

St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM
Reconciliation: Sat. 2:30—3:30 PM and by appt.

Holy Ghost, Valley

St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe

Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM

Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday 6:00 PM
Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 29	Folks in need in our area
Wed., Dec. 30	Michael Kostecka +
Thurs., Dec. 31, 12:15	Safety for travelers
Thurs., Dec. 31, 4 PM	Sacred Heart parishioners
Thurs., Dec. 31, 6 PM	St. Mary Rosary parishioners
Friday, January 1, 10 AM	Holy Ghost parishioners
Sat., January 2, 4 PM	Shane Wang +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday	5:30 PM at Holy Ghost in Valley, followed by Adoration from 6:00—7:00 PM.
Wednesday	1:00 PM Prov. St. Joseph Hospital Chapel
Thursday	12:15 PM AND Holy Day Vigil Masses
Friday	See Holy Day schedule (No 9:00 AM Mass)

Holy Day Mass Schedule

January 1 is the Holy Day of Obligation “Mary Mother of God”. The Mass schedule is:
New Year’s Eve, Thursday, December 31:
4:00 PM Sacred Heart
6:00 PM St. Mary of the Rosary
New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1:
10:00 AM Holy Ghost

First Friday Observances

For those following the First Friday devotions, the Mass on the First Friday of January will be January 1 at 10:00 AM at Holy Ghost in Valley. Confessions will be heard at Sacred Heart in Springdale from 5:00—5:30 PM.

Rest in Peace

Former long-time parishioners, Pat & Alisa Kostecka, have just suffered the loss of their oldest son, Michael, age 13. Michael’s funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph in Colbert on Mon., December 28., 10 AM.

Advent Sock Project

The annual Sock Project has begun and will continue *through Epiphany* at St. Mary of the Rosary. New or gently used warm men’s socks are being collected for gifting to the House of Charity where they will be distributed to the homeless men of Spokane. The collection box is in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

PrePares Ministry

We have TWO “Traveling Cribs” now, one at St. Mary of the Rosary and the other at Holy Ghost. Over the next 2—3 weeks, please place any new items in the cribs which are appropriate for children from infancy to age 5. Suggested gift ideas include clothes, diapers, hygiene items, toys, teething aids, or any other essential items. Your gifts will benefit our new Prepares Ministry.

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

This Christmas season, your support brings HOPE and DIGNITY to our brothers and sisters in need. A gift to the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection matters: In 2014, 113,417 meals were served, 3899 seniors assisted, 700 families provided with household goods, 433 families avoided homelessness, 3369 counseling hours provided . . . And so much more. Over 70,000 individuals served each year.

January is Sanctity of Human Life Month

There are two events in our area which people can attend to show their support for the sanctity of human life:

January 16: Walk for Life Northwest. There will be a rally at Riverfront Park in Spokane at 11:00 AM and the walk (1/2 mile) will begin there at Noon. Meet near the runners on Spokane Falls Blvd. Please, no graphic images at this family event. Preceding the Walk, Bishop Thomas Daly and Bishop Liam Cary will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:00 AM. The event is free, but please register online at walkforlifnorthwest.org.

January 21: Open House at N.E.W. Family Life Services Center and Maternity Home in Colville. Please stop by and visit them! The Open House will be from 11:00 AM—6:00 PM. You can find them at 144 W. 5th Avenue in Colville. For more information, call (509) 684-9895 or visit their website at www.familylifeservices.net.

No K. C. Breakfast in December.

Tri-Parish Retreat

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, have prepared a retreat for the parishioners of our tri-parishes. We hope you will partake in this special and spiritual experience.

The retreat will be Friday-Sunday, January 15-17, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. The theme of the retreat is: “How Do I Become a Saint? The Basics.”

We are called to continuously grow in our faith all the days of our life. Bishop Topel established the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center approximately 50 years ago as a place for everyone to receive spiritual renewal. He said “Many of the most important decisions of my life have come to me during a retreat or have been finalized there . . . I doubt whether there could have been the same insights, convictions, courage and results.”

The tri-parish retreat we had in 2014 was a very positive experience for about 40 of our parishioners. We hope to surpass that number this year. Registration is \$196/person or \$302 for couples (includes delicious meals and overnight lodging). \$110 for commuters (no lodging). Please register in advance by calling (509) 448-1224 or register online at www.ihrc.net.

Retrouvaille Weekend in February

If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. For confidential information or to register for the February 19-21, 2016 Spokane weekend, call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the website at www.Retrouvaille.org.

Family Faith Formation: Christmas Break

Family Faith Formation is on a Christmas break. Enjoy your Christmas break, everybody! We’ll see you on Wednesday, January 6, for our next monthly large-group gathering!

Corporal Acts of Mercy: Clothing the Naked

The third Corporal Work of Mercy is Clothing the Naked. Like Feeding the Hungry and Giving Drink to the Thirsty, this Corporal Work of Mercy is aimed at providing physical assistance to the poor who are in need. And like the first two Corporal Works of Mercy, our parishes already are very active in engaging in this one, as well. The most recent ministry that our parishes have begun is called PrePares, a new social outreach initiative of the Washington State Catholic bishops in conjunction with Catholic Charities. PrePares is focused on providing childcare needs for new mothers and their young children. St. Mary of the Rosary and Holy Ghost both launched PrePares in the last month by setting out cribs as a container for collecting donated items, such as diapers and wipes, clothing for children ages birth to 5 years, and other childcare items for young children. And some of our parishioners have already formed a ministry team to coordinate the collection efforts, to organize the donations, and to get those donations to those in need. Like our parishes’ food baskets that collect donated food items for our area food banks, these PrePares cribs allow us to bring something to Mass to donate for the benefit of small children. And in so doing, we are doing something to Clothe the Naked.

Clothing the Naked can happen anywhere. One member of our parish recently came across a beggar in Spokane, and though he had no money to give or spare food with him in his car, he still found something that he could give: his wool gloves. The beggar was standing in the snow, obviously freezing, and had no gloves, and so, a need was met in Clothing the Naked.

Another member of our parish, realizing that he had an abundance of coats and sweaters that he rarely (or never) wore, packed them all up and donated them to deacons in Spokane who go out every year on Christmas Eve to bring clothes to the homeless men and women living under bridges and elsewhere in Spokane.

Folks are hesitant to give plain cash to the homeless, and perhaps rightly so: we all know the awful stories of how such folks often use cash for drugs and alcohol, not food and clothing. But we do not need to give cash and thereby risk feeding an addiction; we can simply pack up the clothes we do not wear and give them out in place of cash to the folks we encounter on the streets.

In these cold days of winter, let us be especially mindful of our need to Clothe the Naked.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis for information.
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony: Couples contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis at least four months prior to marriage.

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Parish Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays: 10:00—11:30 AM, 1:45—5:00 PM; Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM-5 PM