

### 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, Dec. 15 Marion Murbach +  
Wed., Dec. 16 Vera Hageman +  
Thursday, Dec. 17 Joyce Kaup +  
Friday, Dec. 18 No Mass or Holy Hour  
Sat., Dec. 19, 4 PM Shane Wang +

### 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 Hospital Chapel  
Thursday 12:15 PM St. Mary of the Rosary  
Friday No Mass or Holy Hour

### Speaker in Chewelah This Weekend

Thank you, Dr. Jerry Schwab of Catholic Charities, for visiting St. Mary of the Rosary this weekend to speak about the annual Christmas Collection.

### Advent Confession Schedule

For normal day/time/locations, please see the bulletin header. **Note:** Fr. Kevin Oiland will sub for Fr. Jeff to hear confessions on December 12. Fr. Jason Hiner will sub for Fr. Jeff to hear confessions and celebrate all Masses December 19 & 20.

### Additional days/times/locations:

- ◇ Monday, December 14, 5:30—6:30 PM; St. Mary of the Rosary. (Fr. Victor Blazovich will sub for Fr. Jeff to hear confessions on December 14.)
- ◇ Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30—7:30 PM; St. Mary's.
- ◇ Friday, Dec. 18; 5:00—6:00 PM, Sacred Heart.
- ◇ Saturday, Dec. 19, 8:00—9:00 AM, Holy Ghost.
- ◇ Tuesday, Dec. 22; 12:00 to 1:00 PM, St. Mary's.
- ◇ Wednesday, Dec. 23: Noon to 12:30, St. Mary's.
- ◇ Thursday, December 24; Noon to 1:00, St. Mary's.

### Advent Sock Project

The annual Sock Project has begun at St. Mary of the Rosary. New or gently used warm men's socks are being collected for gifting to the House of Charity where they will be distributed to the homeless men of Spokane. The collection box is in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

### Prepares Ministry

We have TWO "Traveling Cribs" now, one at St. Mary of the Rosary and the other at Holy Ghost. Over the next 3—4 weeks, please place any new items in the cribs which are appropriate for children from infancy to age 5. Suggested gift ideas were on the back of the Christmas Party insert in last weekend's bulletin. Your gifts will benefit our new Prepares Ministry.

### Preschool Needs a 4' Christmas Tree

If you have a small artificial Christmas tree you no longer use, the Preschool would be happy to accept it **for next year**. They borrowed a Christmas tree this year because the tree they have been using in prior years disappeared from the school.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve, December 24:**  
4:00 PM St. Mary of Rosary (Youth Mass)  
7:00 PM Sacred Heart  
10:00 PM St. Mary of the Rosary  
**Christmas Day, December 25:**  
12:00 AM St. Joseph (Jump Off Joe)  
9:00 AM Holy Ghost

### New Year's Mass Schedule

**New Year's Eve, December 31:**  
4:00 PM Sacred Heart  
6:00 PM St. Mary of the Rosary (party to follow)  
**New Year's Day, January 1:**  
10:00 AM Holy Ghost

### Eagle Scouts Court of Honor Invitation

All members of our Tri-Parish Community are invited to attend the Eagle Court of Honor for St. Mary of the Youth Group members Michael Larsen and Dominick Coleman. The Court of Honor will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, December 27, beginning at 2:00 PM. Please RSVP to Lori Larsen by calling or sending a text to (509) 675-4491 or [Lori.Larsen09@gmail.com](mailto:Lori.Larsen09@gmail.com). An accurate attendee list is necessary for food preparation. Thanks in advance for letting us know you are coming! Please RSVP by December 21.

### Tri-Parish Retreat

The sisters at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center have asked us if they can invite other people, from outside our tri-parish region, to attend the excellent retreat they are preparing for us. We want them to hold off until we first know how many parishioners are planning to attend. **Therefore, if you are PLANNING to attend, would you please call the office and let Brenda know to add your name to the list.** Depending on the estimated sign-ups, we will decide if we should limit attendance to our parishioners or open it up to others. (So far, 10 people have expressed interest.)

The tri-parish retreat will be Friday-Sunday, January 15-17, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. The theme of the retreat is: "How Do I Become a Saint? The Basics."

### Family Faith Formation:

### Christ the King: Center of Our Life

Our *Family Faith Formation* home lesson topic this week is "Christ the King: Center of Our Life", covered in Questions 106-108 and 111-113 of *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Your packet is available on the parish website.

### By Heart Catechism

- 106. **What has Jesus Christ done for us through His Resurrection?** When Christ passed from death to life, He made possible our own passing from the death of sin to life in Him.
- 108. **What is the meaning of the Ascension of Christ?** The Ascension means that Jesus' glorified body and soul, risen from the dead, now lives forever in Heaven.
- 111. **How is Christ present with His Church?** Through God the Holy Spirit, "another Advocate" and the "Paraclete." Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is especially present to us in the Sacraments, the Eucharist above all.
- 112. **What plan does God have for humanity?** God's plan for us is to carry out the work of salvation in the world, to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15)

### Corporal Acts of Mercy: Feeding the Hungry

As the Year of Mercy begins, Pope Francis is inviting bishops and priests all over the world to revisit the Church's rich teaching with regard to the Seven Corporal Acts of Mercy and the Seven Spiritual Acts of Mercy. And so, part of our answer to his call will be devoting our bulletin columns each week for the next fourteen weeks to each of these fourteen Acts of Mercy.

Mercy, first of all, might be defined as a virtue that influences one's will to have compassion for (and, if possible, to alleviate) another's misfortune. Acts of Mercy are actions of charity, and there are physical needs of others that we can tend to with Corporal (from the Latin "corpus," meaning "body") Acts of Mercy, and there are also spiritual needs of others (needs of their souls), which we tend to with Spiritual Acts of Mercy.

The first Corporal Act of Mercy is Feeding the Hungry. In our own parishes, the towns and communities where we live all seem to have remarkable programs for feeding the hungry. Our food pantries and food banks help many individuals and families each week, and efforts are underway to enhance these efforts even more, in cooperation with the Hunger Coalition and the Farmers' Markets. There is also the Meals on Wheels program, a program that enlists the help of volunteers who shop for the ingredients for meals to be prepared, other volunteers who actually prepare the meals, and still other volunteers who deliver the meals to those in need.

Our own parishes do what we can through the poor fund of St. Mary of the Rosary: the Good Samaritan Fund. Brenda offers us occasional updates on how many folks this Fund serves and also how much money we have remaining. Among other things that this parish-based program funds is Safeway gift cards

Last summer, St. Mary of the Rosary joined other churches and other non-profits in Chewelah to put on a summer meal program for children and families called TASTY. It was a huge success, which is remarkable considering that we did not obtain any grant funding for it until May, and we wanted TASTY to begin right after Chataqua. Many of our parishioners helped with TASTY, and we aim to do it again next summer.

These are just some of the many ways we can go about the first Corporal Act of Mercy: Feeding the Hungry. Our most urgent need in any of these efforts is, of course, volunteers. We need parishioners to step forward and help us in Feeding the Hungry and in all of our Social Outreach efforts. Please see Fr. Jeff if perhaps you are being called to help us in this regard!

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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