

### **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

### *Weekday Mass Schedule*

The weekday Mass schedule is suspended while Fr. Jeff takes some much-needed time off. Weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday, January 19, with the 5:30 PM Mass at Holy Ghost in Valley.

### *Advent Sock Project*

The annual Sock Project will conclude **January 10** 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*

The donation drive to aid families with children between the ages of birth and 5 years will conclude (temporarily) on **January 10**. "Prepares Ministry" is asking for NEW items such as clothes, diapers, hygiene, toys, teething aids, and other essentials. Please place your donations in one of the portable cribs which are located at St. Mary of the Rosary (hall) and Holy Ghost.

### *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, and 3369 counseling hours provided. Over 70,000 individuals are served each year.

Thank you to all who donated to this worthwhile cause in December. Our parishes contributed \$798.00 through the 2nd collection at the Christmas Masses, in addition to what folks mailed in privately. If you have not yet donated and would like to, it is not too late.

### *Welcome!*

We welcome Luke Riley Wilson (son of Mark & Jenny Wilson) and Elliott Aaron Wilson (son of Michael & Miya Wilson) into our family in faith. Both boys were baptized at Holy Ghost on December 27. The babies are the grandsons of Bud & Fran Wilson. Welcome, Elliott and Luke!

### *Holy Ghost / St. Joseph Parish Council*

The parish council for Holy Ghost / St. Joseph will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 PM at Holy Ghost.

### *Knights of Columbus Meeting*

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's School.

### *St. Mary of the Rosary Pastoral Council*

The next meeting for the St. Mary of the Rosary Pastoral Council will be in February. More details coming soon.

### *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."

Sanctity seems elusive, but it is at the heart of what animates us daily: the walk of Faith in a Person, Jesus Christ. This retreat centers on how we can live an adventure of sanctity within the reality of what we do daily, with clear, solid, biblical actions and intentions that bring Christ's resurrected light into our day.

Topics which will be discussed include: Baptism, Grace, Beatitudes, Sacraments, Prayers (various types), Joy vs. Addictions, etc. all in a unity that keeps things simple.

Registration is \$196/person or \$302 for couples (includes delicious meals and overnight lodging); \$110 for commuters (meals but no lodging). Please register in advance by calling (509) 448-1224 or register online at [www.ihrc.net](http://www.ihrc.net).

*The annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Dessert Auction at St. Mary of the Rosary will be Jan. 30.*

*Tickets go on sale next weekend.*

### *January is Sanctity of Human Life Month*

The following are two events 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 1/2 mile walk 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 [walkforlifenorthwest.org](http://walkforlifenorthwest.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](http://www.familylifeservices.net).

### *Retrouvaille Weekend in February*

The four stages of Marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. 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](http://www.Retrouvaille.org).

### *Family Faith Formation:*

#### *January Large-Group Gathering!*

Our large-group gathering in January for *Family Faith Formation* is Wednesday, January 6, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall, 6:30—8:00 PM. Children K-6 will meet with their catechists while the adults meet in the parish hall. Fr. Jeff will be out of town, so our guest presenter will be Fr. Jason Hiner from the Cathedral. Childcare provided for the pre-K children. Our theme is "The Sacraments: Actions of Christ," covered in Questions 193-194 of The Apostle's Family Catechism. Contact Tanya Parrott (936-2594 or [stgkparrott@gmail.com](mailto:stgkparrott@gmail.com)) with any questions.

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

### *Corporal Act of Mercy: Harboring the Harborless*

The fourth Corporal Work of Mercy is Harboring the Harborless. And now, we begin to venture onto shaky, controversial ground, because this Corporal Work of Mercy directly concerns refugees and immigrants, both of whom are the subject of much debate and controversy among us Americans at the present time.

Regarding refugees: the news has been filled with reports regarding Syrian refugees having to flee ISIS in Syria for their own survival. But the concern that many folks have is this: are there ISIS terrorists passing themselves off as refugees in the midst of refugees, thereby passing through borders with almost no trouble? Are we opening ourselves up to easy attack in the near future because terrorist "refugees" are flooding through our borders totally undetected?

This is, of course, a very valid concern. But faithful Christians cannot let that concern be a smokescreen that allows us to totally dismiss the very real needs of actual refugees; we cannot toss out the baby with the bathwater, as it were. We need to be on guard against false "refugees" who are really terrorists . . . *and* we need to Harbor the Harborless. How we go about sustaining this very delicate balance is tricky, obviously, but even so, our Christian mandate is there: we need to both guard against terrorism and Harbor the Harborless.

Immigration has been controversial for many years, as we know. On the one hand, we are a nation of immigrants, and nobody other than Native Americans can claim American ancestry that goes back longer than 300 years or so. America is the great "melting pot" of the world, a very vivid image that reflects the mix of races and nationalities that have made America their home.

On the other hand, we rightly expect folks coming to America to live to conform (at least to some extent) to the American way of life; at least, the expectation exists that immigrants have some working knowledge of the English language.

Both arguments are prevalent; both arguments are valid. And again, the delicate balance is there for us faithful Christians: we need to be welcoming to immigrants . . . *and* we need to help our immigrants adjust to our American society so that they are more at home here. Again, this is a very delicate balance, but one that faithful Christians need to try to sustain.

Harboring the Harborless is a very difficult Corporal Work of Mercy for faithful Christians in America. Hopefully, all of us will at least strive for and pray for the humility to do *something* to Harbor the Harborless.