

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

May 24 Frances Fogarty +
May 25 Jaime Garza & Sarah St. John
May 26 Herbert & Mildred Wilson +
May 27 Marie Wissink +
May 28, 4:00 PM Msgr. William Van Ommeren +

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 Chapel
Thursday 12:15 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday 9:00 Mass at St. Mary's followed by Holy Hour from 9:30—10:30 AM

Graduation Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be putting on a breakfast to honor this year's high school graduates on June 5 after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Cemetery Clean-Up

The Knights of Columbus will host a clean-up of our cemetery on Wednesday, May 25, at 5:00 PM. Bring a weed eater or rake. Sandwiches and drinks will be served. Non-Knights are welcome to help out.

Save the Date! October 14, 2016!

The third Annual "Know Love Serve" Assembly is taking place this year on October 14. Part of the KLS Year 3 priorities is Liturgical Renewal, so all of our tri-parish Mass ministers and musicians are especially encouraged to save this date and participate in the Assembly.

VBS is June 27—July 1, 12:15—3:00.

Community Used Shoe Drive to Benefit Kids

Please donate your used shoes, either pairs or singles, to the big yellow bin in the front entrance of St. Mary of the Rosary hall. The shoes will earn 45 cents per pound to send a Stevens County foster child to Royal Family Kids Camp, and the shoes will be used as teaching tools for those in third world countries who are learning how to build and repair shoes. For more information, contact Rod Shannon at 675-9536. You can also check out their website at royalfamilykids.org.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

There are still plenty of baby bottles available for the Baby Bottle Boomerang, an annual fundraiser for the crisis pregnancy center in Colville. Pick up an empty baby bottle on Mothers Day, fill it with change, and return it to the church on Fathers Day. This facility SUPPORTS LIFE and can use your help, either financial donations or volunteer work.

Mass Schedule Change for Corpus Christi

**May 29: 8:00 AM Mass — St. Mary of the Rosary
10:00 AM Mass—St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe**

Please take careful note of the Mass schedule for Sunday, May 29. There will be NO 8:00 Mass in Valley and there will be NO 10:00 Mass in Chewelah. **INSTEAD**, Mass on May 29 will be: 8:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary and 10:00 Mass at St. Joseph Church at Jump Off Joe, immediately followed by a Corpus Christi Procession.

Thoughts on Stewardship — Trinity Sunday

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the work of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

TASTY Summer Food Program

Registration forms for the TASTY program (Temporary Added Sustenance to Youth) are now available at the Chewelah Food Bank. Families with children in the Chewelah or Valley School Districts who receive free or reduced lunches are eligible for this program, which provides additional food between mid-July and late-August. Applications must be submitted by June 30.

Prepares Program

Our Prepares program is ready to help young families in need. If you know of a family who could use help with diapers or other child-related needs, please have them call Becky at 935-6635.

Summer Camps at Deer Lake

Camp Gifford is accepting applications for youth ages 7—17 for the 2016 summer season! Located on Deer Lake, your children can enjoy the great outdoors with swimming, hiking, archery, and more all while experiencing the love of God. Camp Gifford is proud to offer some of the most affordable camp rates around. Contact Lt. Ken Kaurasi for more information at (509) 329-2754.

FFF: The Last Judgment

Our *Family Faith Formation* home lesson topic this week is "The Last Judgment," covered in Questions 299-301 of *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Home-lesson packets are available on the parish website.

By Heart Catechism

299. What will take place on the day of the Last Judgment?

On the day of the Last Judgment: (1) All of us will be revealed, "for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body" (2 Corinthians 5:10); then (2) "those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment" (John 5:29).

300. What will take place when Christ returns with power?

When Christ returns with power as Judge of the living and the dead: (1) He will give His people to the Father, and (2) the Church will then reach perfection and enter into the fullness of God.

301. When will we fully reach our eternal destiny?

On the day of the Last Judgment, we will fully reach our eternal destiny. The primary happiness of Heaven consists in this: we shall possess, in body and soul, the infinitely perfect God and be possessed by Him. We will be personally and consciously united to God Himself, Who is infinite Goodness, Truth and Beauty. God's love will fulfill every desire of the human heart. We will then experience a happiness which, once achieved, we will never lose.

Please turn in the *Family Faith Formation* books which you checked out for the school year. They will be re-issued next fall. Thank you!

What is the Biblical Reason Catholics Pray to Saints for Intercession?

No one prays to *dead* saints because those in Heaven are more alive than we are. The Lord is God of the living, not of the dead (Mk 12:27). The fervent prayer of a righteous man is very powerful (Jas 5:16). Those in Heaven are surely righteous, since nothing unclean can enter Heaven (Rev 21:27). Those in Heaven are part of the Mystical Body of Christ and have not been separated from us by death, but surround us as a great cloud of witnesses (Heb 12:1). They stand before the throne of the Lord and offer our prayers to Him (Rev 5:8) and cheer us on as we keep on fighting the good fight of faith and running the race to the finish (2 Tim 4:7).

Intercession among members of the Mystical Body of Christ is pleasing to the Lord (1 Tim 2:1-4) and even commanded by Him (Jn 15:17). Those in Heaven have a perfected love, so how could they not intercede for us? Christ is the vine, and we are the branches; if we are connected to Him, we are inseparably bound together as well. Can the eye say to the hand, "I need you not"? Neither are we to say we do not need the prayers of our brothers and sisters (alive here or in Heaven), because salvation truly is a family affair.

Incidentally, we can pray for the intercession of those who are canonized saints (e.g. Saint John Paul the Great) as well as those who are blessed but not yet officially declared saints (e.g. Blessed Teresa of Kolkata — AKA Mother Teresa). What is the difference between "saint and "blessed"? There are several steps in the Church's process of declaring someone a saint. From first to last, the corresponding titles are Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed, and Saint. "Blesseds" are those who have been beatified; beatification requires one attested miracle and allows the beatified person to be venerated by his or her local church (that is, his or her diocese or provincial region of ministry). Canonization requires an additional attested miracle and allows veneration of the saint by the universal Church. Canonization is an infallible statement by the Church that the saint is truly in Heaven.

Beginning next Sunday, our summer series "Saint of the Day" will begin, as in past years, so that we may continue getting to know these true heroes of our Catholic Christian faith.

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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