MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

February 25, 2024: Second Sunday of Lent



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 27

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Sr. Mary Toeckes, O.P. +

Wednesday, February 28

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Nancy & Foster (+) Estelle

Thursday, February 29

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Robert & Regina Driessen +

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

Joy Price +

Friday, March 1 First Friday

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. Adoration

Richard & Louise St. Hilaire +

Saturday, March 2

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Phil Anderson +

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

Msgr. John Cihak

Sunday, March 3 John 2: 13-25

8:00 a.m. Confessions (Colville)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 1st Sunday)

Deceased Knights of Columbus

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Dick Connelly + & Bob Connelly +

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Sacraments

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Please call to schedule instruction and a date for the baptism.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: As scheduled or by appointment at any parish location.

MARRIAGE: Schedule an appointment with Fr. Kenny at least 6 months prior to setting the wedding date.



Dear parishioners and guests,

Our journey into the forty days of Lent is well underway, and we may have already reached the point where we've begun to struggle to be faithful to our resolutions. In my next few columns, I'd like to share some reflections about this

struggle, beginning first with the difficulty of prayer.

Most of us – hopefully all of us! – believe in the value of prayer and understand it to be helpful to our relationship with God. However, I am not sure that all of us are absolutely convinced that prayer is an essential part of every day. In my own experience, I have often faced the temptation to let prayer "slip" in favor of doing some other activity, and I'm sure I'm not alone in this! At times, it's laziness ("I don't feel like praying; I'd rather read my book."). At other times, our schedules are just too full ("I don't know how I could fit prayer into this day – there's too much going on!").

I contend that we will never have a healthy prayer life until we are deeply convinced that we cannot live without praying every day. What about people who are too busy to pray? Someone very wise (I know not who) observed that if you feel you're too busy to pray, you are actually too busy *not* to pray! In other words, if you have that much going on in your life, you can't afford to skip your daily prayer time. If you want to be able to handle all that's on your schedule, you'll need the help that comes to you through prayer!

There is something marvelous that happens when we make prayer a true priority in our life. Things start falling into place. If we were worried about how there would be time to get done the other things we needed to get done, somehow there is time.

If you had sand, pebbles, and rocks to put into a jar, you would want to put the rocks in first, then the pebbles, then the sand. Otherwise, if you put the sand and the pebbles in first, the rocks probably wouldn't fit. This is a great metaphor for prioritizing prayer in our life. Put first things first, and the rest of the things will find their place.

As I mentioned in last Sunday's column, Lent is a time for training. Our prayer practices during Lent should launch us into a deeper and more substantial prayer life that we will want to sustain after Easter. We don't want to say to God, "I may or may not have time for You today." I pray that we receive the grace this Lent to make our daily personal prayer time with God a non-negotiable.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays: 7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. All other Fridays: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Every Thursday: 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes. Olin Birdsong, Oscar Romo, June Machala, 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: February 17-18

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$7,389.00 Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$340.00 Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$250.00

Social Outreach: \$190.00 PREPARES: \$571.00

ICP Capital Improvement: \$125.00 Ash Wednesday (Sacred Heart of Jesus): \$177.00



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dominican **Sister Mary Dolores Toeckes**, and the consolation of her family. Sister Mary, also known as Sister Matthias,

passed away 2/14 in Chewelah.) Her funeral Mass was at St. Mary of the Rosary on Thursday, February 22.

+Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her+



Catholic Etiquette: Here are a few refreshers on etiquette at Mass. We will occasionally add a few more as space in the bulletin permits:

*Arrive at Mass on time, or even early, and prayerfully prepare for Mass.

*Make the sign of the cross with holy

water upon entering the Church. *Genuflect to the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle before entering your pew. If unable to genuflect, a heartfelt bow is acceptable. There is no need to genuflect on returning to your pew after receiving Holy Communion. By not genuflecting you are acknowledging that you have, in a sense, become a tabernacle. The Holy Eucharist is in you. It's not appropriate to genuflect in any direction because the Holy Eucharist is literally in your core. The orientation of worship is now interior.



Our Parish Youth Group will be attending the Catholic Youth Conference at Gonzaga Prep on Saturday, March 2. Saturday will

be a full day of excitement, conversations, sacraments, talks and fellowship. This year's keynote speaker is Clay Imoo, the Associate Director of the Ministries and Outreach Office at the Archdiocese of Vancouver, B.C. Please pray for our youth, their leaders, and the youth of the broader diocese with this prayer:

> Come Holy Spirit of Youth, fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ; enliven our parish with the creativity, energy, and joy of youth; guide us together as we strive to offer God's mercy to those who feel abandoned or outcast.



February is the month we celebrate and support the statewide Pregnancy and Parenting PREPARES Ministry with our gifts to the Open Your Heart Appeal. The ICP PREPARES ministry invites the faithful to fill the PREPARES display in the vestibule with donations of diapers and other essential items as well as financial contributions. Look for more information about PREPARES in the vestibule or contact Pat Taylor at 509-942-9592. Thank you for your prayers and support.



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Presence-The Mystery of the Eucharist ICP is supporting the Year of Parish Eucharistic Revival by offering a six-session series called "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist" each Tuesday evening during Lent. Workbooks will be available for the series. Our first session was a success! It's not too late to join in, a light dinner is provided. This Tuesday it's tacos!



Diocese of Spokane Eucharistic **Revival.** The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes in Spokane is hosting "Treasures of the Faith" on March 1-2 in Western

Dominican Province. (Immaculate Conception will host Treasures of the Faith in September.) Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist through candlelight adoration, sacred music, confessions, intercessory prayer, and a talk on Eucharistic Miracles from Dr. Scott French.

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MIRACLES OF MERCY - Fri., March 1, 6 to 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Miracles Talk with Dr. Scott French Candlelight Adoration & Sacred Music Confession & Intercessory Prayer Meditation with Dominican Friars

MYSTICS & THE EUCHARIST - Sat., March 2, 9 to noon

Mass & Meditation with Dominican Friars Adoration & Sacred Music Confession & Intercessory Prayer Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic Veneration Reception



The next Wine and Cheese event will be April 13 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception. Please note there will be

no wine and cheese social in March.



Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent will be offered after Stations of the Cross at ICP and SHJ. Stations are at 5:30 p.m. at both locations. At SHJ, there will also be a

time for reflection on some sermons focused on the Passion of the Lord.





STONES INTO BREAD?...IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO TEMPT IN THIS DAY AND AGE YOU CAN'T GO ALL CARB ON PEOPLE, FYI.

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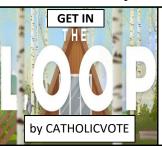
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