

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

February 21	Bob + and Pam Wester
February 22	Special Intention
February 23	No Mass
February 24	Joseph Schleker +
Feb. 25, 4:00 PM	Jerome McCanna +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday	5:30 PM Mass at Holy Ghost followed by Adoration from 6:00—7:00 PM
Wednesday	1:00 PM at Providence St. Joseph Hospital
Thursday	No Mass (Fr. Jeff has meeting in Spokane)
Friday	9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30 AM

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1. There will be two Masses that day:

- ◆ 7:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary
- ◆ 1:00 PM at Providence St. Joseph Hospital

While it is true that Ash Wednesday is an important day insofar as it marks the beginning of Lent, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. There are two reasons why there will only be two Masses on Ash Wednesday this year. One, priests are actually prohibited by Canon Law from celebrating more than two Masses per day throughout the year, outside of Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Two, what distinguishes Ash Wednesday Masses from normal weekday Masses is the ash that we receive. Three things are significant about the ash. One, the ash reminds us of our mortality, which should inspire great humility in us in the presence of Almighty God Who made us (“Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.”). Two, the ash signifies Christ’s call to us to repent (“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”). Three, with the ash on our foreheads, we visually give witness to Jesus Christ and our faith in Him. This is why we will have a Mass first thing in the morning, before folks head off to work or school, and the other will be our usual midday Mass at the hospital.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Last weekend was Commitment Sunday for our diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. I (Bishop Daly) appreciate the generosity shown by so many and ask those who have not yet pledged, please consider my request that all Catholic households do so. To date, the following pledges have been received:

- St. Mary of the Rosary: \$6,260 (25% of goal and 9.6% parishioner participation)
- Holy Ghost: \$1,580 (25% of goal; 10.8% parishioner participation)
- Sacred Heart: \$1,025 (38% of goal; 16.7% parishioner participation)

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner at Holy Ghost

The annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner at Holy Ghost Church in Valley will be Sunday, March 19, from Noon to 2:30 PM. The menu will be fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, bread, and pie. Adults \$10.00, Children 6-10 \$6.00, ages 3-5 \$4.00. Please support this annual fundraiser which benefits Holy Ghost Church.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers

Beginning March 3, there will be Stations of the Cross at St. Mary of the Rosary every Friday at 5:30 PM (through April 7), and each week the stations will be followed with a Soup Supper in the parish hall. Except for March 3, there will be a guest speaker at each of the suppers. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. You are not expected to bring soup unless someone specifically asked you to do so. There is a schedule for the soup providers and there has always been enough.

K, of C. Breakfast

The February Knights of Columbus Breakfast will be Sunday, Feb. 26, after the 10:00 Mass. Donations will be used by the Knights for youth activities.

Women’s Wednesdays

St. Mary’s Ladies Auxiliary has moved into its new time slot: the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 9—11:00 AM. Each month will have a theme for a service project that will help the community and/or the parish. The next date will be February 22. All women are invited.

Our next project is a women’s outreach project. We will be creating reusable feminine hygiene kits to help young girls in other countries stay in school and have a better chance at education, thereby also reducing their risk of poverty. The kits are created for a non-profit called ‘Days for Girls’ and the organization sends them out all over the world. If you sew, that would be helpful, but there is a job for everyone no matter your skills.

Emergency Contact Card for Your Wallet

Fr. Jeff has printed new emergency contact cards with updated emergency telephone numbers for the parishes in our tri-county area. They are available in all the churches. Take as many as you like.

Volunteer Drivers Wanted

Several homebound parishioners living in Chewelah have expressed a growing desire to get back to Mass, but they cannot drive themselves anymore. We need St. Mary of the Rosary parishioners who live in Chewelah who would be willing to be regular drivers for these homebound. Talk to Fr. Jeff for more info.

K, C. Breakfast February 26!

Family Faith Formation:

The Ten Commandments

This week’s *Family Faith Formation* topic is “The Ten Commandments,” covering Questions 276, 281, 283-284 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*). Please contact Fr. Jeff for more information or if you have any questions about this tri-parish religious education program.

By Heart Catechism

- 276. What is the summary of all of the commandments?** The two-fold law of love: love of God and love of neighbor.
- 281. How do we know the duties which flow from love of God and neighbor?** From the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mountain (especially the Beatitudes), the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, the Theological and Cardinal Virtues, and the laws of the Church.
- 283. How do we sin against God’s honor?** By putting anything or anyone in God’s place; by blaspheming God (taking the Lord’s Name in vain); by failing to show respect for people, places, and things that are consecrated to God; by atheism, heresy, or schism; and by skipping Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

For Christmas, our parishes offered free copies of a book called *Resisting Happiness* by acclaimed Catholic author and speaker Matthew Kelly. The positive response to this book has been incredible. This book was made available through Lighthouse Catholic Media.

At St. Mary of the Rosary, more materials (books, booklets, and CDs) are available through Lighthouse Catholic Media, and these materials will be made available at Holy Ghost and Sacred Heart, as well. There is a suggested donation for these materials; donations will go toward buying new materials to keep our supplies stocked.

These materials, like *Resisting Happiness*, are great faith formation resources that touch on a variety of topics, by a variety of Catholic authors and speakers. The CDs, for example: why take trips to Spokane listening to the same top-40 schlock on the radio when you can listen to a great Catholic speaker on a topic of profound importance? These speakers happen to be engaging (not to mention quite hilarious at times). And then, when you are done with the CD, it becomes something ready to use to evangelize.

These resources are not only engaging and entertaining, but even more importantly, they are formative and even life-transforming. Matthew Kelly, who wrote *Resisting Happiness*, is one of the speakers featured in these CDs. Fr. Robert Spitzer, former president of Gonzaga and frequent guest on EWTN, is another speaker. Up-and-coming youth and young-adult speaker, Chris Stefanick, is another.

These materials are just a small sampling of what is available. Try one out, get it after Mass at the church, and let us know what you think. Keep in mind that in addition to these new resources, both St. Mary of the Rosary and Sacred Heart have parish libraries filled with all varieties of other great books and other materials. Check it out the next time you join us for Mass at either of these parishes. For more information about our parish libraries, contact Ed Grim at St. Mary of the Rosary or Lydia Sproull at Sacred Heart.

A resounding theme in parish life overall and in our Sunday homilies the past year has been to enhance our commitment to faithful, joyful discipleship. Disciples set out to win souls for Jesus Christ, by bringing Christ to others so as to bring others to Christ. And these Lighthouse Catholic Media resources are a great “fuel” to get us going in this noble endeavor.

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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