

**Saint Joseph at Jump-Off Joe was built in 1905 by Jesuit missionary Father Aloysius Folchi, but prior to its construction, Masses and other liturgies were held for years in the homes of Catholic families. Saint Joseph Cemetery was founded in 1898 was moved to its current location in 1905 when the church was built. Despite being over one hundred years old, the church has retained much of its original construction, having not undergone any major renovations in the past century. A popular parish legend involving beloved pastor, Father Pius Mutter, recounts the theft of the church's altar cross, sanctuary lamp fixture, thurible, and other sanctuary implements. Every Sunday, Father Mutter pleaded that the "missing" items be returned, but to no avail, until finally, he threatened to cancel hunting season for the year, and all of a sudden, the "missing" items mysteriously returned.**

**One priest served as pastor to Saint Joseph, Holy Ghost in Valley, and Sacred Heart in Springdale for many years, and during the tenure of Father Al Grasher, the pastor's responsibilities expanded to include Saint Mary of the Rosary parish in Chewelah. Saint Joseph serves the Catholic families living in Jump-Off Joe, Valley, Waitts Lake, and the surrounding areas.**