St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM Ski Mass, Sundays 4:30 PM (canceled Feb. 7) 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 Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Feb. 9 No Mass Wed., Feb. 10, 6:30 AM

Wed., Feb 10, 1:00 PM

Wed., Feb 10, 5:30 PM Thursday, Feb. 11

Friday, Feb. 12 Sat., Feb. 6, 4 PM

Mardi Gras Volunteers Jim Puhek +

Karol Bormes + Poor Souls in Purgatory +

Those suffering in our tri-parishes

Shane Wang +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday

Wednesday See Ash Wednesday Schedule Thursday 12:15 PM St. Mary of the Rosary

Friday 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 10, is Ash Wednesday. Please remember that this is a day of fasting and abstinence, but it is NOT a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule that day is as follows:

> 6:30 AM St. Mary of the Rosary

1:00 PM * St. Mary of the Rosary *OR* Hosp.

5:30 PM Holy Ghost

* Masses at Providence St. Joseph Hospital

There has been a viral outbreak at the hospital, so consequently the 1:00 PM Mass on Wednesdays will be at St. Mary of the Rosary instead of the hospital until the outbreak runs its course. Signs will be posted. Arrive early in case you need to travel to an alternate location.

St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary

February's meeting for St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary will start with a fun social activity — a Lenten season craft project. We will decorate mason jars and fill them with scripture verses to be read each day of Lent.

No Ski Mass or Youth Group February 7

The 4:30 Ski Mass and Youth Group have both been canceled for Sunday, Feb. 7.

Mardi Gras Dinner & Dessert Auction

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Mardi Gras dinner and dessert auction. The financial results are: \$1143.64 profit on the dinner, \$3572.00 from the dessert auction, 50/50, and wine sales, and \$472.00 to the youth group.

The 6:30 AM Mass on Ash Wednesday will be offered for the intention of all who helped put on this event. God bless you all!

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross at both St. Mary of the Rosary and Holy Ghost during Lent.

- Holy Ghost: Tuesdays at Noon.
- St. Mary of the Rosary: Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by a Soup Supper.

Soup Supper Provider Schedule

Everyone is invited to come to the Friday night Soup Suppers at St. Mary of the Rosary following Stations of the Cross. You do NOT need to bring a soup. The soup will be provided by members of the various parish ministries as per the following schedule:

February 12: Knights of Columbus (Joe Trudeau)

February 19: Choir (Monna Mach)

February 26: Liturgical Ministers & Ladies Auxiliary March 4: Pastoral/Finance Councils (M. Wasco) March 11: Sacred Heart Parish (Mary Jo Spurgeon) March 18: All Parish Soup Supper (sign-up sheet)

Lent Stations / Soup-Supper Presentations

Fr. Jeff will be leading a 5-part presentation series that will follow Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent at St. Mary of the Rosary. The theme for this year's series is "Forming Intentional Disciples," exploring and discussing Sherry Weddell's book of the same title. Table discussions will be part of this year's series, and discussion outlines and booklets will be provided for \$3.25 (limited number available). We encourage everyone to read this book, if you have not already done so, to help further prepare for this year's series. The presentation schedule is as follows:

February 19: The American religious landscape and the New Evangelization (Chapter 1)

February 26: Discipleship, Charisms, and the Sacraments (Chapters 2-4)

March 4: The 5 thresholds of conversion (Chapters 5-8) March 11 & 18: How to evangelize (Chapters 9-12)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Paris and Lourdes!

From October 2—13, Bishop Thomas Daly will be leading a diocesan pilgrimage to the shrines of France and include Paris, Orleans, Chartres, Mont St. Michel, and Lyon. The highlight of the trip will be a two-day visit to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Lady of Lourdes is the patroness of the Diocese of Spokane and so this pilgrimage will have special significance for our parishioner.

For more information and registration instructions, log on to the website for Diocese of Spokane: http://dioceseofspokane.org/events/lourdes.

Pilgrims will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and the trip is expected to fill up very fast. Further questions can be answered by contacting the tour organizer: Mr. Richard Sontag, Tekton Ministries, (307) 574-4191.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Save the date of March 20 for the St. Patrick's Day dinner at Holy Ghost in Valley.

Family Faith Formation: Indulgences

Our Family Faith Formation home lesson topic this week is "Indulgences", covered in Questions 212-217 of The Apostolate's Family Catechism. Your packet is available on the parish website.

By Heart Catechism

- 212. What is an indulgence? An indulgence is the Church's special intercession with God for the remission of temporal punishment due to sin, which has already been forgiven.
- 213. How does the Church have the power to grant indulgences? Making use of her power to minister the redemption of Christ, the Church intervenes to dispense the treasure of the superabundant merits of Christ and the saints, to the faithful who are rightly disposed, for the remission of temporal punishment due their sins.
- 215. May we gain an indulgence for the benefit of the departed? Yes, all indulgences, without exception, may be offered by way of intercession for the departed. Although we may gain indulgences for ourselves, we may not offer them for any other living person.

Spiritual Act of Mercy: Counseling the Doubtful

The second Spiritual Work of Mercy is Counseling the Doubtful. For this, then, we need to consider what is meant by "doubt" and what is meant by "counsel."

Regarding doubt, there is doubt in philosophy, in theology, and in practical life. Philosophy considers doubt as an intentional act of the mind and will: "I doubt that" means "I refuse to believe that." In matters of objective truth, to doubt is willfully to remain in a state of ignorance. For such doubters, what is needed is convincing, not counseling, because they choose to be skeptical about objective truth and need to be convinced that there is no reasonable basis for their doubt.

Theology renders doubt more along the lines of uncertainty. Zechariah doubted the words of the Archangel Gabriel and so was struck mute until the birth of his son, John the Baptist. Even Mother Mary, can be said to have doubted the Annunciation insofar as she was uncertain of "how can this be since [she has] no relations with a man." This form of doubt can be counseled and consoled insofar as the uncertainty of understanding desires to catch up with faith, for faith seeks understanding.

Practical doubt also concerns uncertainty, and practical doubt has import where ethics and moral theology are concerned. When one is uncertain as to the morality or immorality of a certain action, one might be tempted to think that ignorance is bliss and thus proceed to do that action. But to act with a doubtful, uncertain conscience is to disregard the moral law and, therefore, is a sin, for we have the duty and obligation to inform our conscience with regard to morality and virtuous living, and this form of doubt, too, can be counseled and consoled.

Counsel is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, commonly defined as that aspect of faith from which springs supernatural prudence, thus empowering us to see and to choose correctly that which will help us most on our pilgrim's journey for the greater glory of God and thus for our own salvation. If we are well-grounded in our faith, then we have the duty to help others whose faith is weaker than our own, to help them to see the fright path and to choose correctly which actions and behaviors would help them draw closer to God. For theological and practical doubt, those whose faith is strong can counsel those who doubt, then helping them, by the grace of God, to enlighten the mind, heart, and soul. There is some element of Instructing the Ignorant in this, perhaps, but Counseling the Doubtful requires quite a bit of a pastoral approach nourished with considerable prayer and discernment.

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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Parish Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays: 10:00—11:30 AM, 1:45—5:00 PM; Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM-5 PM