

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

**August 17, 2025: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, August 19

No 5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

No 5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

#### Wednesday, August 20

10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass (Kettle Falls)

*Catherine Kimper +*

No noon Mass at Immaculate Conception

#### Thursday, August 21

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confession (Colville)

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Edwin Thompson*

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

*Sunshine Williams*

#### Friday, August 22

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Stephanie Sprangers*

7:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

#### Saturday, August 23

3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Robin Thompson*

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

*Catherine Kimper +*

#### Sunday, August 24 Luke 13:22-30

8:00 a.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

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

*Bob & Mouse Kreel*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

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### PARISH STAFF

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### PARISH MINISTRIES

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Joe Fazzari (ICP), Dave Hewes (SHJ), Mike Gigous (PHM)

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**Welcome, visitors!** We are glad you are here! If you have any questions about our parish, our ministries, Mass intentions, etc., please talk with the greeters and they can direct you.



Dear parishioners and guests,

Anyone who prays knows that the experience of prayer is highly variable. There is a wide spectrum of language to describe prayer: ardent, boring, calm, distracted, excruciating, fruitful ... and one could pass through all of these (and more, all the way up to “Zzzzz”) in the course of an hour! People generally prefer prayer that is peaceful, warm, consoling and joyful; but everyone who prays will at some point inevitably experience prayer that is dry and difficult. The reality is, sometimes prayer feels like a chore.

Unfortunately, the more prayer feels like a chore, the more we begin to think of prayer as a chore. And the more we think of prayer as a chore, the less likely we are to have prayer experiences that will change that opinion. Do we not know that our experiences are conditioned by our expectations? If we enter into prayer, fully expecting that God will say nothing to us, that we will be pestered by distracting thoughts, that we will receive no peace or encouragement, and that when we finish praying we will feel no closer to God than when we began, then that is probably just how our prayer will be.

On the other hand, if we pray with the expectation that God will hear and answer us, that distractions will not get the best of us, that we will receive the blessings of peace and encouragement, and that prayer will bring us closer to God, then – *even though we cannot demand of God that He do any of this* – this is more likely to be our actual experience of prayer, for our disposition is one of open receptivity, ready to receive whatever gifts God wants to bestow on us when we pray.

Praying with this kind of expectation does not mean we make ourselves vulnerable to disappointment. There is never any need to be disappointed in God, for God does not fail us. What I am suggesting is that we ought to have every expectation that God will accomplish good things in us through our prayer, but that we also acknowledge God’s freedom to do this in whatever way He chooses. That may include allowing us to have times of dry, difficult prayer.

Our attitude toward prayer has more than a little bearing on how our experience of prayer will be. If we consider prayer to be a chore – merely a task, a burden, a duty to be carried out – then prayer will truly be a chore. But if we always regard prayer as an opportunity to let God’s will unfold in our life and to grow (through thick and thin) in our relationship with God, then we will still have the full range of experiences in prayer, but we will be able to see all of them as part of God’s plan to sanctify and save us.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturdays in Colville.....1 hour before Mass  
Saturdays in Kettle Falls..... 30 minutes before Mass  
Sundays in Colville: ..... 1 hour before Mass  
Sundays in Northport: ..... 30 minutes before Mass  
Thursdays in Colville: ..... 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.  
First Fridays in Colville: ..... 7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
All other Fridays in Colville: ..... 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

### Collections for August 9-10

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$3,469.00  
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$533.00  
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$576.67  
Social Outreach: \$55.00  
ICP Capital Improvements: \$355.00

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes. Mary Ann Schrader, Adena Enright, Michael Gray, Jim Perkins, Oscar Romo, June Machala, Cinda Lorenzetti, Kenton Foundas, Chris Miller, Peter Perkins, Janneth Brown Drury, Monty LeCaire, Brittney Gagnon, Pat Graham, Margie Christensen, Dale and Jeannette 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 is sick or homebound and would like to receive a visit, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.**



**MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION.** If you are a current group *Magnificat* subscriber with the parish, your subscription will expire with your September 2025 issue. To continue to receive the *Magnificat* magazine, or to start a new order, please have your check or cash for \$39.00 in the office before August 25<sup>th</sup>. If it is more convenient, you may place the money in the offering basket, in an envelope clearly marked MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION. Please make your check out to Immaculate Conception. *Magnificat* is a beautiful way to follow along for the daily and Sunday Mass readings. Any questions, please call the office.



