

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

January 14, 2024: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 16

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Eric & Kristin Genoway

Wednesday, January 17

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Alisa Osborne

Thursday, January 18

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Marilyn Beaudry

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

Angela Wyckoff

Friday, January 19

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. Adoration

Janet Chapman +

Saturday, January 20

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Pam Gotham birthday

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

Frank Kimper +

Sunday, January 21 Mark 1: 4-20

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 3rd Sunday)

Deceased Knights of Columbus

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Curtis Brenner

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Adoration..... Cecily Van Cleave

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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,

Before Christmas, I wrote a long series of columns looking at reasons people might part ways with the Catholic Church. My intention was to respond with convincing reasons to *stay* in the Church. I wanted ultimately to present life in the Catholic Church as a very reasonable choice and – even if difficult – the option most in harmony with God’s will.

While many want to argue that the Catholic Church is just another organization created by man, there is much evidence pointing to the fact of her divine origin. I suppose we could agree that the Church was created by man, but that Man (the Lord Jesus) also happened to be God! We know from the Scriptures and the annals of history that Jesus only created one Church.

There is good that comes from having a plurality of Christian denominations, but unfortunately those benefits don’t undo the scandal of division among the members of Christ’s body. If we are to embrace the true spirit of ecumenism, we can’t be content with disunity among Christians. We have to be willing to make truth claims and to journey together toward unity in matters of faith and morals.

A person’s choice of religion is a sacred matter, and when we approach that topic, we tread on holy ground. We always respect and honor people’s freedom to pursue their relationship with God according to the dictates of their own conscience. The work of evangelization is not about forced conversions.

At the same time, religion should not be a forbidden topic of conversation. If our faith ultimately concerns our eternal wellbeing, and (as we know from Scripture) God desires for all people to know, love, and serve Him in this life and be happy with Him forever in Heaven, then why shouldn’t we talk about it? God calls us to speak the truth in love and to share the good news with the whole world.

Like any institution that involves human beings, the Catholic Church has seen her share of brokenness and misconduct in her 2,000-year history. However, these are not representative of what the Church stands for and teaches. Thankfully, the Church is not an ivory tower for the perfect; it is a refuge and infirmary for sinners. All are welcome.

There are many good reasons to be Catholic. May we all grow to where we can articulate those reasons and journey lovingly with our brothers and sisters in their pursuit of God.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes. Olin Birdsong, Oscar Romo, June Machala, Jonathan Coe, F. Hendricks, Phil Anderson, Cinda Lorenzetti, Kenton Foundas, Chris Miller, Arvilla Vickers, Peter Perkins, Janneth Brown Drury, Monty LeCaire, Brittney Gagnon, Monica Parazoo, Pat Graham, Margie Christensen, Meggie Hyman, Dale McLeod, Mila Stewart, Lori Elledge, Susan Williamson, Mike Miller, and Lynn Gray. (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: January 6-7

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$5,160.00

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$747.00

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$305.00

Social Outreach: \$204.00

ICP Capital Improvement: \$100.00



Tickets for the Tuesday, February 13, 2024, Mardi Gras will be sold the weekends of January 20-21, January 27-28, and February 3-4. Tickets are \$15 per person; \$35 per family and \$100 for a table that can seat 9 people for this Ag Trade Center event. Proceeds from the Dessert Dash will go to fund Youth Group activities such as the Steubenville NW Youth Conference. You are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice. Tickets will not be available at the door. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time, talent and gifts, please contact Cindy Campbell at 612.423.4290 or call the parish office at 509.684.6223.



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!



The **Knights of Columbus** are holding a breakfast fund raiser **this 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, after the Saturday evening Mass.



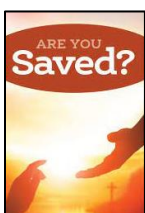
Salish Sea-Early Music Festival 2024

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish and the Salish Sea Early Music Festival, with support from the Vinson Fund, present Renaissance Italian Canzonas with four specialists performing on instruments of the renaissance including Vicki Boeckman on renaissance recorders, Jeffrey Cohan on renaissance transverse flute, Stephen Creswell on viola and Anna Marsh on dulcian, or renaissance bassoon. The concert will take place on Wednesday evening, January 31, at 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish at 320 N. Maple Street in Colville. A suggested donation (a free will offering) of \$15, \$20, or \$25 will be requested to help cover expenses, and those 18 and under are free. All are welcome regardless of donation. For additional info please call the church at (509) 684-6223.



Bishop Daly would like to remind us all to consider participating in the **Bishop's Collection for Catholic Schools**. If you did not receive a mailing from Bishop Daly regarding this collection and would like to donate, you can

make your donation on the Diocesan website or use one of the envelopes we will have available.



"Are You Saved?" When they find out you're Catholic, has someone ever asked you, "Are you saved?" Has anyone ever told you that as long as you profess Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you are "saved." It is true that the first step to our salvation is accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior through the sacrament of Baptism, but here's how to respond. **"I have been saved, I am being saved, and I hope to be saved." That's the true answer!**

Jesus Himself said that "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13).



Keep an eye on your mailbox... End-of-the-year giving summaries will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks.



Mystery of Faith Series: Tuesday, January 16th

The next Mystery of Faith will discuss Guardian Angels. The existence of angels is a dogma of our Catholic faith. And no angel knows us better or loves us more than our Guardian Angel (it is perfect love), so you can always count on them. They are the guardians of our safety and salvation. Father Chris Alar will guide us through a discussion on Guardian Angels and how they obtain for us the grace of final perseverance – if we are willing to cooperate with that grace.



Congratulations to Michael Paccarelli,

who is receiving all three Sacraments of Initiation at the 9:00 Mass in Colville. Welcome to the Catholic Church!



Taizé Hour of Prayer: Come to Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane for a Taizé Evening Hour of Prayer on the last Sunday of every month until May 19, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (January 28 will be the next date). The music of Taizé is

uniquely beautiful and strikes a note that touches the core of one's inner being. Please join us for an hour of contemplative prayer and song.



"Don't be so uptight, Homer! Sister won't mind, because feeding the hungry is a corporal work of mercy. We're helping her gain graces!"



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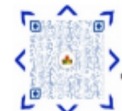
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