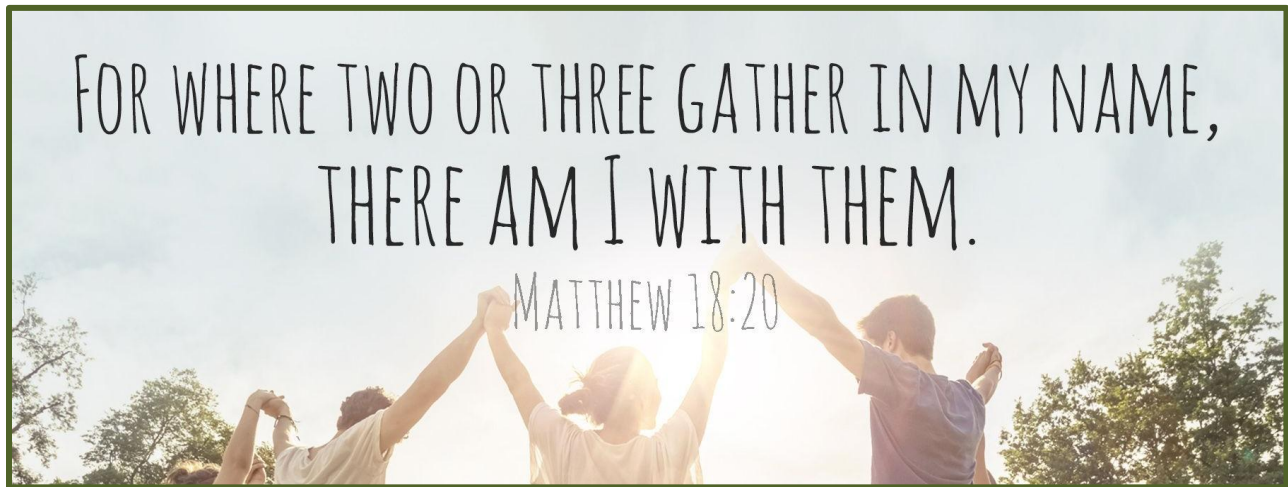


MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Immaculate Conception (Republic)
St. Patrick Mission (Curlew)

September 6, 2026: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 8

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)
Jacob Harris

Wednesday, September 9

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)
Ozzie Wilkinson +

Thursday, September 10

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)
8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)
Kevin & Kathy Byron +
11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)
Doris Simpson

Friday, September 11

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)
7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)
Ernie Robeson +

Saturday, September 12

3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)
4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)
Ozzie Wilkinson +
6:00 p.m. Mass (Kettle Falls)
Special Intention

Sunday, September 13 Matthew 18: 21-35

8:00 a.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)
9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)
Pro Populo
12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 2nd Sunday)
Trejen Simpson
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)
4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)
Marlin Simpson

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Altar Society (Republic)..... Joanne Farris

Funeral Luncheons (Republic)..... Karen Walsh

Love of self without love of God is selfishness; love of neighbor without love of God embraces only those who are pleasing to us, not those who are hateful.

---Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Our Hope is the Sacrament of Penance:

Brothers and sisters,

Over the last two weeks we have looked at some ways one can deny sin and some of the effects resulting from the denial of sin. This discussion continues as we look to identify some of the ways we sin. As a reminder, sin is a “failure in genuine love for God and neighbor. And “has been defined as “an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law” (CCC 1849).

Holy Mother Church teaches that sins can be recognized according to their objects, to the virtues they oppose, or to the commandments they violate. Moreover, sin can be further divided into spiritual and carnal sins. Importantly, sin is not only from what we physically do. Jesus teaches us that “Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Mt 5:28). Thus, we sin through thoughts, and words, as well as our actions – in what we do and what we fail to do.

