

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

January 21, 2024: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 23

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Todd & Amy Sprangers

Wednesday, January 24

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Gary Keaton (birthday)

Thursday, January 25

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

JoHanna Andrews and family

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

Chuck Laird +

Friday, January 26

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. Adoration

Special Intention

Saturday, January 27

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Tim & Meredith Sprangers & family

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

Msgr. John Cihak

Sunday, January 28 Mark 1: 21-28

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 4th Sunday)

Spencer Lowell

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Chuck Laird +

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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,

The interim between the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (the end of the Christmas season) and Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) is easily overlooked. Maybe we even go into this period thinking of it as nothing more than “down time” between two special seasons.

Although it is the beginning of Ordinary Time – the season when the Church simply marks the passing of time rather than preparing for and celebrating feasts – we needn’t become idle in our spiritual life. I suggest that we even use this time to begin preparing for Lent.

I don’t mean that we should begin observing Lent a month early; I only mean that it’s not too soon to start making plans for our observance of the “Great Fast,” as the Eastern Christians call it. If Lent has such potential as a season of grace, does it not deserve more than a last-minute thought as to how we will engage it? Allowing time for preparation ensures us a better prospect of entering Lent well when it arrives next month.

The first step in this preparation is not asking ourselves what we are going to do for Lent. Instead, our first aim is to discern and discover where the Lord wants to lead us. Consider this: if you were ill, and you knew you needed medicine, you would certainly want to get a diagnosis of the illness before you started taking medicines!

Similarly, if Lent is a time for healing, strengthening, self-denial, purification, and all kinds of growth in our relationship with God, we would do well to identify the particular areas where that transformation is needed before we start applying the medicine of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

I invite you, then, to spend some time in your daily prayers this week taking a look in your heart and asking the Holy Spirit to show you the specific places where divine “medicine” is needed. Is there some area of anxiety where the Lord is inviting you to trust Him more deeply? Is there an addictive behavior that gets in the way of your having a closer relationship with God? Is unforgiveness or resentment robbing you of peace? Are there old wounds that need to be dealt with?

Don’t rush into trying to determine what your Lenten practices will be. You don’t need to figure that out yet. We have almost four full weeks to prepare for Lent. Let your prayer this week be: “Jesus, show me how I need You.” And see how the Good Lord responds.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all our parishioners, especially: Janelle Stroyan, Margaret Olson, 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, 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: January 13-14

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$4,081.00

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$30.00

Social Outreach: \$75.00

PREPARES: \$1,500.00

ICP Capital Improvement: \$70.00



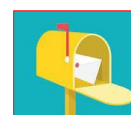
Tickets for the Tuesday, February 13, Mardi Gras will be sold this weekend, January 27-28, and February 3-4. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$35 per family, and \$100 for a table that can seat 9 people for this Ag Trade Center event. Proceeds from the Dessert Dash will go to fund Youth Group activities 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.



If you have forgotten dishes in the parish hall, please remember to pick them up by this weekend. They will be in the window by the entrance way to the kitchen until Tuesday.



The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that \$612 was raised at the fundraiser breakfast last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated. The net proceeds will be used to fund the scholarship program. The next Knights of Columbus breakfast fundraiser will be on February 11 after the Sunday mass at Immaculate Conception Parish hall. There will also be a Spaghetti Feed at the Kettle Falls Parish after mass on Saturday April 20, 2024.



Keep an eye on your mailbox...

End-of-the-year giving summaries will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks.



Please contact Randy Carstens if you wish to join the Knights of Columbus. If you are already a member and interested in a Knights of Columbus vest or jacket, contact Ted Kubesh or Randy as they are planning to place another order soon. Remember, during these extremely cold periods please reach out to any older folks who may need any assistance.

We are only limited in the good we can do in our community by the volunteer hours we provide.



In an age marked by division and doubt, the Holy Spirit is inviting the United States to find unity and renewal through a grassroots

National Eucharistic Revival. This movement—discerned and approved by the bishops of the U.S.—is critical to rekindling a living faith in the hearts of Catholics across America, unleashing a new missionary chapter at this pivotal moment in Church history. This three-year initiative launched in 2022 on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. Renewal began at the diocesan level, inviting diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to what Pope Francis has described as “a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ”—particularly the transforming power and mercy of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. After this fruitful year of preparation, the Year of Parish Revival began on June 11, 2023—also on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Our parish is supporting the Year of Parish Revival by offering a six-session series called “Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist” each Tuesday evening during Lent, beginning on February 20. Workbooks will be available for the series. Please prayerfully consider joining us during Lent for this series.



Interested in making a knotted Rosary? Tim Montowski will teach a class on how to make this simple, durable, rosary on Thursday, February 1st, at 6:00 p.m. at ICP. This rosary is

made of cord and will even survive the washing machine if it's left in your pocket. It is made for everyone, including those who love the outdoors. It also makes a great gift, because as any Catholic will tell you, you can never have too many rosaries!



Mystery of Faith Series: Tuesday, January 16th

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) hosts a yearly Catholic conference called SEEK. The conference is a time for college students and adults to gather, celebrate faith, and be equipped to become witnesses to the Gospel. The 2024 conference was held two weeks ago, and one of the guest speakers at the conference was Father Mike Schmitz, who gave an outstanding talk on the prodigal son and how each of us suffers from brokenness. We will have an opportunity to listen to this beautiful portrayal of the prodigal son and how we are the beloved children of God.



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! The concert will take place on Wednesday evening, January 31, at 7:00 p.m. at the church 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 684-6223.



NO THANKS, I'M ON A LOW-CARB, VEGAN DIET.



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