

# Thank You, God, for these Gifts to Our Community

## Father Shiju Thuruthiyil, OSH

- ◆ belongs to the Society of the Oblates of Sacred Heart (OSH), located in Kottayam, Kerala State, India.
- ◆ born and raised in a small village called Pothukuzhy, Kan-nur district, Kerala State.
- ◆ joined his religious order in 1996 and was ordained a priest April 23, 2008; He says, "My family is so proud that I am a priest."
- ◆ answering "In brief, if someone asked you what it means to you to be a consecrated religious, what would you say?" Fr Shiju answered: "Philippians 4:13 'I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me.' There is always joy in walking with Jesus."
- ◆ currently pastor here at St. Pius X Church



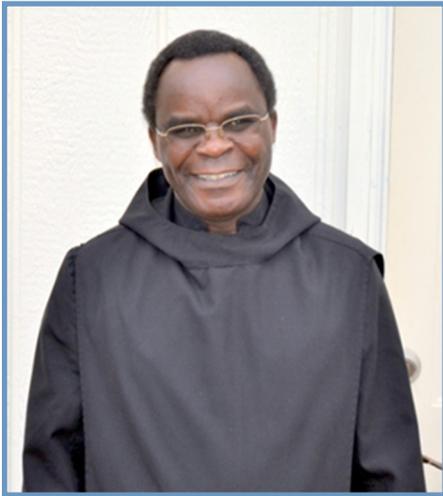
## Brother Nolasko, OSB

- ◆ belongs to the Benedictine Order (OSB), St. Ottilien congregation, Hanga Abbey, Ruvuma region, Nammtumbo district, So. Tanzania
- ◆ born in the village of Lutonde, Tanzania in Njombe region.
- ◆ has lived 28 years in monastic life, 25 years since first vows.
- ◆ his "tagline" is "Being helpful and kind."
- ◆ Currently maintains an adult men's foster home here in Klamath Falls

## Father Richard Migodela, OSB

- ◆ belongs to the Benedictine Order (OSB) from St. Maurus Hanga Abbey, Tanzania
- ◆ born in Njombe District of Tanzania, a farming area. His family fully supported his becoming a Benedictine priest.
- ◆ has been a Benedictine for 16 Years and was ordained a priest September 3, 2004
- ◆ his "tagline" is "Consecrate the world and myself"
- ◆ substitutes in parishes throughout the Diocese of Baker and presents Mission appeals for clean water and other Tanzania projects





### Father Ildefonse Mapara, OSB

- ◆ belongs to the Benedictine Order (OSB) with his community's home at St. Maurus Hanga Abbey, Tanzania
- ◆ born in Songea District, a farming area. His family fully supported him in his vocation.
- ◆ has been a Benedictine for 20 years and was ordained to the priesthood June 29, 2000
- ◆ his tagline is "Salvation of my Soul"
- ◆ substitutes in parishes throughout the Diocese of Baker and presents Mission appeals for clean water and other Tanzania projects

### Sr. Mediatrix Mapunda, OSB

- ◆ is a Benedictine Sister (OSB) from Tanzania in East Africa in the diocese of Songea, city of Chipole
- ◆ from a small city of Peramiho in the diocese of Songea,. "My mother and sisters were so happy that I joined the convent but my father and one brother were not. Since I became a postulant all my family were happy up to now."
- ◆ in the community for 25 years, will be 26 in June
- ◆ "to me being a consecrated religious means offering one's life for serving God in different ways, praying, taking care of orphans, taking care of sick people, not being married in order to be faithful to God. You dedicate all your life to God by serving others."
- ◆ currently a foster home care provider here in Klamath Falls



### Sr. Gloriosa Komba, OSB

- ◆ is a Benedictine Sister of St. Agnes (OSB), with Mother House in Chipole, in the archdiocese of Songea in Tanzania, East Africa
- ◆ born in the city area but used to have a house in the farm too. "My family responded very positively to my religious vocation and are very supportive up to now."
- ◆ has been in the community for more than 30 years since first vows, with 6 years of formation before first vows
- ◆ says "I am happy with my religious life. Consecrated religious life means someone whom God has chosen, and being separated from others for God's own purpose, to serve God and His people in a way that God has chosen for that individual in a specific Religious Community."
- ◆ Currently a foster home care provider here in Klamath