An important distinction to discuss is between mortal versus venial sins. Mortal sin is a grave sin which is committed with full knowledge and complete consent. Importantly, “full knowledge” does not mean that one knows the full effect of one’s action. Instead, it means that one knew what they were doing was wrong and still consented to do the act. “Feigned ignorance and hardness of heart do not diminish, but rather increase, the voluntary character of a sin” (CCC 1859). Mortal sin completely separates one from the divine life of God, regardless of one’s feelings. Whereas venial sins “weaken charity” and “manifest a disorder affection for created goods.” They “do not deprive the sinner of sanctifying grace” (CCC 1863). A warning: sin begets sin. And unrepentant sins lead to more sinful acts, which can quickly grow into one committing grave sin.

Significantly, all sin is a transgression against God. The Psalmist reminds us, “Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight” (Ps 51:4). Sin has more relevance than whether it is mortal or venial. Above all, sin involves a created being causing an offence towards the uncreated Creator. It is a finite act that creates an infinite debt.

Recall in the creation narrative, that to create the plants and trees God spoke, “Let the earth put forth vegetation.” (Gen 1:11). And to the water, Our Lord said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures” (Gen 1:20). And for the animals of the earth and sky, God looked to their natural environment and spoke them into being. But where did God look to create man? In other words, “what is the natural environment for man to dwell in?

God looked to Himself to create man. “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ... And in the image of God, He created [man]; male and female He created them” (Gen 1:26-27). Our natural environment is not to live in the water, on the earth, nor in the air... it is to dwell in the divine life of God. And sin disrupts this dwelling. It divides us, either partially or completely, from our relationship with our loving Creator.

Looking at the crucifix we see Jesus’s profound love for us. And we, in response to the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, seek His forgiveness and mercy through the Sacrament of Confession, where Christ heals our souls and completely reunites us to the divine life. We go to confession because we have offended someone Whom we should love above all things, Our Father in Heaven.

A way to prepare for Confession is through an examination of conscience. We can get a guide from the Fathers of Mercy webpage and download a wonderful Examination of Conscience for Adults and Teens. Then, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us through an examination, and we write down those areas which prick our consciousness. Next, we rest from this process for a day or two and repeat this process one or two more times. And after prayer, meditation, and preparation, we visit Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession. Here we confess to a priest our sins, number, and type. Later, we can schedule an appointment to talk with a priest over the areas that may still be troubling us.

Brothers and sisters, we do not have to be afraid to discover our sins and weaknesses. Nor do we have to fear bearing our souls and coming before our loving Father in the Sacrament of Confession. We are God’s beloved children. He knows our sins and calls us by our name. Our Father wants us to dwell in Him and with Him for all eternity.

“To be a sinner is our distress. But to know we are a sinner is our hope, and that hope is the Sacrament of Penance.”
~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,

Fr. O’Leary



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rita Cordrey**, and the consolation of her family. Rita’s funeral service was held on September 4th at Immaculate Conception parish hall.

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



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We are reviewing St. Paul's Letters to the Philippians by Dr. Tim Gray of the Augustine Institute. This week Dr. Gray discusses how God continually calls his people to become more like him. Paul explains how to be holy: by imitating Christ on the Cross in his sacrificial gift of self. Embracing this 'loss of all things' is the only way to 'gain Christ and be found in him' (Phil 3:8-9).

Please join us on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:15 p.m. in the ICP Library for a meal, fellowship and scripture.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN FERRY COUNTY

Ron Bacon, Constance Brenner, Elizabeth Ciaia, Rhonda Hinsperger, Dave Jordan, Mouse Kreele, JR Lake, Shawn Lipscomb, Cathy Louck, Jim Nash, Frances Piszker, Barbara Rochelle, Karen Slaton, Matthew Spurgeon, and John Stotts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN STEVENS COUNTY

Sandy Danichek, Eirn Binder, Shelly Perkins, Penny Perkins, Janelle Stroyan, Margaret Olson, Mert Graham, Palin Driver, James Rowland, Elaine Huff, Lisa Huff, Jim Miller, Loretta Bowling, Ella Sprangers & family, 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT***

Saturdays in Colville.....30 minutes 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.
Second & Fourth Fridays in Colville: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

No Adoration after Mass on Third Fridays.

