

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

August 24, 2025: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 26

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Weston Coots +

Wednesday, August 27

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Andrew & Anabell Sprangers +

Thursday, August 28

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Paul Sprangers

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Helen Laird +

Friday, August 29

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Michael Bradley

7:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

Saturday, August 30

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Suzan Andrew +

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

Dave Bently +

Sunday, August 31 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. (Northport 5th Sunday)

In thanksgiving for Dominican Sisters Haven

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Helen Laird +

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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,

In most cases, quality is preferable to quantity, and when it comes to prayer, this is true. It is much better to pray a single prayer with deep attention and devotion than to pray a whole Rosary or chaplet with mere mechanical repetition of words. At the same time, quantity is not without value when it comes to prayer: as one matures in one's relationship with God, one naturally desires to increase the amount of time spent praying. As one is working on developing one's life of prayer, however, one would do well to focus on the quality of prayer before worrying too much about the quantity.

There is another factor that is even more fundamental than quantity or quality. I do not say it is more important, but more fundamental – more basic. Without it, there is practically no point in even discussing quantity or quality. This factor is *consistency*.

In my ministry at Bishop White Seminary over the years, I have worked with a number of young men on developing a solid life of prayer. Many of them, being new to the seminary, want to plunge immediately into praying an hour every day. Without snuffing out their enthusiasm, I try to encourage them to start a bit smaller and work toward achieving consistency before lengthening the time spent daily in prayer.

When they try to begin with an hour, what tends to happen is that they do their daily hour of prayer for a little while – maybe several days – and then (finding this very difficult to sustain) they give up on it and fall into discouragement about their prayer life. And then, the last condition is worse than the first (cf. Matthew 12:45).

I usually recommend starting with 10 or 15 minutes. If one can pray for that amount of time *every day* for a month, then at the end of that period one may consider expanding that time by five minutes. And then, after another month of praying for that length, one may make another small increase. And thus, one works up to a daily hour (or more, as one is available) of prayer.

Of course, the main focus while working on developing consistency is quality. Although quantity may increase, that is not the most important part of this journey of developing a prayer life. First, work on consistently spending quality time with the Lord. Then, at His prompting, allow that time to stretch and grow.

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 15, 16 - 17

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$2,935.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$526.00
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$30.00
Assumption of Mary (Colville): \$994.00
Assumption of Mary (Kettle Falls)" \$2,337.00
Social Outreach: \$245.00
ICP Capital Improvements: \$30.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes: Fran Trail, Shelly Perkins, Penny Perkins, Janelle Stroyan, Margaret Olson, Mert Graham, Palin Driver, James Rowland, Elaine Huff, Lisa Huff, 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 is sick or homebound and would like to receive a visit, Holy Communion, or anointing of the sick, please call the Parish office.



Many thanks to parishioners for your prayers for youth, chaperones, camp cooks, our priest and seminarian on retreat at Lake Sullivan. Ray and Maria Bowles, Stevie Lugo, Marti and Gary Axtell, Father Kenny and Mitch Carey joined. Five girls and two boys from our Youth Group were present to enjoy the sun, fun and spiritual lessons! The time went by incredibly fast, the food was awesome and the Holy Spirit was present always.



August is National "Make a Will" month. Please consider including Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, or Pure Heart of Mary in your will! For more information, contact the parish office.



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We are watching "The Wild Goose" with Father Dave Pivanka. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Our next session is "The Spirit and the Desert." Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Luke 4:1

On the day Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit anointed Him. Immediately after this event, the Holy Spirit led Jesus to the desert. The desert was a place of isolation, death, and defeat, but Jesus was led to the desert so that it might be forever changed into a place of grace. The Spirit led Jesus to the desert and also protected and cared for Him while He was there. The desert is a part of every Christian's life, but it does not have to be a place of despair or isolation. The Holy Spirit is present to life's deserts, and when we experience His presence, it changes our spiritual life. The desert is no longer a place to be feared but can be a profound encounter with Jesus.

There is prayer, laughter, sharing and the presence of the Holy Spirit when we meet at 6:15 p.m. in the ICP library each Tuesday after Mass.



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

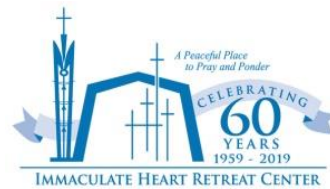
Saturday, September 27, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Old Kettle Park, on Lake Roosevelt. The parish will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, beverages (lemonade and water),

cups, plates, and condiments. Please plan on joining us.



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.



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.



Interested in going on a Cursillo retreat? St. Joseph in Colbert is hosting a men's weekend September 11-14 and a women's weekend September 18-21.

Workers are also welcome to attend. Cursillo is open to non-Catholics as well. Contact Doris Bacon for more information and/or to obtain an application. She can be reached at 775-3544 or by email at repvet86@gmail.com.



A young father takes a seat on the bus next to an elderly man and plops his 1-year-old on his lap, just as the little boy begins to wail and fidget. The old man glares at the kid before remarking, "That child is spoiled, isn't he?" "No," says the distracted father. "They all smell this way."



Parishioners are urged to sign up for FORMED! Go to FORMED.org, click "Find your parish subscription" and enter 99114 to set up your free account.

Father's pick for this week:

Mary, Queen Mother



Make sure you visit our Parish website! It has a wealth of information. www.myparishfamily.org

Advertiser of the week – Thank you!

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