

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

**September 10, 2023: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, September 12

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Paula Wilkinson+*

#### Wednesday, September 13

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Fr. Richard Semple*

#### Thursday, September 14

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Bishop Daly*

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

*Edward Borgias+*

#### Friday, September 15

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Edwin & Robin Thompson*

7:45 a.m. Adoration

#### Saturday, September 16

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Katherine Danda+*

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

*Jeannette Good+*

#### Sunday, September 17 Mt 18:21-35

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 3rd Sunday)

*Kenton Foundas and Family*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*James F. Lilly, Jr.*

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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,

In this Sunday's column, I want to start looking at the reasons why people join or remain in the Catholic Church or other ecclesial communities. Looking at these reasons should also help us to understand why people *leave* the Church.

First, there are those who are Catholic because they were born into a Catholic family and raised in the Church. Perhaps they have the sense that "these are my roots, and I'm not going to depart from them." For some, it is a matter of honoring their parents or maintaining family tradition.

Second, some are Catholic because they accept the teachings of the Church as true. They see that walking away from the Church would be a movement from light into darkness.

Third, some are Catholic because the liturgy of the Church captures their heart. The beauty of Catholic worship and the grace of the sacraments are powerful forces in their journey of faith.

Fourth, some are Catholic because of the community connection. They have found a family atmosphere where they are accepted and loved. They have made friends and established new relationships, and it would be painful to leave them behind.

Fifth, some are Catholic because they see the Church's humanitarian outreach and want to be part of it. Catholic charities, medicine, and education do an immeasurable amount of good in the world. To be a participant in that outreach is meaningful and satisfying.

Sixth, some Catholics hinge their involvement in the Church on particular leaders, be they popes, bishops, or priests. They are happy to be Catholic when they agree with their leaders' choices, but they may start looking for someplace else to go when those choices are harder for them to stomach.

I'm sure there are other factors that people take into consideration when choosing a faith community, and much depends on what is of greatest value to any given individual. Some may love the Church for *all* the reasons I listed above. For others, just one reason may be the defining factor. In any case, if someone is asking, "Should I join?" or "Should I stay?", the Church needs to have a compelling response. I hope to get into that in next Sunday's column.

Father Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

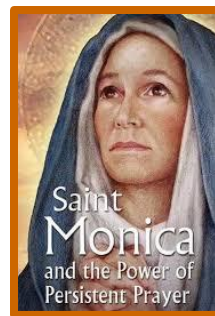
### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes. Olin Birdsong, Oscar and Evelyn Romo, June Machala, Jonathan Coe, F. Hendricks, Phil Anderson, Cinda Lorenzetti, Kenton Foundas, Chris Miller, Arvilla Vickers, Peter Perkins, Janneth Brown Drury, Monty LeCaire, Brittney Gagnon, Monica Parazoo, Pat Graham, Margie Christensen, Meggie Hyman, Dale 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 are sick or homebound and would like to receive a visit and Holy Communion, please call the Parish office.**

### **Weekly Contributions: September 2-3**

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$3,954.85  
Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1350.00  
Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): 275.00  
ICP Capital Improvements: \$120.00  
Social Outreach: \$210.00



**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.



Bishop Thomas Daly will be at Immaculate Conception Parish for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and a reception on **Sunday, September 17**. Please plan on attending to welcome our Bishop! We will also have one Confirmation.

When Mass is being offered for someone, it does not necessarily mean that the person is ill or in trouble. Masses can be offered on special occasions like birthdays or anniversaries. Sometimes Mass is offered in gratitude for someone. Sometimes, of course, Mass is offered for someone who is sick or otherwise suffering. The Mass is also often offered for the repose of the souls of those who have died. A cross (+) after the person's name in the schedule of Mass intentions means that he or she is deceased. So, when you see that Mass is going to be offered for someone, don't worry – just pray!





**Dr. Catherine Brown Tkacz**, an internationally 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.



**Catechetical Sunday**  
Each year the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday. This

year's celebration will take place on Sunday, **September 17**. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to re-dedicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. The day provides an opportunity to celebrate those who do the important work of handing on the faith. Each year, Catechetical Sunday has a unique theme. The 2023 Catechetical Sunday theme is: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). Please pray for our catechists as they begin this journey.



**Mystery of Faith Series: The Foundations of our Faith**

- September 12 – St. Peter (episode 3)

Classes start after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays at ICP. We continue our series on Saint Peter. This week we will learn more about the life of a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee is the lowest freshwater lake on earth. Tilapia was the important fish for the fisherman. Tilapia is known as St. Peter's fish not only because it is believed to be the fish that Peter caught, but also the fish with which Jesus fed the multitudes. This species is found at the mouth of the Jordan River as it enters the Sea of Galilee. The fisherman used flat-bottom boats, which allowed them to fish in the shallows. But the flat-bottom boats did not do well in the storms that came up quickly on the lake. Nets were in need of constant repair - the fisherman usually fished in the evening and then repaired their nets in the morning. The main 'cannery' for the fish was Magdala, a small village on the sea and the home of Mary Magdalene.

**Do you have loved ones who identify as LGBTQ+?**  
Are you striving to maintain a loving relationship with them while continuing



to uphold wisdom and truth found in the teachings of the Church? You are invited to the EnCourage Fall Retreat – a special weekend of prayer and reflection exclusively for family and friends of people who experience same-sex attractions or gender identity discordance. Retreatants will seek God's guidance in cultivating peace of heart, mind, and spirit as we share our journeys with one another and grow closer to the One who created us all.

The retreat is from Friday, September 29, to Sunday, October 1. The last day to register is Monday, September 18. \$275 per person. The nearest airport is MSP. Email 2023midwestencretreat@gmail.com for information.



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly known as RCIA) 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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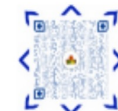
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