

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 (at Holy Ghost)
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM at HG

Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday, 6:00 PM
Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

February 14	HG Altar Society members
February 15	Darlene Ghigleri +
February 16	Frank Femling +
February 17	Chris Kilduff +
Feb. 18, 4:00 PM	Bob Storms +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday	5:30 PM Mass at Holy Ghost followed by Adoration from 6:00—7:00 PM
Wednesday	1:00 PM at Providence St. Joseph Hospital
Thursday	12:15 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday	9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30 AM

Rest in Peace

We pray for the soul of Denny Burya who died last month and whose graveside service was held at St. Joseph at Jump Off Joe. Eternal rest, grant unto Denny, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Denny's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Volunteer Drivers Wanted

Several homebound parishioners living in Chewelah have expressed a growing desire to get back to Mass, but they cannot drive themselves anymore. We need St. Mary of the Rosary parishioners who live in Chewelah who would be willing to be regular drivers for these homebound. Talk to Fr. Jeff for more info.

All Parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary together for health and healing of our parishioners following the 10:00 AM Mass on February 19.

Annual Catholic Appeal

In all parishes and missions of the diocese, this is Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Week-end. I ask that you respond as generously as possible to Bishop Daly's request that you contribute. Participation of every household among our tri-parishes promotes the witness and spread of the Gospel to the farthest corners of the diocese. Our goals are:

- St. Mary of the Rosary: \$25,136
- Holy Ghost: 6,258
- Sacred Heart 2,677

Women's Wednesdays

St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary has moved into its new time slot: the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 9—11:00 AM. Each month will have a theme for a service project that will help the community and/or the parish. The next date will be Feb. 22. All women are invited.

Thank you to all who helped with Valentines gifts this month. We will be delivering them to the residents of St. Joseph's Long Term Care Unit and Quail Hollow Assisted Living. We were also happy to have them delivered to each of our homebound parishioners.

Our next project is a women's outreach project. We will be creating reusable feminine hygiene kits to help young girls in other countries stay in school and have a better chance at education, thereby also reducing their risk of poverty. The kits are created for a non-profit called Days for Girls and the organization sends them out all over the world. If you sew, that would be helpful, but there is a job for everyone no matter your skills.

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

On Sunday, January 29, the *Spokesman-Review* ran an article on funeral costs in the Spokane area. Unfortunately, they misrepresented *Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of Spokane* in many ways, especially in costs. We are in fact a non-profit, charitable ministry of the Diocese of Spokane and the only non-profit funeral and cemetery provider in Spokane. We want to assure you that we are faithful to the traditions and rituals of our Catholic Church. For further info, please call us at (509) 467-5496.

Emergency Contact Card for Your Wallet

Fr. Jeff has printed new emergency contact cards with updated emergency telephone numbers for the parishes in our tri-county area. They are available in all the churches. Take as many as you like.

Thank You from NEW Family Life Services

On behalf of N.E.W. Family Life Services, Vonnie McCoy thanks us for supporting the crisis pregnancy center and maternity home. In 2016, our tri-parishes donated a total of \$399.36. Last year they served 160 clients through pregnancy counseling sessions, classes, support services, and referral services.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Holy Ghost

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Holy Ghost Church in Valley will be Sunday, March 19, from Noon to 2:30 PM. The menu will be fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, bread, and pie. Adults \$10.00, Children 6-10 \$6.00, ages 3-5 \$4.00. Please support this annual fundraiser which benefits Holy Ghost Church.

Family Faith Formation:

Temptation

This week's *Family Faith Formation* topic is "Temptation," covering Questions 70-71 in *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Home Lesson packets are available on the parish website and also in your email (if you registered for FFF). Please contact Fr. Jeff for more information or if you have any questions about this tri-parish religious ed program.

By Heart Catechism

70. What is Temptation? It is an invitation to sin that comes either from within us and our disordered passions or from outside of us (from the world or the devil). They are not sins in and of themselves; sin only occurs when we consent to temptation.

71. Where do temptations come from? From the devil, from the world around us, and from forces within us (our disordered passions).

Bible Study with Fr. Jeff

This Wednesday, February 15, is our Bible Study meeting for Family Faith Formation, 6:30—8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Fr. Jeff will lead the presentation and discussion on Genesis 3 as we discuss how sin and temptation tend to operate. Hope to see you there!

Questions about the Bible

Here are two interesting and frequently-asked questions about the Bible:

1. **Did the Catholic Church actually forbid people from reading the Bible?** This is a common accusation made against the Church and her hierarchy. The truth, however, is that, first of all, up until the relatively modern era, the average person could not even read; the "common man" was not literate enough to read the Bible even in his own language, let alone in Latin or Greek. So there would have been no reason to prohibit the reading of something that most people could not even read anyway. (Incidentally, it is because of widespread illiteracy why the Church for centuries has adorned her buildings with beautiful mosaics, stain-glass windows, statues, etc., so that the people could be told the stories of the Bible without needing to read the Bible; a picture is worth a thousand words after all.) Also, reading the Bible was in fact never prohibited. Certain translations of the Bible were considered heretical, that is true. Or they contained anti-Catholic commentaries. For these reasons, certain translations were prohibited. But authorized translations were perfectly allowed to be read.
2. **How and when did the numbering of chapters and verses in the Bible come about?** The Bible was not originally written with such break-ups of chapters and verses. The numbering was something that came about much later, soon after the invention of the printing press. But early handwritten copies of the Bible were written in Greek on papyrus scrolls without even the use of punctuation or spacing between words. This developed when papyrus scrolls were replaced by the codex (something like the modern book), and developed further with the printing press. At that point, it became convenient to locate and mark sections of text by inserting numbers within the words and dividing larger blocks of text in chapters. This was done solely to help readers locate sections of text. (This is comparable to lines of latitude and longitude drawn on maps.)
Incidentally, the division of the books of the Bible into chapters was done by Cardinal Stephen Langton (archbishop of Canterbury) in the year 1226.

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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