

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

Friday, Sept. 11 Allison Small +
Saturday, Sept. 12 Don & Kathleen Newbury +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are canceled next week because Fr. Jeff will be attending the annual (and mandatory) Presbyteral Assembly. All parish priests of the diocese are required to attend this yearly gathering with the bishop. There will be Mass on Friday, September 11.

September Prayer Intentions

During the month of September, Pope Francis asks all Catholics to pray that opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people and that catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

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. *Last Mass Sept. 27.*

Free Produce at Chewelah Senior Center Sept. 16

Northwest Harvest is delivering a truck of fresh produce to the Chewelah Senior Center on Wednesday, September 16. The food will be distributed between 10:00 AM and Noon. This produce is free and distribution is open to the public.

St. Mary of the Rosary Parish Council Meeting

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.

Golf Scramble

So far, there are 14 teams officially registered for the Golf Scramble on September 27. A maximum of 18 teams can play in the tournament. To register your team of 4 people, please contact Fr. Jeff ASAP.

Rummage Sale Needs Your Rummage

St. Mary's Rummage Sale is looking for furniture, housewares, tools, yard maintenance supplies, sporting goods, etc. We are NOT accepting clothes, helmets of any kind, baby cribs or car seats.

The Rummage Sale will be September 18 & 19 from 9:00—3:00 at St. Mary's. Janet Goulet is heading this up.

Janet requests help moving rummage from the school cafeteria to the parish hall after coffee hour on Sunday, September 13.

Your help is also appreciated on September 14, 15, and 16 from 10:00—2:00 and Thurs-

Theology Uncorked

Our second series of Theology Uncorked faith formation presentations is coming up: Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:00 PM on September 22 & 29 and October 6 & 13.

This year's location is St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall ("Bistro Maria" for these events!). Wine and appetizers will be provided. (Donations will be gratefully appreciated.)

This year's presentations will focus on major topics of Catholic morality:

1. Life Issues (abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment)
2. War (just-war theory)
3. Sexual Ethics (divorce, contraception, gay marriage)
4. The Environment

The format will be presentation of Church teaching followed by table discussion. Given the con-

Direct from Jerusalem—Sept. 17, 7:00 PM

Abundant Life Fellowship Church in Chewelah is hosting the International President and CEO of Bridges for Peace, a Christian international organization, for a visit to our community. Rev. Rebecca Brimmer directs this worldwide organization with headquarters in Israel and offices on every continent and will be sharing what is going on in Israel in the midst of the war and terror. She has lived in Jerusalem for more than 25 years. Her husband, Dr. Tom Brimmer, is a licensed Israeli guide who leads tours throughout Israel for groups from around the world.

This service will include special music. There is no cost to attend but a love offering will be taken to benefit the work of Bridges of Peace.

This event will be Thursday, September 17, from 7:00—8:30 PM at Abundant Life Fellowship, 203 N. 2nd St. East in Chewelah.

Save the Date — October 11

The annual celebration of St. Mary of the Rosary's feast day, Our Lady of the Rosary, will be Sunday, October 11. Holy Hour and Rosary will begin at 4:00 PM. Barbecue potluck at 5:00 PM. More information coming soon.

"Family Faith Formation" Flyer

You will notice there is a flyer enclosed with this week's bulletin. It is packed full of useful information. Please share it with anyone you feel may be interested in knowing about this program.

Family Faith Formation

Our tri-parish *Family Faith Formation* religious education program is ready for its third year. Our kick-off event is Wednesday, September 16, 6:30—8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Everyone interested in joining (or simply learning what this program is about) is invited to attend the dinner event. Sandwiches, salads, and sides will

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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The first meeting for the new year is Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 5:30 PM. Council members, please attend! In Sacred Scripture (the Letter of St. James), we learn a great deal about the relationship between faith and works: "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? . . . Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." In other words, if our faith is true and genuine, then it cannot help itself but be expressed in good works done for the Lord, for His Church, and for one another.

In Stevens County, there are abundant opportunities to put our faith into action, and on top of that, there are opportunities for the very important duty of ecumenism (reaching out to and relating with folks of other Christian denominations). Other Christians engage in these various ministries, and frankly, it is becoming embarrassing for us Catholics when Catholics do not join in, despite our constant rhetoric of "social justice" and "preferential option for the poor." To that end, therefore, opportunities to volunteer and help fulfill needs in our own community include:

- **PREPARES Ministry** (a new ministry of Catholic Charities that helps low-income mothers of babies from birth to age 2)
- **Food Bank and Thrivent food distributions** (the next Thrivent distribution is October 7)
- **Chewelah Faith Resources Group** — This group was started by Fr. Jeff in cooperation with other pastors in Chewelah and has since grown to boast a membership of staff and volunteers from our parishes, other Christian churches in Chewelah, the Salvation Army, Rural Resources, Catholic Charities, and area food banks. We work together to provide assistance to folks in need in our own local area. This group desperately needs a volunteer who is willing to take minutes at the monthly meetings, send email reminders and notifications to the group as the need arises, and maintain spreadsheets and other records. Training is available. Inquire for details.

And of course, we always have needs for good works in our own parishes:

- **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers** (for Mass and for the homebound); **Greeters**
- **Choir members** (for Mass, weddings, funerals, etc.)
- **Monthly parish office assistance**
- **Family Faith Formation and RCIA** (catechists; sponsors; etc.)
- **Hospitality** (providing food; set-up and clean-up for events such as funeral dinners, large group gatherings and meetings; Vacation Bible School; coffee hour and after-Mass socials; etc.)