

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

Tues., August 11 H.G. Altar Society members
Wed., August 12 All ill parishioners
Thurs., August 13 All children attending VBS
Friday, August 14 VBS teachers, helpers, benefactors
Sat., Aug 15, 4 PM Sister Alberta Nett +

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 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.

Summer Schedule for 8:00 AM Mass on Sundays

- 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays — 8:00 AM Mass will be at Holy Ghost Church in Valley.
- 2nd & 4th Sundays — 8:00 AM Mass will be at St. Joseph Church at Jump Off Joe.

Welcome to All Guests and Visitors

With summer here, we have many people at Mass each week who are from out of the area. Your presence enriches us and we welcome you and thank you for joining us. We hope you enjoy your stay in our community and return soon.

Thank You, Deacon John Ruscheinsky

We thank Deacon John Ruscheinsky for visiting all our parishes this weekend and preaching the homilies. He is also promoting retreat ministry and the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. Our parishes are sched-

Vacation Bible School

St. Mary of the Rosary is hosting Vacation Bible School this coming week, Monday thru Friday, August 10 - 14, 9:00 AM to Noon. Our theme this year is the Creation story from the Book of Genesis. Please send your children or grandchildren! Tell your neighbors! It is open to children of all faith backgrounds and is free of charge.

Cash Donations Needed for VBS

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for the Vacation Bible School. We have now purchased the supplies which we did not receive by donation. We are providing the program free of charge to the children, so any small cash donations you choose to make will reimburse the parish for the cost of the program. Thank you!!

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are:

- Friday, August 14 (Vigil), 6:00 PM, Chewelah Park (outdoor Mass and potluck)
- Saturday, August 15, 8 AM, Holy Ghost in Valley
- Saturday, August 15, 10 AM, Sacred Heart in Springdale

Please note that attending Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation does *not* relieve the normal Sunday

Outdoor Mass & Potluck

On Friday, August 14, our annual tri-parish outdoor Mass and potluck will be held at Chewelah City Park. The Mass will be a Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Games & activities will begin at 4:00 PM. Mass begins at 6:00 PM. Potluck follows Mass.

- **St. Mary of the Rosary parishioners, please bring main course dishes.**
- **Holy Ghost & St. Joseph parishioners, please bring salads & side dishes.**
- **Sacred Heart parishioners, please bring desserts.**

Thrivent Mobil Food Bank

A semi truck full of food will be delivered to the Chewelah Senior Center on **August 18** and many volunteers will be needed to help unload it and then repackage the food into family-sized quantities for distribution to needy families. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help. Estimated start time is 8:30 AM. Done by Noon, or as long as you can.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

This year's tri-parish RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin in September, and once again, our lead catechist will be Fr. Jeff. If anyone you know is not yet Catholic but maybe is interested in learning more about our faith and joining the Church at Easter, contact Fr. Jeff right away. More information coming soon.

Save the Date: Golf Scramble

On Sunday, September 27, at the Chewelah Golf & Country Club, St. Mary of the Rosary will be hosting its 2nd Annual Golf Scramble. Shotgun start at 1:30 PM, followed by dinner at the Rusty Putter at 6:30 PM. More information coming soon!

Upcoming Event for Youth Group

All Middle School and High School youth of our three parishes are invited to celebrate Mass on August 29 at Sacred Heart in Springdale at the regular 6:00 PM Mass.

Following Mass, dinner will be provided at Hotza Motza Pizza in Springdale.

All youth who would like to attend are asked to contact Lori Larsen at 675-4491. Please let her know if you are available to be a lector, greeter, usher, or choir member.

Day of Prayer at IHRC

Wednesday, September 30, there will be a Day of Prayer on the New Evangelization at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. Sister Mary Eu-

uled for another ~~Saint of the Week~~ the retreat house January 15-17, 2016. (Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend) Our Saint of the Week this week is St. Catherine of Alexandria, who died in the early years of the 4th Century, and her feast day is November 25.

According to the Legend of St. Catherine, she converted to Christianity at a fairly young age after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated with fifty pagan philosophers, and amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they all became Christians, as did about two hundred soldiers and members of the emperor's family. Outraged by their conversion, the emperor had all of them put to death — martyred for their faith.

St. Catherine herself was sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, but legend holds that upon touching the wheel, it totally shattered. So she was beheaded instead. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried her body to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians, and lawyers. She is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, who are venerated especially in Germany and Hungary.

St. Catherine demonstrates that the pursuit of God's wisdom may not lead to riches or earthly honors; in her case, this pursuit contributed to her martyrdom. She was not, however, foolish in preferring to die for Jesus rather than live only by denying Him. The rewards that her tormentors offered her would rust, lose their beauty, or in some other way become a poor exchange for her honesty and integrity in following Jesus Christ.

In the centuries since her martyrdom, she has become a patron saint of philosophers and of students in general.

A note on the aforementioned "14 Holy Helpers." These are saints venerated in the West because their intercession is generally believed to be particularly effective, especially against various diseases. This veneration originated in the 14th Century in present-day Germany, largely as a result of the epidemic of the bubonic plague (known as the Black Death). The 14 Holy Helpers are (in alphabetical order): Saints Agathius, Barbara, Blaise, Catherine of Alexandria, Christo-

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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