**Parish Registration:** If you are new – or not so new – to any of our three parishes, or think your contact information (address, phone number, email or birthday) needs updating, please call the office. 509-684-6223.



### Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We are watching "The Wild Goose" with Father Dave Pivonka. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Our next session is "The fruit of the Spirit." *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control - if we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit* (Galatians 5:22-25).

By the way we live and how we treat people, our lives produce some type of fruit. The sort of fruit our lives produce has eternal consequences for us personally as well as a profound impact on those people we love. In fact, our fruit impacts all of our relationships, from the most casual to the most intimate. When we live animated by the Holy Spirit, our lives produce fruit that not only makes our own life more peaceful, patient, and loving but also influences positively those whom we encounter each and every day.

**As there is no Mass on Tuesday, August 19, we meet at 5:30 p.m. in the ICP library.**



### Men's Catholic Study

**Group:** Thursday, August 28, the Men's Catholic Study Group will hold its monthly meeting. The social period begins at 6:45

p.m., and the meeting is from 7:00-8:30. The study is held in the Immaculate Conception parish hall. Any man can come to the meeting. Invite a friend and take the opportunity to grow in your role as a leader. The group meets on the last Thursday of each month. Questions? Please contact Randy Carstens (509-868-8062), Dave Hewes (509-680-3885) or Phil Stalp (509-675-3131).

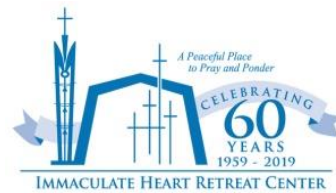


### North Stevens County Parish Picnic

Saturday, September 27, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Old Kettle Park, on Lake Roosevelt. The parish will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, beverages (lemonade and water), cups, plates, and condiments. Please plan on joining us.

### CERTIFICATION MADE EASIER! *Notice for Parish Volunteers*

Virtus Safe Environment Training is **required** by the Diocese of Spokane for all volunteers who help with children and vulnerable adults. Recently the certification process has been streamlined and can now be completed entirely at home on your computer. Please take this simple but important step to stay current with diocesan guidelines and support our tri-parish community. Questions? Contact Pam in the parish office @684-6223.



### Elevate Your Parenting

This isn't a marriage retreat or a couples' therapy weekend; It's an intense, focused experience tailored for

parents who want to grow and thrive in their parenting journey, whether co-parenting or navigating it on their own. Enhance your approach to parenting in just 24 hours! Dr. Mary Ruth Hackett is a writer, national speaker, and podcast host focused on psychology and faith. With a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, she explores the vital intersection of faith and developmental science, harmonizing them in line with God's original design. Dr. Mary Ruth is the author of *Daughter by Design: Discovering Your Identity as God's Beloved Daughter*, and has contributed to various books and devotionals. She regularly writes for *Blessed is She* and *SpiritualDirection.com*. Her upcoming book on spiritual warfare for teens is set to be released in 2026.

Sept 26, 4:30 p.m. - Sept 27, 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. individuals: \$135, couples: \$225, (Includes lodging and up to 3 meals) Nursing babies are permitted. 509-448-1224



### Donut Sundays

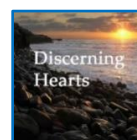
will start again in September, and volunteers are needed to make coffee, set out donuts, and do some minor cleanup for coffee and donuts after Sunday Mass. Volunteering is a simple, easy way to serve the parish and provide hospitality. Please contact the parish office.



Parishioners are urged to sign up for FORMED! Go to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org), click "Find your parish subscription" and enter 99114 to set up your free account.

### Father's pick for this week:

***A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries- Assumption (part 4 of 5)***



Need something to listen to while driving, exercising, or enjoying the sun? Try [discerninghearts.com](http://discerninghearts.com) for excellent audio resources for the spiritual life.



Make sure you visit our Parish website! It has a wealth of information. [www.myparishfamily.org](http://www.myparishfamily.org)

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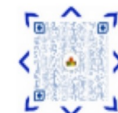
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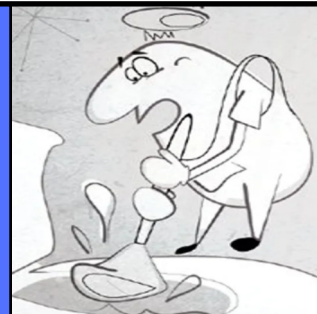
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