

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

November 29 Frank Femling
 November 30 Nazar Comacho +
 December 1 Colleen Fox +
 December 2 Mark Wilson
 Dec. 3, 4:00 PM Rev. Alberic Smith +

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 followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30 AM

First-Friday Devotion

Friday, December 2, is the first Friday in December. First-Friday Devotion continues that day with Mass at 9:00 AM, followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Confessions at Sacred Heart

Friday, December 2, is the first Friday in December. Confessions will be heard at Sacred Heart in Springdale from 5:00—5:30 PM.

First-Saturday Marian Devotion

Saturday, December 3, is the first Saturday in December. 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, December 4, 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.

Prayer Intentions for December

During the month of December, Pope Francis asks all Catholics to pray that the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

“Unwrapping the Gift of Jesus”

A Mini-Retreat for Busy Women — December 3

Before the craziness of Advent truly sets in, prepare to savor the season with the Jesse Tree, the family tree of Christ as we experience the fullness of Christmas like never before through the grace of waiting.

The retreat will start with Mass, then have two sessions, followed by lunch and one more powerful message. There is no cost but please RSVP and bring a Bible, a branch, an empty can (15-20 oz.) and a salad topping for our shared lunch.

The retreat will be led by former parishioner, Alisa Kostecka. It will be Saturday, Dec. 3, beginning with First-Saturday Mass at 9:00 AM and concluding at 2:30 PM, just in time for confession for those who desire. Please RSVP to the parish office by December 1.

Operation Santa

Thank you for your donations to the Kiwanis’ “Operation Santa” this weekend, helping provide gifts to children of low income families this Christmas. You can make checks out to St. Mary of the Rosary. We will deposit all checks and cash and write one check to Operation Santa. Thank you.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, free from Original Sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her Son, Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means, but God acted upon her soul, keeping her “immaculate” (free from Original Sin) at the time of her conception. The significance of this miracle elevates the event to a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

- Dec. 7, 5:30 PM St. Mary of the Rosary
- Dec. 8, 8:00 AM Holy Ghost
- Dec. 8, 12:15 PM Sacred Heart

Holy Ghost / St. Joseph Parish Council

The parish council of Holy Ghost / St. Joseph will meet on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 PM at Holy Ghost parish hall. Every parish council member needs to be present as we have a lot of very important business to discuss!

Happy New Church Year!

Advent begins this weekend and we are now in Cycle A of the Sunday lectionary cycle.

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Without the faithful and generous support of our parishes, we could not continue to transform lives and bring compassion and dignity to over 70,000 vulnerable individuals each year. This Christmas, please donate to the Catholic Charities Collection. Your gift matters!

Hospital Visits

If you or a member of your family is taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center or Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, especially if it is an emergency and you or your family member needs the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office right away and let Fr. Jeff know. After hours, the last option on the parish office phone system is for sacramental emergencies.

Food for the Poor

Would you like to contribute towards a house for “Food for the Poor”? We will collect donations through December, and early in January we will send a check to the organization with our request that it be used to provide a family with a house and a well. If 18 families provide a one-time gift of \$200, we can meet this goal. The donation for the well is already given.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Thanksgiving Break!

There is no Home Lesson for the week of Sunday, November 27, in honor of Thanksgiving. Enjoy the break, and we will see you all again for our next monthly Large-Group Gathering, Wednesday, December 7.

Free Dinner Social Outreach

Our social outreach project for *Family Faith Formation*, a free dinner open to everyone, is coming up! Wednesday, November 30, 6:30—8:00 PM. This is a potluck dinner, and those who can provide something to share are asked to contact the parish office to let us know. Thank you very much, and let’s be sure to pray and care for those in need with this Corporal Work of Mercy, Feeding the Hungry.

Advent and Christmas, 2016

This weekend, we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season, and this year, because Christmas is on a Sunday, Advent is as long as it can ever possibly be: four full weeks. So hopefully we will make the most of it and really enter deeply into the spirit of prayerful and soulful preparation to meet the Lord on Christmas morning.

One way we can do this is by treating Advent as a little Lent: give something up for Advent so as to make time and the deliberate effort to remove ourselves from the world and so draw closer to the Lord in spirit and prayer. In my homily last Sunday, you may recall that I offered a couple of suggestions for what we can give up for Advent: Facebook; Twitter; Snapchat; maybe even the internet altogether! I myself will be giving up Netflix, which is my only television. I love my movies! But I do this because I really want to do something to prepare spiritually for Christmas. I have done this in past years since being ordained, and it has been a wonderful blessing each time I do it.

Another great way we can prepare during Advent for Christmas is going to confession. And like we did last year, we will have an expanded confession schedule the last week of Advent, and we will even have a couple of opportunities to have confession with someone who is NOT your parish priest! Our expanded Advent confession schedule is as follows:

- ♦ Friday, 12/16, 5 to 6 PM, St. Mary of the Rosary (with Fr. Vic Blazovich)
 - ♦ Saturday, 12/17, 2:30 to 3:30 PM, St. Mary of the Rosary (usual time/place, but with Fr. Brian Sattler)
 - ♦ Sunday, 12/18, 7 to 8 AM, Holy Ghost
 - ♦ Tuesday, 12/20, 6 to 7 PM, Holy Ghost
 - ♦ Wednesday, 12/21, 5:30 to 6:30 PM, St. Mary of the Rosary
 - ♦ Friday, 12/23, 5 to 5:30 PM, Sacred Heart
 - ♦ Saturday, 12/24, 2 to 3 PM, St. Mary of the Rosary
- And lastly, because Christmas is on a Sunday this year, there might be some confusion regarding the Mass schedule. The normal Sunday Mass schedule is suspended in favor of our usual Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Mass schedule:
- ♦ Saturday, 12/24, 4:00 PM, St. Mary of the Rosary (family Mass; youth group choir and ministers)
 - ♦ Saturday, 12/24, 7:00 PM, Sacred Heart
 - ♦ Saturday, 12/24, 10:00 PM, St. Mary of the Rosary
 - ♦ Saturday, 12/24, 12:00 PM, MIDNIGHT MASS, St. Joseph (Jump Off Joe)
 - ♦ Sunday, 12/25, 9:00 AM, Holy Ghost

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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