

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, April 21 Holy Ghost Altar Society members
Wed., April 22 Dale Femling +
Thurs., April 23 Shane Wang +
Friday, April 24 Mabel Hirsch +

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

New Parish Directories

Our new parish directories are here! Please donate \$10/book to cover the cost of the printing. You will find the directories to be a valuable resource. They are available in the parish office.

Women's Retreat

All women are invited to attend and bring a friend to the women's retreat, *Creativity and Spirituality*, to be held at St. Mary of the Rosary on Friday, May 15, 6:30—8:00 PM and Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. We will journey through creative/spiritual examples in nature, scripture, prayer forms, and how it is experienced in our personal spiritual growth. This time of reflection, sharing, and fun will open your eyes, deepen your relationships, and send you home with a prayer flag. *Please sign up by May 8 so we have the proper amount of craft supplies and food.* For more information or to register, call Lydia Sproull at (509) 258-9388.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please join Pope Francis and your Catholic brothers and sisters around the globe in praying that many will respond to the Lord's call to serve the Church as priests, deacons, and women religious, especially the young people of our own parish and diocese. In particular, please pray for the success of our diocese's two summer vocation awareness events, Quo Vadis Days for young men and Vocare for young women. For more information about either event or vocations in general in our diocese, please visit our new website: www.vocationsspokane.org.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is well underway. Our goals are:

- ♦ St. Mary of the Rosary \$22,575
- ♦ Holy Ghost 6,386
- ♦ Sacred Heart 1,806

There is no update this week. All parishes are lagging in reaching their goals. Please turn in your pledge ASAP if you have not already done so. **Let's make our goal for our new bishop!**

City-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 2, is Chewelah's City-Wide Yard Sale, and St. Mary of the Rosary is going to participate. We are asking parishioners to bring us your "extra stuff," things that you no longer use. **Volunteers are needed to help run the sale. Please contact the parish office if you can help.** Thanks!

Things that we will accept: household items, yard and garden supplies, tools, small pieces of furniture, small appliances, sports and camping gear, games, seasonal decorations, and similar items in good condition.

Things that we will not accept: old-style televisions, old computers and printers, anything that is broken and set aside "for parts," tires, major appliances (without first checking with Fr. Jeff), baby car seats, sports and bicycle helmets.

NO CLOTHES. Clothes are a lot of work to organize and we cannot deal with them at this time.

Items can be dropped off or we will pick them up on April 27, 28, 29, 30, & May 1 between 10 AM and 4 PM (or by appointment). Please call the parish office to arrange for your donations to be delivered or picked up.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Applications for this year's Knights of Columbus Scholarships are now available for our graduating seniors. Applications are due Friday,

2nd Annual Progressive Dinner

On Sunday, April 26, parishioners of Sacred Heart in Springdale will host our 2nd Annual Tri-Parish Progressive Dinner. This year features an Italian-themed four-course dinner, each course hosted by Sacred Heart parishioners in their homes. There are only 20 spots available, so be sure to sign up after Mass or call the parish office. When you sign up, provide your contact information to receive directions to parishioners' homes. Get to know others in your tri-parish!

Sacramental Preparation

Some reminders for families registered with *Family Faith Formation* who have children preparing for Confirmation and first Communion: Confirmation takes place on Sunday, May 31, at the 10 AM Mass at St. Mary of the Rosary. The families need to contact Fr. Jeff as soon as possible to schedule interview meetings between Fr. Jeff and the Sacramental Preparation children. Parents should already have their "Sacramental Preparation Objectives" worksheet. Questions? Contact Fr. Jeff.

Family Faith Formation:

The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church

This week's *Family Faith Formation* home lesson topic is "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church" covered in Questions 119-121 of *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Packets are available on the parish website. If you have questions, please contact Tanya (stgkparrott@gmail.com or 936-2594).

Family Faith Formation:

By Heart Catechism

Selected questions from the *By Heart Catechism*:
119. **Where is God the Holy Spirit especially present?** The Holy Spirit gives His divine life of grace to the Catholic Church, making it pleasing to God.
120. **What does God the Holy Spirit accomplish for the Church?** Through God the Holy Spirit, the Church is able to accomplish the work of salvation, which Christ gave her at her birth.

Volunteers are needed to "Amen" with Yard Sale

The word "amen" is one of the small number of Hebrew words that have been imported unchanged into the liturgy of the Church. The Council of Trent teaches us that "so frequent was this Hebrew word in the mouth of our Savior that it pleased the Holy Ghost to have it perpetuated in the Church of God." Jesus says "amen" twenty-eight times in the Gospel account of Saint Matthew; twenty-six times (in its doubled form: "Amen amen I say to you . . .") in the Gospel account of Saint John. Our present "amen" is derived from the Hebrew verb *aman*, which means "to strengthen" or "to confirm." A common English meaning of "amen" is "so be it."

In our liturgical use of "amen," there is sometimes a bit of confusion whether it should be pronounced "ay-men" or "ah-men." There does not seem to be a right or wrong way to pronounce "amen" between these two pronunciations; for myself, when presiding at Mass or another liturgical service of the Church, I tend to say "ah-men" when singing the word or when concluding a prayer; when proclaiming the Gospel, I tend to say "ay-men." My use of "ah-men" stemmed from my days in seminary singing in the *schola cantorum* (the seminary choir), when "ah-men" was preferred to be sung because it just sounds better sung, so it was taught us, than "ay-men." That pronunciation then extended to my liturgical style when leading prayers in liturgy. In conversation and my daily vernacular, "ay-men" still persists.

Regardless of which way to pronounce "amen," we must be mindful that this is a very holy word indeed. "So be it." What we have just heard proclaimed in the Gospel, what we just prayed together as Church, what holy mother Church teaches us about the eternal truths of Jesus Christ, "so be it." Amen. It is a word boldly to be proclaimed, especially in our prayers and in our liturgy, above all when we sing or say the Great Amen at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer (when the priest holds up the Host and Chalice and says, "Through Him

Rice Bowls can now be turned in.
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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