

MY PARISH FAMILY

Immaculate Conception (Colville) – Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls)
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

January 7, 2024: The Epiphany of the Lord



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 9

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Ellen Maddaloni

Wednesday, January 10

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Evelyn Romo +

Thursday, January 11

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Kathleen Perhach

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

Mary J Wilber

Friday, January 12

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. Adoration

Mert Graham

Saturday, January 13

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Sandy Hopkins

6:00 p.m. Mass (Kettle Falls)

Frank Werner +

Sunday, January 14 John 1:35-42

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 2nd Sunday)

Special Intention C.B.

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Marilyn Greene

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays: 7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

All other Fridays: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Every Thursday: 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.



Dear parishioners and guests,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Our joyful celebration of Jesus' birth comes to its end just as quickly as it began. Sometimes I think it's a pity that such a cheerful and grace-filled season is so short. However, we must not think that the celebration or the joy or the grace have to stop here. After all, in the season of Advent – and also in the season of Christmas – we have not only acknowledged the coming of Jesus in time; we have also reflected on the fact that He will come again at the end of the world, and that He continues to come to us and to be present to us in the here and now.

When I was in college, I remember the Catholic campus ministry organization hosting a guest speaker. If I recall correctly, he came to speak to us students about ways to observe the Jubilee year (2000). One of his suggestions was that we leave the nativity scene up all year. Something about that suggestion resonated with me.

As a child growing up, I always looked forward to helping my mother decorate the house for Christmas. She had a lot of decorations especially for our living room, which would be completely transformed from its normal state. But then, sometime in January, the day would inevitably arrive in which we had to “put away Christmas,” and everything went back into the boxes to be stored in the closet until the following Christmas.

There was always something about “putting away Christmas” that made my heart heavy. So, the idea of leaving the nativity scene up all year was most welcome! Visitors to my small chapel in the rectory will notice that all the figurines are on prominent display year round. For me, this practice not only extends the joy of Christmas; it also reminds me to ponder the gift and mystery of the Incarnation on a regular basis.

In our hectic world, it seems like we're always moving on to the next thing. I realize that's the nature of time, and that we don't want to get stuck in the past, but might it also be true that we often miss out on savoring the present because our eyes are already looking toward the future?

I pray that the graces of Christmas 2023 will not be lost on us – packed up in boxes to be stored or thrown out with the tree – but that we might carry the wonder of the season with us into the new year and allow those graces to unfold and bear abundant fruit.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes: Harold Rothwell, Mert Graham, Donna Norman, Palin Driver, Suzan Andrew, James Rowland, Elaine Huff, Lisa Huff, Roger Bresnahan, Diane Hess, Jim Miller, Loretta Bowling, Ella Sprangers & family, Father Charles Klutz, Bonnie Priest, Karen Hamel, Kenzie Sackman, Mick, Greg and Luke McCrea.

(Please remember, the list rotates each week.)

If you or someone you know are sick or homebound and would like to receive a visit, Holy Communion, or anointing of the sick, please call the Parish office.

Weekly Contributions: December 23-24

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$2,853.00

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$402.00

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$50.00

Christmas Contributions: December 24-25

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$4,854.00

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$1,005.00

Weekly Contributions: December 30-31

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$4,404.74

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$380.00

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$454.00

Social Outreach: \$80.00

ICP Capital Improvement: \$95.00

SHJ Capital Improvement: \$5,000.00



The Holy Father's monthly prayer intention for January: *For the gift of diversity in the Church.* “We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the different charisms within the Christian community and discover the richness of the different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.”



Mardi Gras is coming!

Tuesday, February 13.

Catered by Lori Roberts!

Mardi Gras 2024 will be great fun for all ages. Ticket

prices remain the same as last year: \$15 for singles, \$30 for couples, \$35 for families and \$100 for a table that seats eight. We will start selling tickets in late January.



The next **Wine and Cheese** event will be **January 13, 2024**, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the parish hall. Please come and visit with other parishioners and enjoy a delicious snack or two and a glass of wine!



The Knights of Columbus are holding a breakfast fund raiser on **Sunday, January 14**, after Mass in the **Immaculate Conception** parish hall. Please come to support the scholarship fund.

A spaghetti dinner at **Sacred Heart of Jesus** is scheduled for April 20, 2024, after the Saturday evening Mass.



Coffee and Donut Sunday

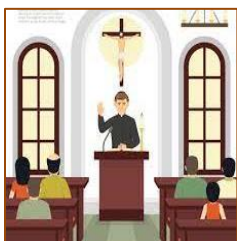
Would you like to help on Coffee and Donut Sundays with Linda Banta and Ziggy Coria? Linda and Ziggy are our new coordinators for this volunteer

ministry. They need additional people each first and third Sundays January through May before and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It is about an hour commitment – half an hour before Mass and half an hour after Mass. We need people to serve donuts, put out napkins, clean up and prepare beverages. Sign up at Donut Sunday on January 7 or in the vestibule on Sunday, January 14. Please consider volunteering. We appreciate your help!



Friendship Feast Every Thursday from 11:30 to 12:30, Dawna Parazoo and her dedicated crew of volunteers serve a hearty

and nutritious meal to folks in our community. Some come because they are truly hungry – others come for the warmth and fellowship – a chance to share a good meal with others in a safe and welcoming space. Our parish is grateful for the hard work and generosity of the Friendship Feast volunteers. Their example of Christ's love and compassion shines forth each week in the meals they serve and the kindness they offer to those in need. *"For I was hungry, and you gave me food...."*



Our prayers are not forgotten!

God remembers your prayers from January 2023, your intercessions from 2022, your favors requested from 2021 – every prayer! God remembers - his time is not our time! Never cease praying...



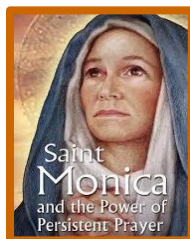
We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature-trees, flowers, grass-grow in silence, see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence...We need silence to be able to touch souls. --**Teresa of Calcutta**



Mystery of Faith Series:

Tuesday, January 9th

Fr. Kenny mentioned in his Christmas Day homily that the Church in the U.S. is embarked upon a Eucharistic Revival – which doesn't mean that somehow the sacrament is going to be 'revived.' The sacrament itself has always retained its inherent power and grace. But the U.S. Bishops are inviting us to allow this to be a time to stir up in our own hearts our love for this sacrament, our appreciation for this gift, our participation in Jesus self-emptying. With this in mind, the Mystery of Faith will start the new year by listening to Bishop Robert Barron's presentation, "The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist." Please join us on January 9 in the ICP Library following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.



St. Monica Prayer group: We will continue praying for our family members who have left the Church. The group will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the second Wednesday of each month (1/10/24) at ICP following the 7:15 a.m. Mass.



The PREPARES ministry is hosting its monthly diaper distribution on Saturday, January 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm in the parking lot of the parish hall. Any family in need of diapers is welcome to come and pick up **50-75 diapers per child per month** and one packet of baby wipes per family per month. For more info contact the parish office. Thank you for your prayers and support!




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