

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Jan. 26	Richard Lewis
Wed., January 27	Leanne Crisp
Thursday, Jan. 28	Those struggling in our parish
Friday, Jan. 29	Joseph Schleker +
Sat., Jan. 30, 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	Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30.

Annual Catholic Scout Retreat

This retreat is open to all Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts (in grades 6-12), and Venture Crews. This is a Regional Catholic Scout Retreat. Scouts from the Helena, Boise, Yakima, and Spokane Dioceses are invited. It will be held at St. Paschal Church in the Spokane Valley Friday through Sunday, February 26-28, 2016. Fee is \$30 and includes some meals, drinks, snacks, and the scout's religious workbook. Permission slips must be received by February 1. Register online at: showmyevent.com. For more retreat details, please contact the parish office.

No Ski Mass or Youth Group February 7

The 4:30 Ski Mass and Youth Group have both been canceled for Sunday, February 7.

Catholic Men's Conference is March 12

The annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Gonzaga University on March 12, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. \$30. More info coming soon.

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 Brenda Stroyan at 935-4626 so we know how many (and what kind) to expect.* Please provide a written description for the auctioneer and the dessert program.

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.

Feedback Requested: Why Parish Retreat Failed

As we know, our tri-parish retreat at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, scheduled for January 15-17, was cancelled due to too few registrations. This is confusing and frustrating given the fact that all this past year, numerous people have been asking about and anticipating this year's retreat. How come those same folks did not sign up?

We would, therefore, like to have feedback from you, the parishioners, regarding parish retreats. How come you did not sign up for this retreat? (And consider only yourself; please do not suppose what other parishioners think about parish retreats but only what *you* think about retreats.) The following are sample reasons why maybe you did not sign up for the retreat. Please select any and all that apply to you, and email your feedback to Fr. Jeff or Brenda in the parish office, or you can call us in the parish office. So again, in giving us your feedback, ask yourself, "How come I did not sign up for the parish retreat?"

- "I am not interested in retreats."
- "The weather was too bad (maybe the time of year, therefore, was no good for me)."
- "The cost was too much." (Even though financial assistance is available.)
- "The retreat theme did not interest me."
- Another reason.

K. C. Breakfast January 24 after 10 AM Mass. Please come!

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Retrouvaille of the Inland Northwest will hold a retreat at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center February 19-21. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue . . . Or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. 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.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Save the date of March 20 for the St. Patrick's Day dinner at Holy Ghost in Valley. The dinner will be served between Noon and 2:30 PM: Fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread, pie, and beverages. Adults, \$8.00; Children ages 6—10, \$5.00; Children 3—5, \$3.00. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this annual event.

Family Faith Formation: The Church and Its Members

Our *Family Faith Formation* home lesson topic this week is "Effects of Baptism and Confirmation" covered in Questions 202 and 204 of *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Your packet is available on the parish website.

By Heart Catechism

202. What relationship with God is begun at Baptism? Baptism (1) permanently relates us to God as His adopted children, and (2) joins us to Christ's priesthood and His prophetic and kingly mission.

204. What happens when we receive the seal of the Spirit at Confirmation? When we receive the seal of the Spirit at Confirmation, we are prepared to (1) witness for Christ as mature Christians, and (2) defend the Faith and evangelize.

Corporal Act of Mercy: Burying the Dead

The seventh and final Corporal Work of Mercy is Burying the Dead. This allows us to learn about what the Church teaches regarding Christian burial. The Church's underlying concern is that the remains of our beloved dead are treated with the love and respect that is owed, the same love and respect that we had for our beloved dead when they were still alive. The soul is gone, yes, but the body remains, and that body was, in life, a temple of the Holy Spirit. The body, therefore, needs to be treated reverently.

What does the Church teach regarding cremation? Cremation is allowed, though not really preferred. It is allowed because funeral costs are certainly a factor, and those costs can be crippling for some families in their time of grief. Cremation tends to be less of a financial burden. Provided that the remains are either buried or inurned in a cemetery's or church's memorial for the deceased, cremation is permissible.

The problem, then, with cremation is not the cremation itself but what families do with the ashes after cremation. Again, burial or inurnment is what the Church asks; spreading ashes out on grandpa's favorite fishing hole or grandma's favorite huckleberry patch is not permitted. And that is because, despite our best intentions and well-meaning sentiments, such practices do not, in fact, give honor to the physical remains, but proper Christian burial or inurnment in a blessed and consecrated spaces does give such honor. Nor does keeping ashes in an urn in the home give honor; an infamous scene from the famous movie *Analyze This* shows an urn getting broken accidentally and grandma's ashes dumped on the floor, where the family cat proceeds to use the ashes as a litter box. Similar accidents definitely can happen when ashes are kept in the home and are not buried or inurned; and even supposing that no such accident happens . . . what happens to the ashes after the death of those who kept the ashes? Will the next generation in the family keep the ashes with the same careful sentiment? Burying or inurning the cremated remains of our beloved dead ensures that the remains of our faithful departed are treated with the reverence and honor that we want and that they deserve.

What about donating our bodies to science after we die? The Church does, in fact, permit this; in fact, in 2014, Pope Francis called body and organ donation after death "a testimony of love for our neighbor."

Next Sunday we will turn to the seven Spiritual Acts of Mercy.

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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