

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
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM

Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday, 6:00 PM

Mass Intentions

April 12 HG Altar Society members
April 13 Clara Perrier +
April 14 Bernie Egger +
April 15 No Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5:30 PM Mass at Holy Ghost in Valley followed by Holy Hour from 6:00—7:00 PM
Wednesday 1:00 PM Prov. St. Joseph Hospital
Thursday 12:15 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday No Mass /Holy Hour (Fr Jeff in Spokane.)

Called & Gifted Workshop

St. Mary Presentation Parish in Deer Park is presenting the Called & Gifted Workshop on Friday, April 29 from 7:00-9:30 PM and Saturday, April 30 from 9:30 AM-3:00 PM. Join us as we explore God's vision and plan for our lives. Call the Parish Office at (509) 276-2948 to sign up. **Deadline is Monday, April 11.**

VBS Save the Date

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, will be leading Vacation Bible School at St. Mary of the Rosary the week of June 27—July 1, 12:15—3:00 PM. Please save the date!

Hospice Volunteer Training

Hospice of Spokane will be hosting a Hospice Volunteer Training on April 12, 14, 19 and 21 (Tues. & Thur.) 9:30 AM—3:00 PM at the Hospice of Spokane-Chewelah Workspace, 109 3rd St. East, Chewelah WA. Anyone wishing to learn more about volunteering for Hospice of Spokane is asked to call Cheri Johnson at 509-456-0438 for more information.

Tri-Parish Rectory Town Hall Meeting

On Tuesday, April 12, at 7 PM, Holy Ghost Parish in Valley is hosting a tri-parish town hall meeting for Fr. Jeff to present the situation regarding the rectory. There are too many rumors and too much hearsay going around that do not reflect the full truth, so everyone who is interested to know what the real story is needs to attend the April 12 meeting at Holy Ghost.

St. Mary of the Rosary Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting is this Thursday, April 14, at 5:30 PM. Every Council member needs to attend, and every parishioner is welcome to attend and observe the proceedings.

Thrivent Food Truck Coming to Chewelah

The Thrivent Mobile Food Bank carrying food from Second Harvest will arrive in town April 28. Volunteers are needed to help repackage the food from large bulk quantities into smaller portions suitable for distribution to families. If you are able to help, please inform the parish office. Approximately 20 volunteers are needed to help from 9:00 AM to about Noon, outside the Senior Center.

Those who would like receive a food distribution, please show up at the Senior Center (corner of Main and 2nd St. E) at 10:00 AM. Food will be available until Noon or the supply runs out.

Mothers Day Dinner at St. Mary of the Rosary

The Chewelah Knights of Columbus, with Chef Ed Kaup, are hosting a dinner on Mothers Day, May 8, 6:00 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary.

The menu will consist of prime rib or salmon, baked potato, vegetable, Caesar salad, rolls, and cheese cake. Price is \$20 per person. Beer and wine are available for \$2.00.

All proceeds go to Chewelah Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available at Akers Drug, Valley Drug, and Napa Auto Parts. 125 tickets are available for sale. No sales after May 4.

Live Edition of "Time with the Bishop"

The monthly Live Edition of "Time with the Bishop" will be Tuesday, **April 19** from **Noon—1:00 PM**. Bishop Thomas Daly will host this program on our Diocesan radio station, Sacred Heart Radio, KTTO 970 AM in Spokane. Please call with questions, comments, and interaction with Bishop Daly: (509) 327-3695. Questions for Bishop Daly can also be emailed to: inlandregister@dioceseofspokane.org.

Thoughts on Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

Lectio Divina with Fr. Jeff

At 9:00 AM on Saturdays during the Easter Season, Fr. Jeff will lead a session of *Lectio Divina* ("divine reading"), which is a form of prayer with Sacred Scripture. These sessions will take place in the library at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Mass at 9:30 in the church. Everyone is welcome.

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have donated to this important appeal thus far. The bishop is counting on the support of all Catholics. Please be as generous as your means allow. Our goals are:

- St. Mary of the Rosary \$24,266
- Holy Ghost/St. Joseph \$ 5,898
- Sacred Heart \$ 2,290

St. Mary's has received \$17,186 in pledges which is 70.8% of their goal. 57 families (31.8%) have participated. Holy Ghost has received \$3,255 in pledges which is 55% of their goal. 12 families (30%) have participated. Sacred Heart has received \$1,490 in pledges which is 65% of their goal. 8 families (44%) have participated.

Family Faith Formation

Jesus Reveals His Divinity

Our *Family Faith Formation* home lesson topic this week is "Jesus Reveals His Divinity," covered in Questions 77-78 of *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Home lesson packets are available on the parish website.

By-Heart Catechism

77. **Did Jesus say He was God?** Yes, Jesus said He was God. For instance, He said to the Jews: "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30), and "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I proceeded and came forth from God; I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me . . . Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." (John 8:42, 58)
78. **During His Passion, did Jesus say He was God?** Yes, the night before He died, at the Last Supper, Jesus spoke as being equal to His Father when He said He had power to give eternal life.

Why the Resurrection Was NOT a Conspiracy

There are skeptics of the Resurrection who argue that the empty tomb and postmortem appearances of Christ are explained in that Christians stole the body and made up the Resurrection story. But there are two good reasons to refute this.

The apostolic dilemma: First, the early Christians had nothing to gain and everything to lose in lying about Jesus' Resurrection. St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised." (1 Cor 15:14-15). And he adds: "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied . . . Why am I in peril every hour . . . ? What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.'" (1 Cor 15:19, 30-32) If St. Paul truly believed in God, then he would be bearing false witness in proclaiming the Resurrection: "we are even found to be misrepresenting God." What would the early Christians have to gain from a lie while still believing in God? Nothing less than damnation. Is it reasonable to think the early Christians would risk their eternal salvation for a lie?

The testimony of women: Secondly, the early Christians included women as the first witnesses. One of the criteria that historians use to test historicity is the "criterion of embarrassment." This refers to any action or statement which the early Christians would have found embarrassing and apologetically unappealing. No Gospel writer would want to include such information because it would undermine the Gospel's purpose. Having women as the first witnesses of the Resurrection fits the bill for such a criterion because in first-century Judaism, the testimony of women was not admissible in court. If a woman's testimony was not considered credible in court, it seems that the Apostles would not use the testimony of women to convince people about the truth of the empty tomb and the appearances of the resurrected Christ. It is more reasonable to conclude (if the Gospel writers were conspiring to lie) that they would have chosen men to be the first witnesses, perhaps Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.

In summary, it is abundantly reasonable to assert that people do not die for what they know to be a lie; and neither liars nor conspirators use unreliable testimonies to convince their audiences of their fabricated stories. And so, in this Easter season, we Christians can rest assured that faith in the resurrected Jesus is *at least* not based on a lie.

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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