

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

Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday, 6:00 PM

Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

April 5	No Mass
April 6	ACA Donors – Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.
April 7	Bernie Egger +
April 8	ACA Donors – Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday	No Mass/Holy Hour (Fr. Jeff in Spokane)
Wednesday	1:00 PM Prov. St. Joseph Hospital
Thursday	1:00 PM Funeral Mass for Bernie Egger St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday	9:00 AM followed by Holy Hour 9:30—10:30 AM

Day of Prayer on Forgiveness — April 10

You asked for it — here it is! Many people commented that they wanted a local Day of Prayer as opposed to a 3-day retreat on the South Hill in Spokane. Therefore, Fr. Jeff has arranged for Charles F. Finck to lead a Day of Prayer at St. Mary of the Rosary on Sunday, April 10, 2016.

The Day of Prayer will officially begin next Sunday with Mass at 10:00 AM. Following an after-Mass brunch, there will be two conferences, a break for dinner, and then the final conference from 6:30—8:00 PM. The cost for the Day of Prayer is a free will offering. A sign-up sheet is posted.

Ladies Auxiliary Planning Brunch

The Ladies Auxiliary is organizing a brunch for April 10 after Mass and before the Day of Prayer.

If you can make a dish for this brunch, please sign up on one of the sheets in the back of the church. For questions, please contact Becky Washington at 935-6635.

Congratulations, Our Newly Confirmed!

We pray for the following people who will receive Confirmation and/or First Eucharist from Bishop Daly on April 3: Trinity Wang, Wade Baker, Gareth Baker, and Russell Chartrey.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the soul of Bernie Egger who passed on March 31. Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 PM Rosary Vigil at St. Mary of the Rosary. Her funeral Mass Thursday, April 7, 1:00 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary.

Eternal rest grant unto Bernie, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Tri-Parish Meeting at Holy Ghost, Re: Rectory

On Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 PM, there will be a meeting open to all of our tri-parish parishioners so that Fr. Jeff can update everyone on the Valley rectory situation (the financial concerns and the proposed solution). Fr. Jeff is doing this in the spirit of open dialogue and complete transparency. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there. (Note: this meeting was previously scheduled for April 5 but has been moved back a week due to a previous commitment of Fr. Jeff's.)

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!

Called & Gifted Workshop

St. Mary's Parish 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 276-2948 to sign up. Deadline is Monday, April 11.

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—3:30 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 call Cheri Johnson at 509-456-0438 for more information.

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.

Peace at the Park

Please remember to attend the Peace at the Park event today, Sunday, April 3, from Noon to 1:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please come support this ecumenical gathering to show your solidarity with the desire for peace in our world.

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

There is no update this week. *We are still well short of meeting our goals.* This year's goals are:

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

St. Mary's has received \$15,536 in pledges which is 64% of their goal. 54 families (30%) 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:

FINAL Large-Group Gathering

Our next monthly large-group gathering for *Family Faith Formation* is this Wednesday, April 6, 6:30-8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary. The topic will be "The Seven Last Words," covering Question 95 in *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Fr. Jeff will be our presenter. Childcare is provided. Everyone will meet in the parish hall, and then our K-6 children will go with their catechists to their own classrooms while the adults remain in the parish hall with Fr. Jeff. Contact Tanya Parrott at 936-2594 or stgkparrott@gmail.com with any questions. Please join us on April 6 at 6:30 PM if you would like to take part in this program.

Why Catholics Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday:

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." He had long been actively promoting the message of St. Faustina. In his 1980 encyclical on God's mercy, *Rich in Mercy*, he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. By linking the revealed truth about God's mercy to one of the most solemn Sundays after Easter, he illumined the fact that the liturgy already proclaimed the divine mercy.

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel, from John 20:19-31, begins with the risen Lord appearing to the apostles on Easter night. Jesus shows them the scars of His Passion, His wounded hands and side. His glorified body retains the evidence of His saving work through His suffering, death and resurrection. He fills them with joy and says to them, "Peace." He breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." He gives the apostles the power of God's mercy for the sinner, the gift of forgiving sins from God's treasury of mercy.

From Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday to the Eighth Day of Easter, the divine love song of mercy is chanted amid abundant alleluias. For centuries in liturgy, the Church has proclaimed the mercy of God through the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. The tables of Word and Sacrament are heaped with the promises of Divine Mercy and its grand effect in the lives of millions. The liturgy is the storehouse of the wisdom of God and a treasure chest for all the worshippers.

One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This beautiful Sacrament was presented to the Church by Christ Himself on the day of His Resurrection; hence this sacrament of Mercy is supremely relevant in the Easter season. Finding times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to observe Divine Mercy.

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