

St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM

Ski Mass, Sundays 4:30 PM

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

The weekday Mass schedule is suspended while Fr. Jeff takes some much-needed time off. Weekday Masses will resume on January 19 with the 5:30 PM Mass at Holy Ghost in Valley.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The next K. C. meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's School.

Congratulations, Eagle Scouts!

On December 27 at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall, Dominick Coleman and Michael Larsen (parishioners of St. Mary of the Rosary and members of the tri-parish youth group) were awarded Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations, Dominick and Michael, for this amazing achievement!

Dishes in the Kitchen

There are many dishes in the kitchen which need to be reunited with their owners. If you donated food for a funeral dinner or social activity in the past couple months, it is possible that some of the dishes in the kitchen are yours. Please stop by and check.

Time with the Bishop

Bishop Thomas Daly will host another one-hour live edition of "Time with the Bishop" on Tuesday, January 12, beginning at noon on Sacred Heart Radio, KTTO 970 AM. Please call (509-327-3695) with questions and comments and interaction with Bishop Daly. Send email to: inlandregister@dioceseofspokane.org.

Please Remember the Food Banks

Mardi Gras Dinner & Dessert Auction

The annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Dessert Auction at St. Mary of the Rosary will be Jan. 30. Tickets are now on sale for \$20 each. The entrée will be your choice of prime rib or salmon. Baked potatoes, salad, and appetizers are also included. Raffle tickets for bottles of wine will be available and/or BYOB.

The dinner will conclude with Fr. Jeff auctioning off a couple dozen desserts. If you plan to provide a dessert for the auction, please contact the parish office so we know how many (and what kind) to expect. Please provide a written description for the auctioneer.

The event begins with a social gathering at 5:00 and the meal will be served at 5:30. All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend.

Prayer Intentions for January

During the month of January, Pope Francis asks all Catholics to pray for interreligious dialogue, that sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary

St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Women's Book Exchange & Wine Social prior to the auxiliary's next monthly meeting Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 PM. This is meant to be a simple and fun social event for women to participate and enjoy each other's company, and we encourage everyone to stay for the regular business meeting (to begin about 7:30 PM). Bring as many used books as you would like to give away and take home as many as you would like in exchange. No cost! Any books are welcome, from kids' books to fiction to nonfiction. Wine and desert will be provided by the auxiliary. We will donate whatever is not taken home at the end of the evening. And please bring your ideas to help us continue the auxiliary's mission.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Save the date of March 20 for the St. Patrick's Day dinner at Holy Ghost in Valley. More information will be coming later.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. 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.

Tri-Parish Retreat

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, have prepared a retreat for the parishioners of our tri-parishes. We hope you will partake in this special and spiritual experience.

Sanctity seems elusive, but it is at the heart of what animates us daily: the walk of Faith in a Person, Jesus Christ. This retreat centers on how we can live an adventure of sanctity within the reality of what we do daily, with clear, solid, biblical actions and intentions that bring Christ's resurrected light into our day.

The retreat will be Friday-Sunday, January 15-17, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. Registration is \$196/person or \$302 for couples (includes delicious meals and overnight lodging); \$110 for commuters (meals but no lodging). Please register in advance by calling (509) 448-1224 or register online at www.ihrc.net.

Family Faith Formation: Christian Unity: the Catholic Church as the Means to Salvation

Our *Family Faith Formation* home lesson topic this week is "Christian Unity: the Catholic Church as the Means to Salvation" covered in Questions 166-171 of *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Your packet is available on the parish website.

By Heart Catechism

166. **Why is the unity of Christians in faith and love God's will?** Christian unity in faith and love is God's will because Jesus prayed that all who believe in Him should be one, in order that the whole world would know that His Father sent Him.

169. **What do we believe about the Catholic Church and Salvation?** We firmly believe that Jesus Christ made His Catholic Church the ordinary means of Salvation. We should desire to share the Church's fullness with all mankind.

171. **How is the Catholic Church an institution of Salvation?** The Catholic Church is an institution for Salvation since (1) it is a community of the faithful with our Savior Jesus Christ as its Head, and (2) it has been given the mission of communicating the Good News of Salvation to all mankind.

Corporal Act of Mercy: Visiting the Sick

The fifth Corporal Work of Mercy is Visiting the Sick. In general, our parishes actually seem to do a pretty good job, collectively, in taking care of our own — including Visiting the Sick. We do have a good-sized list of homebound parishioners whom Fr. Jeff visits First Friday each month, and he bring them Holy Communion, gives them Anointing of the Sick as needed, and visits with them for about a half-hour each visit. In this, he as pastor represents the parishes. There are other folks, too, who bring Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners. Many of our parishioners also volunteer and visit folks at Long Term Care at Providence St. Joseph Hospital in Chewelah. And some of our folks try to send out get-well cards as quickly as we can when we hear that any of our parishioners has become ill or has had surgery.

But as usual, we can always do more, and we can always use more help, more volunteers, to assist Fr. Jeff and the other visitation folks who reach out to our sick and homebound parishioners. We owe it to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are unable to join us at Mass and other functions to visit them, to remind them that we still love them and that we miss them. And keep in mind: while many of our homebound have family and friends to keep them company, others have absolutely no one at all, and the rare visit from Fr. Jeff or another parishioner is sometimes the only opportunity they have to visit with folks for a while. We need to remember that our sick and homebound are, like all of us, human beings, with very real human needs: not just the physical needs of health and bodily well-being, but also the spiritual needs of prayer and the Sacraments and the emotional needs of simply talking to and listening to — visiting with — a fellow human being. Loneliness is one of the worst plagues there is, and happily one of the easiest to cure: Visiting the Sick.

To find out more about what you can do to help our parishes Visit the Sick, please contact Fr. Jeff. A whole visitation team for our sick and homebound will go a long way toward helping our brothers and sisters in Christ, and "many hands make light work." The more folks we have on board, the less work *each* of us would need to do, and with enough volunteers, Visiting the Sick will become a truly vibrant parish ministry.

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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