

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 (at Holy Ghost)
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

October 8, 4:00 PM Johnnie McCanna +

Weekday Mass Schedule

There will be no weekday Masses while Fr. Jeff is on pilgrimage in France. Weekday Masses will resume Wednesday, October 19.

Thank You, Bishop Skylstad!

We thank Bishop Skylstad for celebrating Masses with us on Sunday, October 2, while Fr. Jeff is on pilgrimage in France with Bishop Thomas Daly. Please pray for these pilgrims!

Fr. Michael Maher, Celebrant, October 8 & 9

Fr. Michael Maher, S.J., will celebrate all four Masses with us on October 8 and 9 while Fr. Jeff is gone.

Fr. Jeff Out of the Office for Two Weeks

Fr. Jeff will return from France on October 13. However, he will be attending the Know-Love-Serve Assembly on Friday, October 14. He hopes to see many of our parishioners at the Assembly, so if you haven't signed up yet, please do so soon. We especially encourage parish leadership and ministers to attend.

First Friday Devotion

Friday, October 7, is the First Friday in October. Sr. Mary Toeckes will lead a Communion Service at 9:00 AM since Fr. Jeff will be on pilgrimage in France. It is receiving Communion, not participation in the Mass, that the First Friday Devotion requires. Please note there will be no Holy Hour that day.

K.C. Breakfast

Don't forget the Knights of Columbus breakfast this weekend after the 10:00 AM Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Your donations support youth activities in our community.

Holy Ghost Brunch Potluck

Sunday, October 9, is the second Sunday in October, and the monthly Holy Ghost brunch potluck takes place that day immediately after 8:00 Mass. Please bring a breakfast item to share and enjoy some parish fellowship!

Special Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

President Kellie Trudeau will be holding a special Ladies Auxiliary meeting this coming Thursday to discuss the upcoming ministry fair. It will be 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 6. Bring a breakfast item to share if you would like. We are trying to give more possible volunteers a chance to join our efforts. Kids are welcome.

Our Lady of the Rosary Festival & Fair

Everyone is invited to the St. Mary of the Rosary Ministry Fair and the 2016 Our Lady of the Rosary feast day celebration! Come see an extensive showcase of everything our church and parish volunteers help with throughout the year. Find something to get involved in and talk with those who are already involved. There will be door prizes for participants and activities for the kids! And food after Masses!

October 15 after 4:00 PM Mass: The Ministry Fair will be set up in the Parish Hall and opens around 5:00 PM. Dinner will be available to those who come.

October 16 after 10:00 AM Mass. Sunday's event will include a BRUNCH POTLUCK in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite brunch casserole or side dish on Sunday!

Celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary will consist of a Eucharistic Holy Hour in the church during which Fr. Jeff will preach a sermon and the assembly will pray a communal Rosary. This will take place around Noon, immediately following the brunch.

Come see what our church is all about, get some food, mingle with your fellow parishioners, sign up to help with the needs of the church, and celebrate our Lady of the Rosary!

Anyone involved with a church program or service is asked to contact Kellie Trudeau ASAP at (509) 993-4150 to reserve a booth space for the fair. Arrange it however you like. Representatives are encouraged to staff their booth both days. Please make this Fair a priority. See you there October 15 & 16!

Know-Love-Serve Assembly in Spokane

"GLORIFY — Through Him . . . With Him,"
Know Love & Serve Assembly Friday, October 14, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Thomas More, Spokane. Cost \$15.00 (includes lunch). Keynote presenter Msgr. Kevin Irwin was recently asked, **"What's the liturgical advice you've never been asked for and would really like to share?"** And his response was, **"Ask not what you can do to the liturgy, ask what the liturgy does for you."** Don't miss this opportunity to gather as community and hear inspiring messages. Register today at www.dioceseofspokane.org. Schedule and workshop details can be found on the website.

Fundraiser Results

The Rummage Sale yielded a profit of \$1210.28. Sincere thanks to Janet Goulet and her crew for all their work with this parish fundraiser.

The Golf Tournament netted \$2180.80. Thank you, Mike Coleman and Knights, for all your hard work.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus meets again on Wed., October 5, at the Dominican Convent at St. Mary of the Rosary. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The Sacraments of Initiation

This week's *Family Faith Formation* topic is "The Sacraments of Initiation," covering Questions 201-204 in *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Home Lesson packets are available on the parish website and also in your email (if you registered for FFF).

By-Heart Catechism

201. What are the effects of the Sacrament of Baptism? Through Baptism, we are reborn as children of God, united with Jesus in His death and Resurrection, cleansed of Original Sin and all personal sins committed prior to Baptism, and welcomed into the Church, which is the mystical Body of Christ.

203. What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? Confirmation confirms (that is, strengthens) the life of the Holy Spirit within us that began with baptism. In virtue of Confirmation, the faithful are obligated to evangelize and defend the Catholic Christian faith as true witnesses and active, intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

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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Faithful Citizenship: Human Dignity

Human life is sacred. God created us in the beginning, and from the moment we were created, God raised the overall profile of Creation from a status of "good" to a status of "very good" (see Gen 1:31). And because we are the *imago Dei* (made in the image and likeness of God; Gen 1:26), we are endowed with a profound, God-given dignity by virtue of our very being, our having been brought into existence.

This great dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. Life is especially under attack from abortion, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of "women's health." Other threats to the sanctity of life include euthanasia (sometimes falsely labelled as "death with dignity"), human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and the destruction of human embryos for the purpose of research.

Catholic teaching about the dignity of human life also opposes torture, unjust war, and the indiscriminate use of drones and other robotic weaponry. We are to prevent genocide and attacks against noncombatants, to oppose racism, to oppose human trafficking, to overcome poverty and suffering at large. Nations are called to protect the right to life by seeking ways to combat evil and terror without resorting to armed conflicts except as a last resort after all peaceful means have failed, and the use of the death penalty is to be abolished. We revere the lives of children in the womb, the lives of persons dying in war and from starvation, the lives of *all* human beings as children of God. We oppose all activities of the culture of death (what Pope Francis calls a "throwaway culture").

Abortion in particular is a grave evil; indeed, there is a growing sense among the faithful and all pro-life advocates that abortion is really another form of genocide. Genocide is accurately defined as the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and execution of a specific, defined minority group. This definition describes the Holocaust, for example, to perfection: the Nazis identified the Jews as a specific, defined minority group, persecuted them with ghettos and second-class status, exterminated them in the concentration camps, and all the while, it was systematic and sponsored by the Nazi-controlled state of the Third Reich. Just so, this definition of genocide describes legalized abortion perfectly: the Supreme Court of *Roe v. Wade* identified unborn children as a specific, defined minority group, and ever since, the government has persecuted and executed them with Planned Parenthood and other state-funded abortionists, and all the while, ever since *Roe v. Wade*, the state has sustained legalized abortion, thereby giving official sponsorship to this "hidden genocide."

St. Teresa of Calcutta famously said that "any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." If we truly strive to uphold the God-given dignity of the human person, then renouncing abortion and those candidates who endorse abortion must be where we begin.

Next week, we reflect upon the common good.