/2025	8:00 a.m.	Frank Kmiecik (D)	Nm 20:1-13; Mt 13-23
Friday	08/08/2025	12:00 p.m.	Alan Smith (D)	Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	08/09/2025	5:00 p.m.	Ron Lattin (D)	Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48
Sunday	08/10/2025	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners (L)	Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48
Sunday	08/10/2025	12:00 p.m.	Juana Murillo (D)	Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

THE COMMON THEME

of today's readings is that the greedy acquisition of wealth and power is futile, because everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow."

So the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding wealth and possessions, but only in sharing these with the needy.

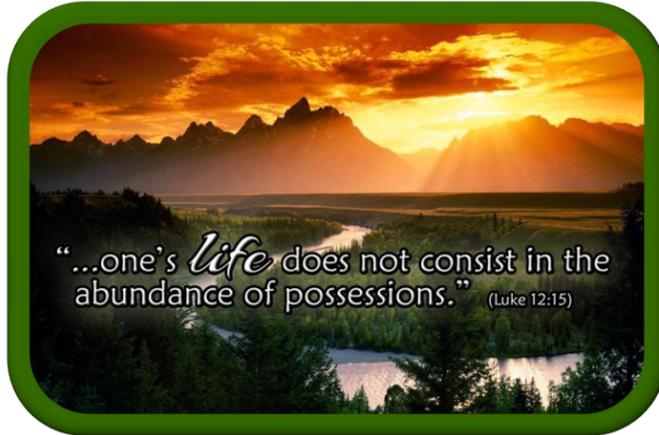
In today's Gospel, Jesus—telling the parable of the foolish rich man—warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in other people.

Jesus says that God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon, and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. The rich man had forgotten that his wealth was lent to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus also warns us that our eternal life does not consist of earthly possessions (Luke 12: 15), which we should share to gain eternal life.

We are invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the rich fool gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely loaned to us by God, and that we are accountable for their use.

We must be generous in sharing our time, our treasure, and our talents in Christian stewardship. Even if we are poor financially, we may be blessed with intelligence, good will, a sense of humor, or the ability to console, encourage, inspire, support and help others.

God expects us to give our thanks to Him for all these blessings by sharing them with others for His glory. The Old Testament Scriptures are clear about tithing—giving 10% of our in-



come for God's cause and for helping the needy. God never allows tithers to regret their generosity.

Let us control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. For some it may be the desire for the approval and praise of oth-

ers. For others it is the uncontrolled desire for power, control or fame. For still others, greed takes the form of excessive and sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs or sexual activities.

Greed also turns our life away from God and away from serving and loving Him in other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the "self," its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us, unless we become rich in the sight of God.

The Gospel challenges us to examine:

- ◆ Where do I put my security—on God or on my possessions?
- ◆ Do I spend more time building bigger barns or building deeper relationships with God and others?
- ◆ Do I live each day as a gift, knowing I am just a steward, not the owner, of my life?

The rich man thought he had time. But time is not guaranteed. He thought he was in control. But life is fragile. He thought wealth was everything. But in the end, God was the only reality that mattered.

So today, Jesus is not just telling a story. He is asking us to choose: do we want to be rich in the world, or rich in the sight of God?

Let us pray for the grace to live wisely, to hold loosely the things of earth, and to seek always the things that last forever.

August—Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Adoration

Adoration will be held on **Tuesday, August 5, at 6 p.m.**

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Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, August 6, Thursday, August 7, and Thursday, August 14.**

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Respect Life

The Respect Life Ministry is seeking volunteers for this year's Deschutes County Fair Booth. We need volunteers for **Thursday, August 7, Friday, August 8, and Saturday, August 9.** The shifts are in 2- or 4-hr. increments. There must always be two people at the booth. The Fair opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m. We need coverage for all 11 hours of each day. Please call **Garilynn** at (541) 815-5823 or **Ari** at (541) 675-7962 to sign up. Without volunteers, we will not be able to have a booth. Thank you all for your help!

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Cookies for a Cause

The Carriage House is hosting a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association on **Thursday, August 7, and Friday, August 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** They will be selling a dozen cookies—chocolate chip and sourdough white chocolate macadamia—for \$25.

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Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is on **Friday, August 15.** Mass times are at **8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

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ACTS

ACTS Bible Study is on **Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, Room 4. We are watching Season 5 of "The Chosen." Everyone is welcome to join us as we watch and discuss the latest season of the show.

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Religious Education News

Registration will take place on **August 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, from 2–6 p.m. in Room 1 of the parish hall.** *If you cannot make these dates, please call to make an appointment with Barb Dalton* at (541) 410-3720.

If you registered your child for Confirmation classes last year, there is no need to register again. Those 18 children will have their ceremony in May 2026.

Religious Education News (Cont'd)

No other sign-ups are available for this year; this class is closed. The registration fee is \$50. A \$20 late fee will be charged for late registrations. However, there will be no registration during classes.

All classes will begin on the second Wednesday in September (9/10/2025). Please keep referring to this Parish Bulletin for updates. Thank you, **Barb Dalton, Director of Religious Education / (541) 410-3720.**

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OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

This program prepares candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. We welcome new members into the Catholic Church through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This process includes prayer, study, and discussion.

Several Rites, which occur within the Mass, are part of this process. The OCIA is organized into a series of ceremonial steps and learning periods, culminating in full initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

- ◆ Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic?
- ◆ Do you know a Catholic who needs Confirmation?
- ◆ Would you like to know more about the Catholic religion?

OCIA classes will start in **September.** They will be available in English and Spanish. Visit the Parish Office to pick up a registration form or for more details.

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St Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul, Crook County, has been blessed in recent weeks with generous donations from our community. Every quarter, the Green Bags of Crook County organization distributes bags to homes in neighborhoods, then on a certain date, picks up the bags full of food donations. The food collected in these bags is divided between Redemption House Ministries and St. Vincent de Paul; all donations stay in Crook County. July was their most successful collection yet.

SVdP/CC brought back more than 1,300 pounds of food to the pantry. This food will feed many families in our county.

This week, we especially need empty, clean egg cartons (for 1 dozen only, please). When eggs are donated from grocery stores, we sometimes find broken ones. We then sort the good eggs into 1 dozen cartons to give to our guests.

Please don't forget the ongoing collection of nonperishable food for the pantry, which can be left in the baskets in the Narthex. Thank you for all of your support.