

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 27 Hannah Omejc
September 28 Kathy Mosher
September 29 Sarah Garza
September 30 John & Sarah Lacic
October 1, 4:00 PM John Davey +

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

First-Saturday Marian Devotion

Saturday, October 1, is the first Saturday in October. Our first-Saturday Marian devotion continues that day with Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour.

Holy Ghost Altar Society Meeting

Next Sunday, October 2, the Altar Society of Holy Ghost will meet after the 8:00 AM Mass. Also, the monthly collection for the Valley Food Pantry will be taken up; thank you for your generosity.

Hands Across Nations

Dinner & Auction to support “Hands Across Nations” will be Saturday, October 1 at Chewelah Civic Center. Doors open at 4:30; dinner is from 5:00—6:00. Advance tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at Akers United Drug. Tickets at the door are \$17.00.

A Huge Thank You to All Who Helped with the Rummage Sale!

Catholic Volunteer Chore Services Needs Help!

Current requests for assistance include mopping, sweeping, vacuuming, wood delivery, and end-of-year yard-mowing. Soon the requests for raking will come in. We also need fire wood to provide to low-income people. These are Corporal Works of Mercy, of which are we always to be mindful, but especially so during this Year of Mercy. Thank you, and God bless. Call Chris at (509) 684-5671.

Thoughts on Stewardship

The sin of the rich man in today’s parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

Our Lady of the Rosary Festival & Fair

The annual “Our Lady of the Rosary” festival will follow the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, October 16. There will be a potluck brunch, Ministry Fair, communal rosary, and other activities. Everyone from all three parishes is invited. Contact Kellie Trudeau.

Theology Uncorked

Theology Uncorked has one session remaining. This year’s theme is “The Cross”. If you missed the first two sessions, you are still invited to the last one, which will be September 27 at 7:00 PM. For more information, see the flyers on bulletin boards or talk to Fr. Jeff.

Cemetery Clean-Up

The Knights of Columbus will host a “weed whacking” party at our cemetery on Wednesday, September 28, starting at 5:00 PM. Bring a weed eater. Sandwiches, pop, and beer will be served. Non-Knights are also welcome.

Clause for a Christian Will

Remembering your parish in your will helps the local Catholic legacy live on. Gifts can be designated as restricted for a certain use or unrestricted per the pastor’s discretion. Gifts from those who have gone before us have played a large part in the construction of St. Mary’s parish hall as well as financed many other major expenses for all our churches over the years. The following clause could be inserted next time you update your will:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to (choose name: St. Mary of the Rosary—Chewelah; Holy Ghost—Valley; Sacred Heart—Springdale; or St. Joseph—Jump Off Joe) for the benefit of (insert name of church), a Washington nonprofit corporation, (description of gift).”

Know-Love-Serve Assembly in Spokane

The diocese’s Know-Love-Serve Assembly will be held at St. Thomas More Parish Hall in Spokane on Friday, October 14. The theme is “Glorify — Through Him . . . With Him . . . In Him”. All Catholics from the Diocese are invited to heed the missionary call given to us by Christ. This year’s priorities include liturgy, discipleship, and stewardship. The keynote presenter, Msgr. Kevin Irwin, will open and close our day. The assembly includes several workshops pertaining to this year’s priorities with details available at www.dioceseofspokane.org. Plan to gather as the diocese on October 14, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Thomas More, Spokane. All are invited to attend and can register at www.dioceseofspokane.org.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation: Large Group Gathering

Our first Large-Group Gathering for *Family Faith Formation* this year is this Wednesday, September 28, 6:30—8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Fr. Jeff will be our presenter for the adult faith formation; children K-6 will be with their catechists in the St. Mary’s School building. Our theme this month: “The Eucharist and the Mass,” covering Questions 237-238, 244-246 in *The Apostolate’s Family Catechism*. See you there!

Family Faith Formation: By-Heart Catechism

- 237. **What is the Holy Eucharist?** It is the Sacrament of the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, given to the Church under the mere appearance of bread and wine.
- 238. **Why does the Church celebrate the Eucharist?** It is in obedience to the words of Jesus Christ at the Last Supper that the Church celebrates the Eucharist: “Do this in remembrance of Me.” (Lk 22:19).
- 244. **What are the two main parts of the Mass?** The Liturgy of the Word (during which Sacred Scripture is proclaimed and the homily is preached) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (during which the priest confects the Eucharist and mere bread and wine are transformed into the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Jesus Christ).

K, C. Breakfast October 2nd!

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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Parish Office Hours: Monday & Friday: 10:00—11:30 AM, 1:45—5:00 PM; Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM-5 PM

Faithful Citizenship: Catholic Social Teaching

This week, our bulletin column series on Faithful Citizenship begins looking at the specific issues raised in this important document promulgated by the American bishops. And we begin with an overview of Catholic Social Teaching.

There are four permanent principles of the Church’s social doctrine that constitute the very heart of Catholic Social Teaching. These four principles are: the dignity of the human person; the common good; subsidiarity; and solidarity. These principles are the expression of the whole truth about humanity made known by faith and reason. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing a consistent ethic of life. Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent (again, there is no such thing as a “seamless garment” where these issues are concerned), nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment in a “culture of life,” to defend human life from conception until natural death in the fundamental moral obligation to respect the dignity of every person as a child of God. This culture of life begins with the preeminent obligation to protect innocent life from attack and extends to defending life whenever it is threatened or diminished.

Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. If we understand the human person as the temple of the Holy Spirit, then these issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that temple. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike not so much at the crossbeams or the walls of that temple but in fact at the temple’s very foundation.

Catholic voters should use the framework of Catholic social teaching to examine candidates positions on issues affecting human life and dignity as well as issues of justice and peace, and they should consider candidates’ integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest. As Catholics, we are not single-issue voters. A candidate’s position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter’s support; yet if a candidate’s position on a single issue promotes an intrinsically evil act, such as legal abortion, or redefining marriage in a way that denies its essential meaning, a voter *should* legitimately disqualify a candidate from receiving support. As noted previously, the Catholic approach to faithful citizenship rests on moral principles found in Sacred Scripture and Catholic moral and social teaching as well as in the hearts of all people of good will.

Next week, we will begin reflections on the four principles mentioned above: the dignity of the human person; the common good; subsidiarity; and solidarity.