

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

September 3, 2023: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 5

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Bill Campbell

Wednesday, September 6

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Joe Campbell

Thursday, September 7

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Mark and Arlene Thompson

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Colin Damon

Friday, September 8

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Mick McCrea – Stone Church

7:45 a.m. Adoration

Saturday, September 9

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Fr. David Baronti+

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

Special Intentions

Sunday, September 10 Mt 18:15-20

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 2nd Sunday)

Special Intention

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Michael Michel+

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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.



Dear parishioners and guests,

Last Sunday, we heard a Gospel passage that is familiar but powerful. Especially for Catholics, the passage's theological and ecclesial implications are profound. Its personal impact is also great, as we hear Jesus asking each one of us: "But who do *you* say that I am?" The passage (Matthew 16:13-20) tells us of Simon Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God," and Jesus' bestowal upon Peter of the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

The appearance of this passage in the Sunday lectionary could not have been timelier for me, as I have recently been struggling with the fact that so many people have left and are leaving the Church that Jesus built on the rock of Peter. In the last three weeks alone, I have become aware of three people who used to be members of the Catholic community in our area but have now gone through a baptism ritual with another local faith-based group.

As a pastor, I ask myself a lot of questions in the face of this reality. What were the main factors that led to their walk away from the Catholic Church? What was it about their new community that they found so much more attractive? What could we have done in the Church to prevent their departure?

At the end of the day I realize, of course, that people make their own decisions, and I have to respect their free will. However, one aspect of my role as a "shepherd of souls" is to help people make good decisions and to avoid harmful ones. And – try as I might – I can't bring myself to conceive of the decision to walk away from the Catholic Church as anything but harmful.

I'm not so naïve as to deny that it can be difficult for the Church's members to remain in her household. For example, I can understand how someone who suffered abuse at the hands of clergy might find it almost impossible to attend Mass, or how the Church's steadfastness in her moral teachings may lead to the departure of people who are increasingly secular in their thinking.

I remain convinced, though, that there are a lot of very good reasons to be Catholic and to stay Catholic – and I'm not just saying that because I'm a priest! In my bulletin columns for the next several weeks, I plan to examine some of the questions surrounding the choice of religion and how we as Catholics can be more firmly grounded in our faith.

Father Kenny St. Hilaire
Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes: 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, Bonnie Priest, 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 and Holy Communion, please call the Parish office.

Weekly Contributions: August 26-27

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$3,289.00

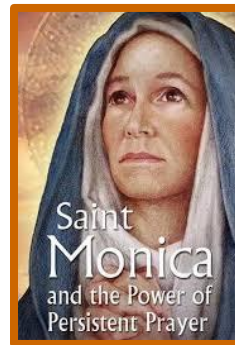
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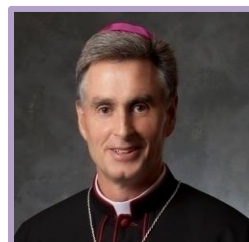


The St. Monica Prayer group starts Wednesday, September 13. We will pray for our family members who have left the Church. The group will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the second Wednesday of the month at ICP following the 7:15 a.m. Mass. If you would like to join the group, just show up! If you would like your family members prayed for, please write their first name in "St. Monica's book," which will be available in our parishes the first Sunday of each month. For more information, please contact Cindy Campbell at 612-424-4290.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kaylan Martin** and the consolation of her family. (Kaylan was the granddaughter of Jack & Lorraine Citkovich+)



Bishop Thomas Daly will be at Immaculate Conception Parish for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and a reception on **Sunday, September 17**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reads: "... [T]he Eucharist celebrated by the bishop has a quite special significance as an expression of the Church gathered around the altar, with the one who represents Christ, the Good Shepherd and Head of his Church, presiding" (1561). Please plan on attending to welcome our Bishop! Also, it's donut Sunday!



Dr. Catherine Brown Tkacz, an inter-nationally recognized theological scholar, will be lecturing on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish. Dr. Tkacz's lecture will focus on **Old Testament women** as prefigurations or 'types', a subject on which she has written extensively. There is no cost to the lecture, and it will be followed by coffee and sweets. Dr. Tkacz is currently a Research Professor of Theology at The Ukrainian Catholic University. She was recently appointed to a papal commission to study women and the diaconate.



Mystery of Faith Series: The Foundations of our Faith

- September 5 – St. Peter (episode 2)

Classes start after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays at ICP. We will examine the life of Peter who opens up a window into the teaching and life of Jesus Christ. One of the things that Dr. Gray stresses in this series over and over again is the small little details revealed about Peter's life that make him the chosen disciple of Jesus. Details such as the origin of his name (Greek), the location of his birthplace (Bethsaida), why Peter and Andrew moved to Capernaum (a very large pagan temple was erected by Herod's brother Philip in Bethsaida), and Peter's occupation (a fisherman). All of these things are subtle details that point to God's plan in Peter's life. It would be a really good exercise to look at those details of our lives and see how God has put his plan forth in our lives. Those subtle details: the person we married, our children, the place we now live, our parents and their influence, our work life, our prayer life, decisions that we have made, people that we have chosen as mentors, our circle of friends, etc. Examine those details of our life and we, too, will see how God has called us.



The next Wine and Cheese event will be **September 9th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception. Please come and visit with other parishioners

and enjoy a delicious snack or two and a glass of wine!



If you are new to any of our three parishes or have new contact info, please call the office to register or update your information. Thanks!

PREPARES

Pregnancy & Parenting Support

The PREPARES ministry hosts a diaper distribution on the third Saturday of every month. This month it will be September 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the parish hall. Any family in need of diapers is welcome to come and pick up **50-75 diapers per child per month** and one packet of baby wipes per family per month. For more info contact the parish office. Thank you for your prayers and support!



We are going to start teachings on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly known as RCIA). OCIA is for three groups of people:

1. Those who have never been baptized in any faith,
2. People who were baptized in another Christian faith, or
3. Baptized Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Please contact the office if you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in participating in the class.

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CAN YOU CHECK SANTA'S NICE LIST...I'M PRETTY SURE I'M ON THAT ONE.

Answers to August 29, Trivia Tuesday:

A: St. Joseph.

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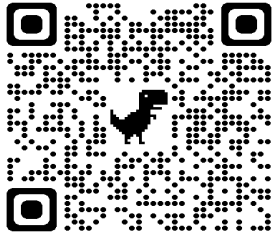
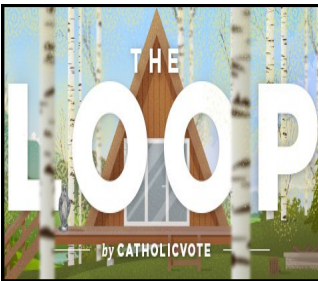
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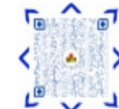
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