

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. 2 Holy Ghost Altar Society members
Wed., Feb. 3 Poor Souls in Purgatory +
Thursday, Feb. 4 Aurora Rios +
Friday, Feb. 5 John & Sarah Lacic
Sat., Feb. 6, 4 PM Shane Wang +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5:30 PM at Holy Ghost in Valley, followed by Adoration from 6:00—7:00 PM.
Wednesday 1:00 PM Prov. St. Joseph Hospital Chapel
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.

First Friday Devotion

February 5 is the First Friday of the month. First Friday Devotion continues that day with Mass and Holy Hour beginning at 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary.

Confessions at Sacred Heart

Friday, February 5, is the First Friday in February. Confessions will be heard at Sacred Heart in Springdale from 5:00—5:30 PM.

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 40 scripture verses — one to be read each day of Lent. Make them for your family or to give away to others at church. Just bring mason jars and any craft supplies you have around the house (ribbons, craft paper, stickers, etc.). The meeting is Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7:00 PM in the St. Mary's library. All women are welcome and encouraged to come. Bring a friend!

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. We will have the financial results next week.

Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer at IHRC

There will be a Silent Day of Prayer on Ash Wednesday, February 10, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. The theme is "Lent Seen through the Eyes of St. Ignatius". The Day of Prayer begins at 9:00 AM with the Rosary. There will be two conferences led by Fr. Michael Maher, S.J., Mass, and other options such as Adoration and Reconciliation. Lunch is included in the \$38 price. The day concludes at 3:00 PM. Please sign up in advance for this Day of Prayer by calling the retreat center at (509) 448-1224 or visiting their website at www.ihrc.net.

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 Prov. St. Joseph Hospital
5:30 PM Holy Ghost

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

On Friday, February 12, there will be Stations of the Cross at St. Mary of the Rosary at 5:30 PM followed by a Soup Supper hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Full schedule coming next week.

Best Lent Ever

What should I give up for Lent? Lent is the perfect span of time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But most of us just give up chocolate, and when Easter arrives, we are not much further advanced spiritually than we were at the beginning of Lent.

Lent is not just about giving things up, like chocolate. Lent is about *doing* something — something bold to become a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, neighbor, etc.

What if this year you did more than just give something up for Lent? Do something life-changing. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's *Best Lent Ever*. To receive their daily emails this lent, sign up at www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/

Holy Ghost/St. Joseph Parish Council

The parish council of Holy Ghost/St. Joseph will meet on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 PM at Holy Ghost parish hall.

Pilgrimage to Paris and Lourdes!

Bishop Thomas Daly, together with Fr. Darin Connall of the Cathedral and Fr. Jeff, is leading a pilgrimage to holy sites in Paris, Lourdes, and other places in France, October 2-13, 2016. The \$3,495 cost includes almost everything. Only 80 spots are available, and they will fill up fast! To find out more, check out our parish website. To register, contact Fr. Jeff in the parish office.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Save the date of March 20 for the St. Patrick's Day dinner at Holy Ghost in Valley. The dinner will be served between Noon and 2:30 PM: Fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread, pie, and beverages. Adults, \$8.00; Children ages 6—10, \$5.00; Children 3—5, \$3.00. Everyone is invited to attend this annual event.

Catholic Men's Conference is March 12

The annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Gonzaga University on March 12, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. \$30. More info coming soon.

Family Faith Formation: Large-Group Gathering

Our next monthly large-group gathering for *Family Faith Formation* is this Wednesday, February 3, 6:30—8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary. The topic will be "The Sacrifice of the Mass," covering questions 241-246 in *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Fr. Jeff returns as 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 and youth 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 February 3 at 6:30 PM. We'll see you there!

Spiritual Act of Mercy: Instructing the Ignorant

Having concluded our reflections on the seven Corporal Works of Mercy, we now turn to the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy. Whereas the Corporal Works of Mercy are concerned mainly with caring for the physical needs of others, the Spiritual Works of Mercy are concerned with the needs of others with regard to their intellectual, emotional, and spiritual selves.

The first Spiritual Work of Mercy then — Instructing the Ignorant — is one that focuses on the intellectual needs of others. Every human person is conceived with the *capacity* for reason, but whether or not that capacity is ever actually exercised (learning; intellection; understanding; and so forth) depends greatly on the opportunities that person has for growing into that capacity. A child born in a cave and "raised by wolves" as it were is not likely to grow up to become the next St. Thomas Aquinas. And yet, it is divine justice that human nature be afforded every opportunity to flourish in all aspects of life, including the intellectual.

The first (and, really, the best) teachers for a child are that child's parents. In the baptismal liturgy, the solemn blessing for the baptized child's father reads that the father "and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they also be the best of teachers." And so, it is the duty primarily of the parents to Instruct the Ignorant — in the ways of faith (and so passing their own faith on to their children); but also in the common sense ways of life: polite manners for example; saying "please" and "thank you" and in general learning how to behave in public; and so forth.

But as we know, ignorance extends into adulthood, and nobody ever reaches the end of all learning (not in *this* earthly life anyway). Thus, our God-given duty of Instructing the Ignorant still remains. In the ways of faith, we not only have the right to defend our faith by explaining the truth of what we *really* believe (for example, Catholics do *not* worship bread, or Mary, or the Pope — did you know that?); we also have the duty to do so. Defending our faith with calm, rational reasoning and discourse actually constitutes an entire branch of Christian theology and evangelization, which is called "apologetics." Christian apologists make it a personal ministry to Instruct the Ignorant.

But the undergirding principle of any endeavor to Instruct the Ignorant must be this: truth in love. We relate with others in polite, rational discourse in the spirit of fraternal charity; we speak the truth in love. As Saint Paul reminds us, if we do not have love, we gain nothing; we are nothing.

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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