

### 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. 22	Myron Wirth +
Wed., Dec. 23	Edith Naccarato +
Thurs., Dec. 24, 4 PM	Shane Wang +
Thurs., Dec. 24, 10 PM	All Parishioners, living & dead
Friday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Sat., Dec. 26, 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	See Christmas Eve schedule (No 12:15 PM)
Friday	See Christmas Day schedule

### Thank You, Fr. Hiner and Fr. Barnett!

Fr. Jason Hiner is covering our Saturday Masses this weekend and Fr. Dan Barnett is covering the Sunday Masses. They are trading places with Fr. Jeff who is at the Cathedral. Thank you!

### Advent Confession Schedule

For normal day/time/locations, please see the bulletin header. Note: Fr. Jason Hiner will sub for Fr. Jeff to hear confessions on December 19 as scheduled.

#### Additional days/times/locations:

- ◇ 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.

### NO Confessions December 26

Confessions are cancelled on Saturday, December 26, but Masses will take place as usual.

### 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 include clothes, diapers, hygiene items, toys, teething aids, or any other essential items. Your gifts will benefit our new Prepares Ministry.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

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

### New Year's Mass Schedule

January 1 is the Holy Day of Obligation called "Mary Mother of God". The Mass schedule is:  
**New Year's Eve, December 31:**  
4:00 PM Sacred Heart  
6:00 PM St. Mary of the Rosary\*  
**New Year's Day, January 1:**  
10:00 AM Holy Ghost

\*Note: the previously planned New Year's Eve party has been canceled. Everyone is on their own!!

### 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 Rosary 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.

*No Knights of Columbus Breakfast in December.*

### 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. We hope to surpass our attendance of 40 which we had two years ago.

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

Registration information gives the pricing as \$196/person or \$302 for couples (includes delicious meals and overnight lodging). \$110 for commuters (no lodging). Please register in advance by calling (509) 448-1224 or online at [www.ihrc.net](http://www.ihrc.net).

### Retrouvaille Weekend in February

If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org) for testimonials.

For confidential information or to register for the February 19-21, 2016 Spokane weekend, call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the website at [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org).

### Family Faith Formation:

#### Christmas Break

Family Faith Formation is on a Christmas break. Enjoy your Christmas break, everybody! We'll see you on Wednesday, January 6, for our next monthly large-group gathering!

### Corporal Acts of Mercy:

#### Giving Drink to the Thirsty

Last week we began a fourteen-part bulletin column series on the Seven Corporal Acts of Mercy and the Seven Spiritual Acts of Mercy, as part of our own tri-parish celebration of the Year of Mercy, and the first Corporal Act of Mercy is Feeding the Hungry. This week, we consider the second Corporal Act of Mercy: Giving Drink to the Thirsty. Like Feeding the Hungry, this Corporal Act of Mercy might be understood in a figurative sense; after all, Jesus Himself blesses those who "thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied." But then again, we are considering the Seven Corporal Acts of Mercy, "corporal" pertaining to the physical condition of ourselves and others (from the Latin *corpus*, meaning "body"). And so, Giving Drink to the Thirsty is very literal: to those who are thirsty, we must do our part to provide them with drink to satisfy their thirst.

This may seem a fairly easy Corporal Act of Mercy for us to do; after all, clean potable water is incredibly abundant — this entire valley, it seems, is situated in the midst of (and on top of) a huge system of streams and rivers. But then again, as we learned only too well this past summer, where there is a shortage of water, bad things quickly and readily happen.

But in general, we do have an abundance of water here. And so, it is difficult for us to be mindful of those parts of our world where there is a drastic shortage of clean, potable water. Wars are actually fought over water rights in some parts of the world! Even in our own area, while there might be an abundance of water, there is also the very real danger of pollution. Pollution affects our water supply.

Given these problems, then, regarding water shortage abroad and the risk of pollution here in our own area, what specific things can we do to Give Drink to the Thirsty? To help those in far-off places, we can donate financial support to Catholic Relief Services, where one of many projects is funding the construction of wells to tap into underground reservoirs of clean, potable water. As for what we can do in our own area, we can make every effort to reduce how much we consume, to reuse what we can, and to recycle what we may — in short, we can curb pollution by taking steps so as to improve our own throw-away behaviors. One huge step that I strongly recommend is reusing water bottles (or better yet, do not even buy bottled water in the first place!). After all, it is common knowledge by now that bottled water is no cleaner or better tasting to drink than filtered, purified tap water. One famous study proved that New York City tap water is much cleaner than four of the five top sellers of bottled water!

These are just a few things we can do to help Give Drink to the Thirsty.

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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