

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

August 31, 2025: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 2

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Ethan Genoway

Wednesday, September 3

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Bill Campbell

Thursday, September 4

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Ozzie & Ginny Wilkinson

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Jeanne Graham +

Friday, September 5 First Friday

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Lucas Pancoast +

7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Adoration (Colville)

Saturday, September 6

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Joe Campbell

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

Harold Rothwell +

Sunday, September 7 Luke 14:25-33

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Janice Pernsteiner +

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Graham family

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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,

I mentioned in last Sunday's column that, when it comes to prayer, quality is more important than quantity. The trouble is, most people (myself included) probably have some mistaken notions about what constitutes quality in the context of prayer. That could make it a little difficult to pinpoint what exactly we mean when we say we "spent some quality time with the Lord in prayer."

When people tell me that their prayer has "been good lately," it usually means that they have been feeling consoled. And if they have not been receiving consolation in prayer, they'll say their prayer has not been very good. In my own experience, if I'm walking away from a period of prayer, saying, "Ahhh, that was quality prayer!" it usually means I felt the nearness of the Lord or His love for me, or I received some insight on a particular issue or problem for which I was asking for God's help.

But what if I spent my prayer time hashing it out with God over some recent event in my life? What if I spent an hour crying out to God from the depths of anguish after the death of a loved one? Would this prayer be of poor quality because it lacked peace and consolation?

What if God seemed absolutely silent and distant while I prayed, but I kept praying and didn't waver on my resolution to pursue Him? Is that bad prayer because I didn't feel God's presence?

As we mature in our life of prayer, we realize more and more that the quality of our prayer does not depend on what we feel or what our emotional experience is while we pray. I know a priest who says, "The goal is not *consolation*, but *conversion*!" If all we seek is a feel-good experience, our prayer life will remain somewhat superficial.

What, then, if not feelings, makes for quality prayer time? I think it has a lot to do with our overall disposition or attitude during prayer. Openness and honesty with God are important characteristics of high-quality prayer. Vulnerability is likewise important. I would also mention humility as a characteristic of good prayer. Prayer in which we can be completely present to God is good prayer. The subject matter of our prayer is not as important as our efforts to direct our attention away from ourselves and toward God.

I'll write a little more about this next week.

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 23-24

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$4,109.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$337.00
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$254.00
Social Outreach: \$.00
ICP Capital Improvements: \$225.00

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, 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.



Birthdays for the month of September!

- 1 Fran Trail
- 2 Mickey Kester, Ed Parazoo
- 3 Gary Roman
- 4 Elaine Huff
- 8 Ted Kubesh
- 9 Maria Bowles, Paige Perkins
- 12 Pat Eslick
- 14 John Sprague
- 16 Loretta Bowling, Ellen Maddaloni, Vivian Natale
- 17 Randy Carstens, David Nielsen
- 18 Cecilia Biosca
- 19 Eliza Fazzari
- 20 Mary Lou King
- 25 Patti Eslick
- 29 Mike Campbell, Abby Miller
- 30 Mike Trail

If you have a birthday in September and do not see your name above, please call the office and help us update our records.



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 Convicts." *And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me.* - John 16:8

Pope Francis stated that we must stop "masquerading before God" in relation to our sin. We must take seriously the reality and nature of sin and the impact that sin has in our lives. It is not an exaggeration to say that our attitude towards sin has eternal consequences. Sin wounds, and at times destroys, our relationship with Christ. The Spirit of God convicts us of our sin not to condemn us but to convert us. In this segment we will see how the Spirit draws us closer to Christ by revealing to us our sin.

Mystery of Faith meets on Tuesday evening in the ICP Library following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. **Come and enjoy a light meal and great fellowship.**



hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, beverages (lemonade and water), cups, plates, and condiments. Please come!

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



Knights of Columbus Breakfast:

After the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, September 14, the **Knights of Columbus** will be serving two types of frittata, hash brown bites, fruit and yogurt, bagels and more at the ICP parish hall. Your donations help the Knights carry out their charitable works in our communities.



The 10th Annual Walk for Life Northwest will be in Spokane on October 19, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Riverfront Park Rotary Fountain following the 11:00

a.m. Mass for Life at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral. Bishop Thomas Daly, Celebrant. Come hear Kathy Folan's beautiful story of grief turned to blessings and gratitude.



Funeral Announcement for Janice Pernsteiner

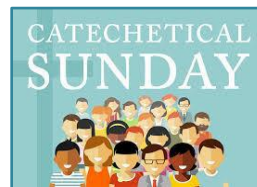
The funeral Mass for Janice will be Friday, September 5, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Kettle Falls.

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



Enrollment for Religious Education is beginning! Enrollment forms are available at the ICP office. Our first

meetings with families will be at ICP after Mass on September 21. If you are intending to enroll your child in Sacramental Prep, please send a courtesy notice to Sarah at marshallsarah@protonmail.com, or reach out if you have any questions.



Catechetical Sunday, September 21, is the kickoff for our Religious Education, Youth Group and Order of Christian Initiation activities.



Pope Leo XIV Prayer Request for September: *For our relationship with all of creation.* Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Some grade school youngsters were asked to write the prayer, "Hail, Holy Queen." One boy wrote, "to you we cry, poor *bandaged* children of Eve."



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:

Restless Heart: The Confessions of St. Augustine



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