

### 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

September 6	No Mass (Special Intention)
September 7	No Mass (All Priests in Diocese)
September 8	No Mass (Michael Maresca +)
September 9	John & Sarah Lacic
Sept. 10, 4:00 PM	Don & Kathleen Newbury +

### Weekday Mass Schedule

No Mass or Holy Hour on Sept. 6—8. Fr. Jeff will be at the annual Presbyteral Assembly with all diocesan priests. His private Mass intentions those days are listed above in parentheses.

Friday 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30

### September Prayer Intentions

During the month of September, Pope Francis asks all Catholics to pray that everyone may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

### Theology Uncorked

Theology Uncorked returns to Chewelah this September! St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall once again will become “Café di Maria” in hosting our next annual Theology Uncorked presentation series. This year, in honor of the Year of Mercy, this year’s theme will be the Cross, which is the instrument of Christ’s mercy on us. Specifically, we will reflect upon an ancient devotion that is gaining popularity again amongst the faithful: the Seven Last Words. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to enter your name and a food/beverage description if you would like to provide wine or a finger food (not required). For more information, see the flyers on parish bulletin boards or talk to Fr. Jeff.

### Altar Server Training

Fr. Jeff will lead all St. Mary of the Rosary altar servers through their annual training immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 18. All current St. Mary of the Rosary altar servers MUST attend, and anyone not yet trained but who would like to begin altar serving must also attend. Altar server and Master of Ceremony Jake Jeanneret will assist Fr. Jeff in this training.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

This year’s tri-parish RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins on Wednesday, September 14, at our Family Faith Formation Kick-Off Event. Once again, Fr. Jeff will be our lead catechist. If you or anyone you know is not yet Catholic but perhaps is interested in learning more about our faith and joining the Church at Easter Vigil, please contact Fr. Jeff right away.

### Thoughts on Stewardship

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

### Prepares

Help us reach out to vulnerable families who are struggling with the expenses of raising children up to age 5. We can help them periodically with diapers, clothing, blankets, and other things. We recently received a letter from Bishop Daly asking us to double-down on providing support for the mothers who chose life! If you know of someone who may be burdened with child-related costs, please have them contact the parish office.

### Dinner at the Golf Tournament

For those who are registered for the golf tournament, dinner is included in the registration fee. For those who are not playing golf but who would still like to come to the dinner, tickets are \$15.00 and are available in the parish office. The menu will be barbecued pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert, soft drinks, and bottled water. Beer will be available for \$2.00/can.

### Preschool Needs

The preschool would like to obtain the following items: clothes pins, 3 ring binders, freebie refrigerator magnets (ads), and game pieces from old games to be thrown away. Please drop items off at the office. Thank you!

### 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. Drop off your donated items at the parish hall during parish office hours, Monday through Thursday the week of the sale (September 19-22) or leave them in the parish hall before or after Masses on September 17 or 18. For more information or to volunteer, contact Janet Goulet at 935-8648 or the parish office at 935-8028.

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, September 4:** Canonization Mass in honor of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta; St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5021 N. Nelson St. in Spokane. 1:00 PM.

**Tuesday, September 13:** Theology Uncorked. Come hear about The Cross in a fun, relaxed setting. 7:00 PM on September 13, 20, and 27. Bring finger-food to share (optional).

**Sunday, September 18:** St. Mary’s Classic Golf Tournament. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

**Friday to Sunday, September 23-25:** Parish Rummage Sale at St. Mary of the Rosary. Please drop off your donated rummage the week of Sept. 17-22.

**Friday, October 14:** 3rd Annual Know-Love-Serve Assembly in Spokane. This is open to all parishioners. Mass ministers and musicians are especially encouraged to participate. Register online or call the parish office. More information will be coming.

**Friday to Sunday, October 21-23:** 19th Inland Northwest Catholic Men’s Retreat held at Camp n-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d’Alene. Dr. Tom Curran, Retreat Master.

**Saturday, October 22:** Regional Catholic Conference at Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center in Spokane Valley. \$35 if registered before October 10.

### Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will have their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 PM. Don’t forget the Crystalline Luncheon will be November 19. Call Kellie if you would like to host a table! (509) 993-4150.

### Conscience Formation and Faithful Citizenship

Every four years, Americans get inflicted with a plague called “election year”. This go-around already seems to be particularly divisive and contentious. As Catholic voters in a democratic nation, however, it is of the utmost importance that we do our part to ensure that cooler heads will prevail. To assist us in this regard, therefore, the next two months of my pastor columns in the Sunday bulletin will focus on Conscience Formation, Faithful Citizenship, the importance of actually getting out there to vote, and above all the supreme importance of subscribing to the *issues* that are (or *should be*) important to faithful Catholic Christians, rather than automatically pulling the tab or punching the chad wherever we see a “D” or “R” after somebody’s name.

In the forthcoming Sunday bulletins, these bulletin columns will discuss the importance of actively forming our conscience as such and the obligation that each of us has to do so. Following that, we will consider the major issues, which though they tend to fall along party lines, nonetheless do not necessarily do so *automatically*, nor does a particular politician, regardless of his or her political party, necessarily hold to the same side of a given issue as his or her party. It cannot be stressed enough that the *issues* must be considered first and foremost, not the “D” or the “R.” The issues that we will consider include:

- The ongoing destruction of over one million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage (the vital cell of society) by the courts, political bodies, and increasingly by American culture itself
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, which harm both the environment and the poor
- The deadly attacks on fellow Christians and religious minorities throughout the world
- The narrowing redefinition of religious freedom, which threatens both individual conscience and the freedom of the Church to serve
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the poor, at home or abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity

I fully expect that these bulletin columns will provoke our thinking and maybe even our anger; feel free to visit with me or contact me at any time in order to discuss whatever is presented in these columns, and together, we will see if a “meeting of the minds” can or cannot be had.

Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel . . . pray for us.

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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