

### Welcome!

We welcome all guests and visitors and thank you for joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope you enjoy your stay here and are able to return soon.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Mary's Classic

Save the date! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Mary's Classic is scheduled for Sunday, September 18. More information is on the parish bulletin boards and in the parish office. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Dinner after the Classic this year will be hosted by parishioner Mike Coleman at his golf course home at the very picturesque 2<sup>nd</sup> Green, catered by the Knights of Columbus. Sign up soon, and let's play some golf!

### Another Reason to Use Your Envelopes

Every year, in the Fall, we have a Stewardship campaign. Yes, stewardship benefits your parish, since all parish expenses are covered by your tithing. But more importantly, stewardship benefits you, the parishioner. Last week's bulletin article on stewardship summed it up nicely with a quote from Luke 12:34, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The more you give of your material wealth, the greater your accumulation of spiritual wealth.

With that in mind, a couple years ago it was decided to give an incentive to the parishioners who faithfully use their envelopes by waiving one of the fees for using the parish hall. This fee can be as much as \$100-\$200 and makes a noticeable difference in the price of using the parish hall. So please remember, in the event of requesting the use of the hall, this fee will be waived if you use your envelopes or make your donations by check. Plate does not count, nor does years of parish membership. Some people tell us they prefer the anonymity of using the plate. However, using envelopes makes parishioners accountable to themselves with regard to their sacrificial giving. It requires a deliberate thought and prayerful discernment to have an envelope ready as opposed to simply opening a purse or wallet right before the collection to see what can be spared. Forming this good habit of sacrificial giving by prayerfully *deciding in advance* what to give is part of stewardship. It helps make you holier, and Fr. Jeff is rewarding this action with lower fees in using the parish hall.

### Catholic Charities Needs Volunteers!

Catholic Charities is looking for people in the community who have the desire to assist others in need. Help is needed with transportation, basic house-keeping, family respite, yard care, wood delivery, and minor home repairs. Please call Chris Paige at 684-5671 or stop by the Volunteer Services office, 525 S. Main St, Ste #1, Colville, WA for more information.

### September Rummage Sale

The annual St. Mary of the Rosary Rummage Sale is planned for September 23-25. Donations will be accepted for most household items, except no clothes please. For example, small appliances, furniture, dishes, tools, etc. Drop off your donated items at the parish hall during parish office hours, Monday through Thursday the week of the sale (September 19-22). For more information or to volunteer, contact Janet Goulet at 935-8648 or 936-0594.

### Family Faith Formation — YEAR FOUR!

Our tri-parish Family Faith Formation religious education program is entering its fourth year! Our annual kick-off dinner presentation will be Wednesday, September 14, 6:30—8:00 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Everyone who is interested in joining *FFF* (or simply learning what this program is about) is invited to attend. Sandwiches, salads, and sides will be provided.

This year, *FFF* is being slightly reformatted and expanded to include not only religious education and catechesis but also monthly Bible Study, monthly faith sharing with a Jesuit spiritual program called "Forty Weeks," and monthly presentations and discussions on Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism* DVD series. Everyone interested in any of these faith formation opportunities should plan to attend the kick-off event to hear more about what we will be doing this year.

PLEASE NOTE: *Family Faith Formation* is the only Religious Education program, Sacramental Preparation program, and RCIA program for our parishes; all families with children who need Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation as well as all adults desiring to enter into the Catholic Church this year at Easter need to register for *Family Faith Formation*. For more information, contact Fr. Jeff in the parish office.

### Canonization Mass in Spokane

**Friday, August 26 to Sunday, Sept 4:** Novena and Canonization Mass in honor of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5021 N. Nelson Street in Spokane, 509-487-1325. Evening schedule includes Exposition, Rosary, Reflection, Novena prayers, and Benediction, 6:00—7:00 PM August 26—Sept. 3. Canonization Mass will be 1:00 PM Sunday, September 4, Most Reverend Thomas Daly, celebrant.

### Saint of the Week

This week, our Saint of the Week is St. Dominic Savio, whose Memorial is March 9. He is a reminder to us that so many holy persons seem to die young, for he was one of them.

He was born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, and at the age of 12, he joined St. John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided Don Bosco with the boys and with manual work. In 1859, all the members save one (Dominic) would join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation; Dominic was the only boy not to do so because by then, he had already been called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions," and even in play, he said that at times: "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." He would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, eventually led to lung problems and he was sent home to his parents to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled with leeches in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. St. John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life.

Like many youngsters, Dominic was painfully aware that he was different from his peers. He tried to keep his piety from his friends lest he have to endure their laughter. Even after his death, his youth marked him as a misfit among the saints, and some argued that he was too young to be canonized. Pope St. Pius X wisely disagreed. For no one is too young (or too old or too anything else) to achieve the holiness to which we are all called. St. Dominic Savio was canonized in 1954 and is the patron saint of choirboys and also of juvenile delinquents.

St. Dominic Savio ... pray for us.

### 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 (alternating locations)  
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM at HG

### Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday, 6:00 PM  
Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

### Mass Intentions

August 16	Thelma Kirpes +
August 17	Michael Maresca +
August 18	Private Intention
August 19	Glen Parsons
August 20	Gail and Abby Schneider

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday	5:30 PM Mass at Holy Ghost in Valley, followed by Adoration from 6:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday	1:00 PM at Prov. St. Joseph Hospital
Thursday	12:15 PM St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday	9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30 .

### No Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption

Because August 15 falls on a Monday this year, the Solemnity of the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation. There will be no Masses on Monday, August 15.

### Thoughts on Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

### Preschool Registrations

St. Mary's Preschool is now accepting enrollment registrations for children ages 3—5 years old. Classes will be taught by Doreen Kenney, who is a certified Washington State elementary teacher. Class size is limited, so please sign up soon.

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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