

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

March 17, 2024: Fifth Sunday of Lent



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 19

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Sr. Mary Raphael +

Wednesday, March 20

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

John Gregory Connolly +

Thursday, March 21

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

John Chapman

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Dick Laird +

Friday, March 22

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. Adoration

Sue Trail +

Saturday, March 23

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Deceased Knights of Columbus +

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

Mary & Fairman Campbell +

Sunday, March 24 John 12: 20-33

8:00 a.m. Confessions (Colville)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Curtis Brenner

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

James Von Sauer +

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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,

In my final column before Holy Week and Easter, I'd like to take a look at a couple of the challenges we face when it comes to almsgiving, since I have already said a few things about challenges to prayer and fasting. We are coming toward the conclusion of Lent, but it's certainly not too late to do some almsgiving. Truly, we should continue giving alms throughout the year!

The first difficulty many people face is the judgment as to whether a particular cause is worthy of support. Whether it's a person begging on the street or an international aid organization, we want to ensure that our resources are well spent. On one hand, I think this is a healthy attitude; careful discernment is part of good stewardship. However, the words of Jesus also come to mind: "When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing" (Matthew 6:3).

Maybe the danger here is over-reliance on our own understanding. If we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we will give alms appropriately. When I am asked for alms, and I find myself resisting, I ask myself why I'm resisting. Is it because I'm attached to money? Have I formed an unfair judgment about what the person might do with what I give them? A lot of times, I end up giving something, not necessarily because I have judged the cause to be worthy, but because I sense the Lord inviting me to be generous without having "strings attached."

A second difficulty in almsgiving is the fear that if we give, we won't have enough for ourselves. True, many are living paycheck to paycheck and counting on every bit of income to get their bills paid. I'm not decreeing that people in that situation should send their rent money to Catholic Relief Services to help feed the hungry.

I do, however, suggest that – whatever our financial situation may be – we make sure God's providence is included in our considerations. I recall Jesus' words of praise for the poor widow who gave, not from her excess, but from what she needed. I also think of the various verses from Scripture that teach us of God's generosity and how He provides for those who trust in Him. I can say that, in my experience, my generosity has never been greater than God's. Each of us must pray and discern about how this dynamic might play out in our life.

If judgment or fear stands in the way of our almsgiving this Lent (or ever), let's ask God to help us to overcome our obstacles and give as He would have us give to those in need.

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: 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: March 9-10

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$4,050.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$1,165.00
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$130.00
ICP Capital Improvement: \$190.00
Social Outreach: \$105.00
Rice Bowl (ICP Soup Supper): \$105.00

Divine Mercy Sunday: The choir at Sacred Heart Parish in Kettle Falls will be singing Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, in Kettle Falls, starting at 7:00 p.m. Please come! It will last about half an hour.



Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Lenten Penance Service at Immaculate Conception. Along with Father Kenny, there will be two other local priests.



Sunday Morning Confessions. Please note that Father Kenny is offering confessions before Mass on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. during Lent.



Donut Sundays - First and third Sunday of every month: Come and join your fellow parishioners for coffee, donuts, and a visit after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The next gathering will be after Mass this Sunday.



The Annual "Hearts on Fire" Men's Conference

will be held March 23 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish in north Spokane. Father Robert Spitzer

will speak on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and there will be thought-provoking discussions and meaningful worship. Hearts on Fire gathers men to invite them to be Christ's disciples, enkindle in their hearts the flame of the Holy Spirit, and send them out as witnesses of the Father's love. The registration fee is \$45.00, and includes a light breakfast, and a hearty lunch catered by De Leons. To register or to obtain more info visit www.dioceseofspokane.org and search under "Events" or call 509-358-7320.



Easter Lilies: The congregation is again invited to honor or remember loved ones with a donation for Easter lilies. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Please write down the names of your loved ones on the provided sheets in the gathering area, and their names will be in the Divine Mercy Sunday bulletin as an insert.



Time to Turn in Rice Bowls

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Parishioners are urged to sign up for FORMED! Go to FORMED.org, click "Sign Up" and enter 99114 (Colville's zip

code) to set up your free account. There's something for everyone on this Catholic streaming platform.

Father Kenny's pick for this week: St. Joseph, Our Spiritual Father (for his feast day, Tuesday, March 19).



Presence-The Mystery of the Eucharist

We continue with Presence this week. Dr. Gray examined the examines objections to the Church's Eucharistic teaching from a a Jewish and Protestant perspective last week. This week we hear objectives from a secular, modern world perspective. This apologetic helps us to give a foundation of our belief in the Eucharist and to gain a deeper insight into our faith.



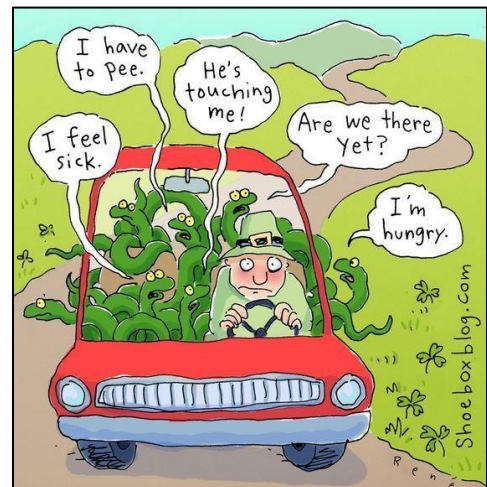
Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent will be offered after **Stations of the Cross** at ICP and SHJ. Stations are at 5:30 p.m. at both locations. At SHJ, there will also be a time for reflection on some sermons focused on the Passion of the Lord.



Did you learn how to make the knotted rosaries with Tim Montowski? Valorie at Constructive Fun has the twine Tim recommended in several colors also a print-out of instructions.



Phone Number Updates: If you dropped your house phone and are now using a cell phone - please don't forget to call the office and update your information. (509) 684-6223



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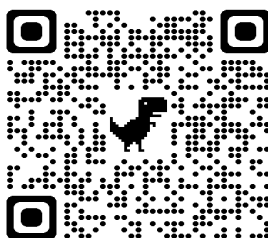
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Fr. Roger Keeler



Individuals: \$240/Couples: \$395
(includes lodging & meals)
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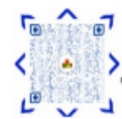
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