

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, February 24 H.G. Altar Society members
Wednesday, Feb. 25 Gertrude Wolverton +
Thursday, February 26 Special Intention
Friday, February 27 Mary Kidd +
Saturday, Feb. 28, 4 PM Vocations to the Priesthood

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5:30 PM at Holy Ghost in Valley, followed by Adoration & Benediction from 6—7 PM.
Wednesday 1:00 PM at Prov. St. Joseph Hospital Chapel
Thursday 12:15 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary followed by Adoration & Benediction from 9:30-10:30

K. C. Breakfast on February 22

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to come to one of their famous breakfasts this Sunday, February 22, immediately following the 10:00 Mass. Proceeds help provide scholarships for graduating seniors.

Time / Talent Survey

Inserted with your bulletin last weekend was a Time/Talent Survey. Please fill it out and return next weekend via the collection. It can also be returned by mail (PO Box 26) or you can drop it off at the parish office next time you are out and about. Please feel free to make additional copies if necessary, or there are some extra surveys available in the churches.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Holy Ghost Church

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Holy Ghost Church in Valley will be held on Sunday, March 15, from Noon to 2:30 PM. The menu will include fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, bread, pie, and a beverage. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6—10, \$3.00 for children 3-5, and free for children age 2 and younger. Please join us!



Lenten Soup Suppers at St. Mary of the Rosary

There will be a Soup Supper following 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross on the Fridays during Lent. Most of the Soup Suppers will be followed by a talk. Everyone is welcome to come to the Soup Suppers. No need to bring food unless you are assigned. The soup and bread will be provided by members of our various ministries, with the exception of a "Tri-Parish Sign Up" for the last Soup Supper. The schedule is listed here, with contact name in parentheses:

- Feb. 20:** Knights of Columbus (Ed Kaup)
- Feb. 27:** Pastoral & Finance Councils (Michelle Wasco & Mary Bingaman)
- March 6:** Music Ministry (Monna Mach)
- March 13:** Hospitality (Polly Davidson)
- March 20:** Liturgical Ministers (Susanne Blackwell)
- March 27:** Tri-Parish Sign Up (Susanne Blackwell)

Hungering for a Better Life

Our three parishes are participating in Catholic Relief Society's "Operation Rice Bowl". You are invited to join in this life-changing Lenten journey by picking up a rice bowl from any of our three churches. Pope Francis says, "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty."

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey begins this week in Tanzania, where a simple soybean is changing lives! What actions can you take this Lent to change lives — at home and around the world? For more information on the program, visit crsricebowl.org to view videos of people whose lives are touched by your support of CRS Rice Bowl. You might also download the **CRS Rice Bowl app** to your phone.

Fr. Nigro's Last Mass in Spokane

Chili / Soup Cook-Off at St. Mary's!

This weekend, on Sunday, February 22, at St. Mary of the Rosary hall, beginning at 5:30 PM, the tri-parish Hospitality Ministry will be hosting a chili/soup cook-off. Everyone is invited to prepare a chili or a soup and enter it into the cook-off competition. A sign-up sheet can be found at St. Mary of the Rosary church and at the parish office. You provide the chili and soups, the Hospitality Ministry will provide the side dishes, and the parish will provide the beverages and the ice cream. Please join us!

Lent Reconciliation Service

Our Lent Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary. Fr. Jeff and guest priests will be available to hear private confessions following a brief Liturgy of the Word and sermon. For those families with children preparing for Confirmation and first Communion this year, this Reconciliation Service is when they will be making their first confession. Those folks in RCIA who are already baptized are encouraged to make their first confession this day as well.

Family Faith Formation:

Mortal Sin

Our *Family Faith Formation* home lesson topic this week is "Mortal Sin", covered in Questions 59 and 60 of *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Your packet is available on the parish website. Contact Tanya Parrott at 936-2594 or email to stgkparrott@gmail.com with any questions.

By Heart Catechism

Question from the *By Heart Catechism*:
59. What is mortal sin? Mortal sin is the fully deliberate choice of a person who knows that what he chooses is gravely forbidden by God.

Annual Catholic Appeal is Officially Underway!

If you have attended any Mass since Lent began on Ash Wednesday, at any of our parishes or at the hospital chapel, then you probably noticed the small altar cross that had been placed on the altar and was present throughout the entire Mass. The altar cross is a minor tradition that developed with the liturgical changes after the Second Vatican Council. Previously, the priest and the congregation all faced the same direction: toward the Lord in the tabernacle and the high altar where the Sacrifice of the Eucharist was offered. After Vatican II, as we know, one of the liturgical changes was the free-standing altar where the priest can now face toward the people. The small altar cross came about so that the priest has a focal point toward which to focus his worship and his prayers offered to God. The priest faces the people, but the priest certainly does not worship the people! The altar cross makes it easier for him to have an orientation of worship.

I have elected to start using the altar cross, at least through Lent, for a variety of reasons. As I mentioned, the first reason is to help me in my own orientation of worship; (2), because my spiritual director has challenged me to incorporate the cross more directly in my own worship and personal prayer life; (3), because this particular altar cross is made of Bethlehem olive wood and contains four elements of the Holy Land (soil, incense crystals, olive wood bark, and stone), and therefore, this particular altar cross can help establish our own connection with the Holy Land, where Jesus Himself was born, walked the Earth, suffered, died, and rose again; and (4), because this altar cross was a gift to me from Christian families in Bethlehem to be used on the altar.

I will say more about this altar cross and about everything having to do with my pilgrimage to the Holy Land after Stations and soup supper on Friday, March 6, at St. Mary of the Rosary. Previously, I have mentioned the presentation themes that we will cover this Lent at our soup suppers; one of those pre-

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: 9:30—11:30 AM, 1:30—4:30 PM; Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM-4 PM