

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

### Mass Intentions

Tues., August 18 Corry Van Pul +  
Wed., August 19 No Mass  
Thurs., August 20 Sister Alberta Nett +  
Friday, August 21 Fr. Darrin Connall

### Weekday Mass Schedule

**Tuesday** 5:30 PM at Holy Ghost in Valley, followed by Adoration from 6:00—7:00 PM.  
**Wednesday** No Mass due to Fr. Jeff's meeting in Spokane  
**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 AM.

### Summer Schedule for 8:00 AM Mass on Sundays

- 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays — 8:00 AM Mass will be at Holy Ghost Church in Valley.
- 2nd & 4th Sundays — 8:00 AM Mass will be at St. Joseph Church at Jump Off Joe.

### St. Mary's Preschool

St. Mary's School is now enrolling children of ages 3—5 years for classes beginning in September. Please stop by the parish office and pick up an enrollment packet. Class size is limited.

### Thank You for Helping with Outdoor Mass

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, haul supplies, and clean up for the Outdoor Mass and the dinner in Chewelah on Friday, August 14.

### Thank You for Supporting Vacation Bible School

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the program a great success. It was a very fun-filled week for the youth of our community while they learned more about God and the amazing story of creation.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

This year's tri-parish RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin in September, and once again, our lead catechist will be Fr. Jeff. If anyone you know is not yet Catholic but maybe is interested in learning more about our faith and joining the Church at Easter, contact Fr. Jeff right away. More information coming soon.

### Fr. Darrin Connall

Fr. Darrin Connall, former vocations director for the Diocese of Spokane and current rector of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes has been diagnosed with colon cancer. It is treatable and hopes are very high. Fr. Connall has several connections with our own tri-parish family in faith and Stevens County: his first pastor assignment was in Colville. He is the son of Katie and Pete Reis, former parishioners of Holy Ghost. His brother is Kelly Connall, parishioner of St. Mary of the Rosary. Please keep Fr. Connall and his family in your prayers.

### Rummage Sale Needs Your Rummage

Please clean out your closets, garages, basements, and attics and bring us your sell-able stuff for the St. Mary's Rummage Sale. We are looking for furniture, housewares, tools, yard maintenance supplies, sporting goods, etc. We are NOT accepting clothes, helmets of any kind, baby cribs or car seats.

The Rummage Sale will be September 18 & 19 from 9:00—3:00 at St. Mary's. Janet Goulet is heading this up. Please contact her if you have any questions or if you can help in any way.

### Marriage & Family

This October, Pope Francis is calling for the second of two Extraordinary Synods on Marriage and Family. In celebration of Marriage and Family in the Catholic Church and in preparation for the upcoming Synod, we are inviting all couples and families amongst our parishioners to submit first-person testimonials to Fr. Jeff regarding the beauty (and the challenges) of marriage and family life as faithful Catholics, testimonials that Fr. Jeff may then, with permis-

### Thrivent Mobil Food Bank

A semi truck full of food will be delivered to the Chewelah Senior Center on **August 18** and many volunteers will be needed to help unload it and then repackage the food into family-sized quantities for distribution to needy families. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help. This project will run from 8:30 AM - Noon.

### Youth Group

Our tri-parish youth group for 7th—12th graders is gearing up for another year. Our first youth event is Saturday, August 29: a youth Mass at Sacred Heart in Springdale. The next event will be an overnighter on Saturday-Sunday, September 12-13 (more details coming soon). And regular youth group meetings take place each week on Sundays, beginning Sept. 20, 6:00—8:00 PM at St. Mary's School. If you have any questions, contact our lead youth minister, Lori Larsen (675-4491) or Fr. Jeff.

### Theology Uncorked

Our second series of Theology Uncorked faith formation presentations is coming up: Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:00 PM on September 22 & 29 and October 6 & 13. Location TBD. At the request of several parishioners, this year's presentations will focus on major topics of Catholic morality: Life Issues (abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment); War (just war theory); Sexual Ethics (divorce, contraception, gay marriage); and the Environment. The format will once again be presentation of Church teaching followed by table discussion. Given the potential controversy of these topics, it will be tempting to enter into debate, but a debate format is not on the docket — presentation and discussion only. More information coming soon. We hope to see you there!

### Family Faith Formation

Our tri-parish Family Faith Formation religious education program is ready for its third year. Our kick-off event is Wednesday, September 16, 6:30—8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Everyone interested in joining (or simply learning what this program is about) is invited to attend the dinner event. Sandwiches, salads, and sides will be provided, as well as any and all information you may want to know. If you have any ques-

~~Bishop Thomas Daily will celebrate all four Masses next weekend. Biscuits & Gravy will follow the Damascene (St. John of Damascus) whose memorial is December 4. He was born in the late 7th Century and died mid-8th Century.~~  
10:00 Mass on August 29.

He was born in Damascus but spent most of his life in the monastery of St. Sabas, near Jerusalem, and all of his life under Muslim rule. He received a classical and theological education, and followed his father in a government position under the Arabs. But after only a few years, he resigned and went to the monastery of St. Sabas.

His fame is three-fold. First, he is known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images. Paradoxically, it was the Eastern Christian emperor Leo who forbade the practice, and it was because St. John lived in Muslim territory that his enemies could not silence him. Second, St. John is famous for his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers (of which he is venerated as the last). It is said that this book is for Eastern schools what the *Summa Theologiae* of St. Thomas Aquinas became for the West. Thirdly, he is known as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church, the other being Romanus the Melodist. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

St. John defended the Church's understanding of the veneration of images and explained the faith of the Church in several other controversies. For more than 30 years, he combined a life of prayer with these defenses and his other writings. His holiness expressed itself in putting his literary and preaching talents at the service of the Lord.

In his *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, he writes: "The saints must be honored as friends of Christ and children and heirs of God, as St. John [the Apostle], the theologian and evangelist, says: 'But as many as received Him, He gave them the power to be made the sons of God . . .' Let us carefully observe the manner of life of all the apostles, martyrs, ascetics and just men who announced the coming of the Lord. And let us emulate their faith, charity, hope, zeal, life, pa-

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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