****Please note new schedule**



Youth Group begins on Wednesday, September 24th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish library. YG meets each Wednesday throughout the school year. If your child is new to YG, please contact the parish office for information and registration. Please keep our youth in your prayers.

Confessions are back in the reconciliation chapel.

Father O'Leary will be offering confessions at the scheduled times in the confessional in the church. See front of bulletin for times and days.

News for Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick

PO Box 333, Republic, WA 99166

- Thank you to the Guertin family for taking home the extra pieces of the Nativity set.
- Upgrades at Republic and Curlew churches: You may have noticed the cool air at Sunday Mass. A new furnace and electrical panel were
- installed for our system. At Curlew there was a major remodel. You need to attend Mass to see all the improvements. Also, in last week's local newspaper you can read about all the improvements at Curlew. Thank you to all who were involved with the upgrades.
- The second collection September 13 will be for the fire victims of all the fires in Ferry and Spokane counties. So many have lost so much. If you would like to donate, make your check out to Immaculate Conception and note that it is for the fire victims. We will collect and then make one check to the Spokane Diocese. Note: the Altar Society will be donating also to this collection.
- Father O'Leary is thinking of changing the weekday Mass to Fridays, please let Father O'Leary know what you think.

Weekly Contributions: August 29 - 30

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$3,778.70
Republic : (Immaculate Conception): \$901.00
Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$840.00
Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$.00
ICP Capital Improvements: \$265.00
Social Outreach: \$140.00



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal: "A Heart that Never Fails" Our parish is joining the diocese in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Through every season of life, the Sacred

Heart of Jesus has never let go of us — and your gift to the Appeal helps carry that same faithful love to others across our diocese, supporting Catholic schools, seminary formation, evangelization for our youth, and the Inland Catholic newspaper and Flocknote. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year. Response cards are available at the entrances of church, or you may give online at www.dioceseofspokane.org/aca.

Prayer Line Ministry: Please contact the parish office if you would like your prayers to be included in the ministry of the Prayer Line or if you would like to join.



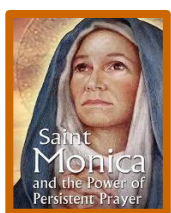
THAT MAN IS YOU is a thirteen-week interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptation that men face in our modern culture. That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming home and society.

Start Date: September 10

Where: Immaculate Conception parish hall

Time: 6:00 a.m. until 7:30 a.m.

To register please contact: Gary Axtell 509-675-5408;
Dave Hewes 509-680-3885; Phil Stalp 509-675-3131
or Josh Brown 509-563-9984



St. Monica Prayer Group: The next gathering is on **September 9th**. The group will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesday this month at ICP at 11:15 a.m., lifting up family members and loved ones who have left the Church.



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



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My Parish Family Face Book Page

Please remember to check out our face book page. You do not need an account to visit. If something is too late for the bulletin, you just might find it on our face book page. Just type in your browser: Colville, Kettle Falls, Northport Tri-Parish Catholic Community



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

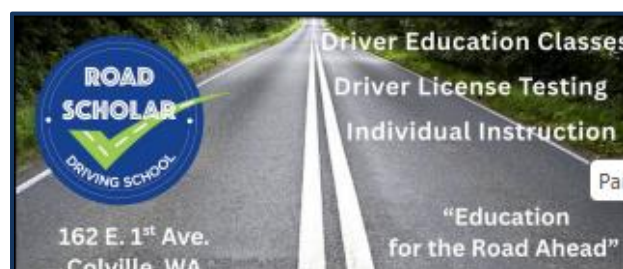
Love Unveiled

SEASON THREE: In this season, we will explore what it means for us, as women, to represent the identity of Christ's bride to the world. This relationship is marked by joy and intimacy, but also, like any relationship, it includes moments of failure, heartbreak, and the need for restoration. As we journey together, we will delve into the depth of Christ's love for His Bride, discovering the beauty of reconciliation and the grace that heals and strengthens us. Prepare your heart to be pursued by the Lord in a way that deepens your love for Him, invites your soul to heal, and fortifies your relationship with Christ.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Begins September 23rd ending November 18th
Immaculate Conception parish hall

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