

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, Sept. 15 Carl Salokar +
Wednesday, Sept. 16 All FFF participants
Thursday, Sept. 17 Ian Stolp Andres +
Friday, Sept. 18 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.

Confession Schedule Change

Confessions will NOT be heard at St. Mary of the Rosary on the afternoon of September 19 due to a wedding that day at St. Joseph at Jump Off Joe. The 4:00 Mass will not be affected.

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.

Coffee Hour Resumes at St. Mary of the Rosary

Beginning Sept. 13, there will be a coffee hour social following the 10:00 Mass. Please join us this week for coffee and maple bars.

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep this program running. If you are able to help, please talk to Fr. Jeff or call the office. Duties include coming in before Mass to make the juice and start the coffee and cleaning up after Mass.

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 Thursday, Sept. 17, from 9:00 to 2:00. Please call Janet at 935-8648 if you have any questions.

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 controversy of these topics, it will be tempting to enter into debate, but a debate is not on the docket — presentation and discussion only. Please join us.

St. Mary of the Rosary Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council members are reminded of the meeting on September 16 at 5:30 PM.

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.

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.

Wildfire Relief from Catholic Charities

Thank you to everyone who donated to Catholic Charities through the second collection at St. Mary of the Rosary at the 10:00 Sunday Mass. \$1,106.93 was collected. All funds will be used to help people in our area rebuild their lives.

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.

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 be provided, as well as any and all information you may want to know. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Parrott (936-2594) or Fr. Jeff.

The House of God

In Matthew 21, there is the Gospel episode of Jesus clearing out the temple area, for the people had not been treating the temple as it should have been treated: as the house of God.

In recent weeks, I have been receiving more and more complaints from parishioners that it is getting increasingly difficult and frustrating trying to pray in the church before, during, and after Mass. The reason for this is the amount of chatter and idle conversation in the church before and after Mass and the very distracting annoyance of cell phones ringing during Mass. I have personally observed this growing trend and thus concur with these complaints.

The church is the house of God. The church, therefore, demands reverence and respect; at the very least, those folks trying to pray in the church desire peace and quiet so that they can observe reverence and respect. Before, during, and after Mass in the church is a time for prayer, reflection, and worship; it is *not* for cell phone conversations, texting, sharing jokes, telling stories about fishing or hunting, spreading gossip, and so forth.

Regarding cell phones, it really should not have to be said, but . . . **please silence your cell phones before entering the church.** Or better yet, leave them in your car. There is nothing more distracting that the priest at Mass about to turn bread into God . . . and someone's cell phone starts ringing! There is no need for anyone to have a cell phone in the church except for the two doctors who are parishioners and therefore who might be on call; other than them, nobody needs their cell phone in church, and certainly nobody needs them on.

Regarding conversations in the church before and after Mass: take it outside. Take it to the parish hall. Save it for another time. People are trying to pray in the church. If you will not respect the church as the house of God, you can at least respect your fellow parishioners by avoiding chatter and idle conversations and other noises before, during, and after Mass.

Most of the time, most of you are very good about all of this. But it only takes one: one bad apple to ruin the whole barrel; one booger to ruin the punch bowl; one cell phone ringing or chatter to ruin the reverence and respect for the house of God.

If you see or hear your fellow parishioners causing such distractions, then please engage in a bit of fraternal charity and ask them to stop. And if you yourself are the cause of such distractions and your fellow parishioner asks you to stop, then please have the humility to stop.

Thank you for your kind compliance with this urgent request. Together, we can make our parish church the house of God that we know it can be — the house of God that God intends.

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