

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 (alternating locations)
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM at HG

Sacred Heart, Springdale

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

Mass Intentions

September 20	Hannah Omejc
September 21	Barbara Davidson +
September 22	Michael Maresca +
September 23	John & Sarah Lacic
Sept. 24, 4:00 PM	Msgr. William Van Ommeran +

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

Potluck Breakfasts at Holy Ghost

The monthly potluck breakfasts at Holy Ghost Church in Valley will begin next month. This event is held the 2nd Sunday of every month, so be prepared for a breakfast social gathering following the 8:00 AM Mass on October 9.

Theology Uncorked

Theology Uncorked is underway at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Last Tuesday was the first of three presentations on “The Cross”. If you missed the first one, you are still invited to the next two, which will be held September 20 & 27, beginning at 7:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to enter your name and a food/beverage description if you would like to provide wine or a finger food (not required). For more information, see the flyers on parish bulletin boards or talk to Fr. Jeff.

Please Remember the Food Banks!

Rest in Peace

We pray for the soul of Bill Naccarato who passed away September 7. Bill was a member of St. Mary of the Rosary. Eternal rest grant unto Bill, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Allan Pettigrew and Kayla Kofmehl who were united in marriage at St. Mary of the Rosary last weekend.

Coffee and Donuts at St. Mary's

Please stick around after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays for a social hour. Everyone is invited to stop by for a cup of coffee, something to eat, and a chance to visit with fellow parishioners. Your free will offering is appreciated.

White Mass at Hospital Chapel This Week

September 19—24 is Providence Mission Week. On Wednesday there will be a “White Mass” in the chapel at 1:00 PM to celebrate all healthcare workers, volunteers, and anyone connected to upholding the mission of Providence — serving the poor and vulnerable. The community is invited to Mass and to the ice cream social following Mass in the Long Term Care Unit dining room.

Thoughts on Stewardship

The dishonest manager in today’s parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

September Rummage Sale

The annual St. Mary Rummage Sale is planned for Sept. 23-25. Drop off your donated items (no clothes) at the parish hall during office hours, Monday through Thursday the week of Sept. 19-22 or leave them in the parish hall before or after Masses on Sept. 17 or 18. Help is needed. To volunteer, contact Janet Goulet at 935-8648 or the parish office at 935-8028.

Our Lady of the Rosary Festival & Fair

The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Ministry Fair October 15 & 16. Current ministry leaders are kindly asked to please call Kellie Trudeau soon and confirm that you will have representation at the Fair. More info coming soon regarding the Festival.

Altar Server Training Sept. 18 After Mass.

Attention, Divorced Catholics!

Divorced Catholics — there is hope! The **Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide** is a 12-week program designed for Catholic men and women who are experiencing the trauma and upheaval caused by divorce or separation. Based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, CDSG is a ministry that provides valuable insights as well as practical tools that will assist divorcees in regaining personal confidence, learning how to rebuild their lives, and most importantly, recognizing they are valued by the Church. For further information, please contact Donna Petrocelli at divorceministry.donna@gmail.com, (509) 468-8429 or the website: www.catholicdivorced.org.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation: Faith and Morals

Our very first *Family Faith Formation* Home Lesson for the new catechetical year is “Faith and Morals,” covered in Questions 131-132, 135-136 in *The Apostolate’s Family Catechism*. Home Lesson packets are available on the parish website and also in your email (if you registered for *Family Faith Formation*).

Family Faith Formation: By-Heart Catechism

131. What are the Theological Virtues? The three Theological Virtues, as Saint Paul teaches us (1 Cor 13:13) are Faith, Hope, and Charity.

135. What are the Cardinal Virtues? The Cardinal Virtues (“cardinal” in this sense meaning “hinge,” as in those chief virtues upon which all other virtues hinge) are Wisdom (or Prudence), Temperance (or Moderation), Fortitude (or Courage), and Justice.

Large Group Gathering

Our first Large-Group Gathering for *Family Faith Formation* this year is Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:30—8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Fr. Jeff will be our presenter for the adult faith formation; children K-6 will be with their catechists in the St. Mary’s School building. Our theme this month: “The Eucharist and the Mass,” covering Questions 237-238, 244-246 in *The Apostolate’s Family Catechism*.

K, C. Breakfast October 2nd!

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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Faithful Citizenship: Conscience Formation

So far in our bulletin column series “Faithful Citizenship,” we have had our introduction to the whole series and then considered the reality of hierarchy of rights, responsibilities, and the major issues. This week, we consider Conscience Formation — not only the importance of forming our conscience but in fact our divine mandate that we always strive to do so.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has much to teach us about conscience and the formation thereof (CCC paragraphs 1776-1794). What is conscience? It is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he or she intends to perform, is in the process of performing, or already has performed. In all that a person says or does, he or she has the obligation to follow faithfully what he or she knows to be right and just. Conscience then empowers us to assume responsibility for the acts that we perform, the rights that are given to us.

A well-formed conscience pertains directly to the God-given dignity of the human person; we are made to be “very good” (Gen 1:31) because we are made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26), and therefore, we are obliged to *do* good given that we *are* good. In order to *do* good, to know what is the good in order that we may do it, requires conscience formation; hence the obligation on our part to strive always and everywhere for a well-formed conscience.

Conscience formation holds that conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is right and truthful; *ergo* it is abundantly Christ-like insofar as Christ *is* the Truth (as well as the Way and the Life). A well-formed conscience formulates judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good that is willed by the eternal wisdom of Almighty God.

In the formation of conscience, the Word of God is the light for our path; we must assimilate it in faith and prayer, then put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience in the light of Christ, assisted by the Holy Spirit, and aided by the witness and advice of others while at the same time guided always by the authoritative teaching of the Church.

Learning our faith (catechesis) helps us to understand *what* the Church teaches us with regard to issues of moral judgment; living our faith (conscience) helps us to understand *why* the Church teaches thus.

Next week, our bulletin column series will begin reflections on the individual issues raised by the American bishops’ statement on Faithful Citizenship.