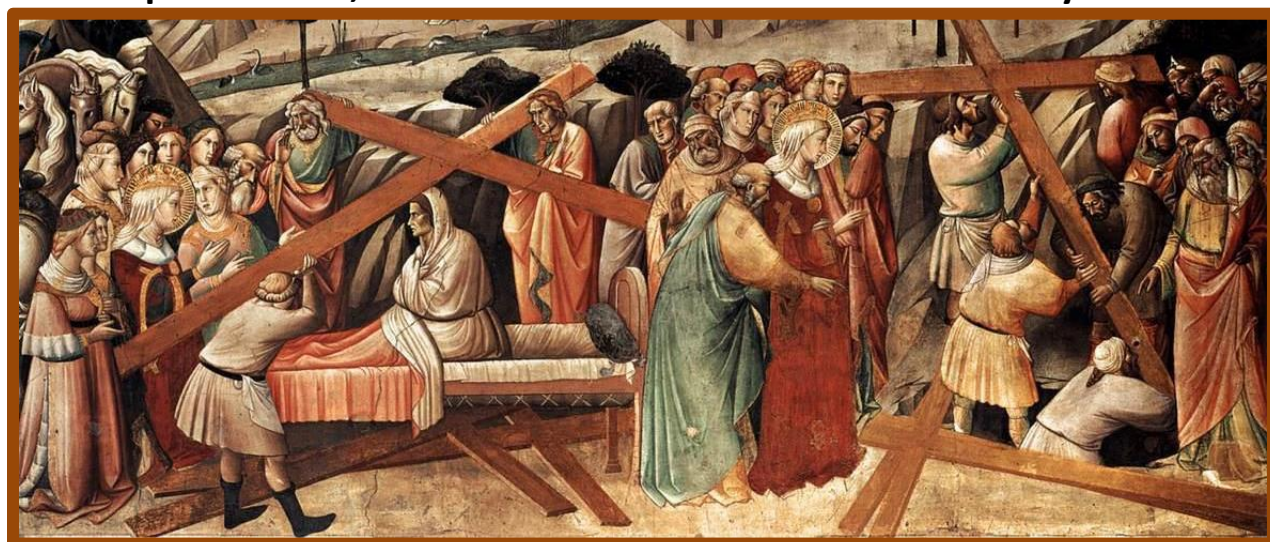


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Immaculate Conception (Colville) – Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls)

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

September 14, 2025: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 16

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Annunciation Church/School victims

Wednesday, September 17

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Eric Genoway

Thursday, September 18

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Ozzie & Ginny Wilkinson

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Dennis George Mischel +

Friday, September 19

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Gerry Leahy +

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

Saturday, September 20

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Kaylan Martin +

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

DNR Firefighters

Sunday, September 21 Luke 16:1-13

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Forest fire victims

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Dennis George Mischel +

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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,

Although prayer is one of our favorite things, prayer is not generally like a brown paper package tied up with string (with all due respect to Mary Poppins). It is not always neat and tidy, contained, well-defined, and predictable. Prayer is not like following a recipe that tells us how to use certain ingredients in certain ways to produce a certain result. Prayer is not like assembling a new piece of furniture that arrives in the mail: slide these together, tighten this nut, and voila! a new end table.

If we try to fashion it into something like that, our prayer will be sterile and perfunctory.

Prayer is an act of faith. It belongs in the realm of those things that escape our complete comprehension and mastery. This must necessarily be the case because the object of prayer is God, who can never be fully in our grasp.

There may be something inside us, however, that doesn't want prayer to be so undefined. We want, at the end of our prayer time, to be able to walk away from the chapel and say, "I did it!" Memorized prayers, for all the good they offer, can bring with them a temptation to put our prayer life in a box, so to speak.

Actually, a box is a very good analogy. Imagine a box that contains a rosary, a book of prayers, a bible, and some holy cards with prayers on the back. When it's time to pray, we go to the box, pick out which items we want to use, use them, put them back in the box, and then get on with our day, thinking that we have prayed well. We *may have prayed*, but not necessarily.

We must never reduce prayer to saying words. There always has to be an interior openness to the infinite - there has to be space in our prayer life for mystery. Prayer must always engage our faith; it must always be an exercise of *belief*.

Even people who have prayed for years can be tempted to remove *faith* from prayer. We should always be on guard against that. When we pray, we stand humbly before a divine mystery. We don't have to figure it all out; in fact, we can't figure it all out. Nevertheless, God draws us into himself when we pray. Let us allow ourselves to be drawn into him, that he may accomplish his purposes in us.

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 September 6 - 7

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$6,307.60
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$1,486.00
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$202.00
Social Outreach: \$290.00
ICP Capital Improvements: \$185.00

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.



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. *See below chart for items you can bring.*

North Stevens County Parish Picnic	Saturday, September 27, 2025	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Old Kettle Park, Lake Roosevelt
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You Bring

Last Name: A-J	Side Dish, Chips
Last Name: K-Q	Salad
Last Name: R-Z	Dessert

Any Board Games, Card Games that you would like to play



We are watching *The Wild Goose* with Father Dave Pivonka. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Our next session is Tuesday, September 16 at 6:15 p.m. The topic is "The Spirit's Freedom." *When the Son sets you free you are free indeed.* - John 8:36

The Holy Spirit brings freedom from fear, anger, and the past. So often Christians find themselves bound by so many things and are not aware that the Holy Spirit wants to bring the freedom of God to them. Many are slaves to anger, envy, jealousy, comparisons, and addictions. You do not have to live life like that. In this segment we will discuss how the Holy Spirit can bring you greater freedom.

There is prayer, laughter, sharing and the presence of the Holy Spirit when we meet in the ICP library each Tuesday after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.



Youth Group begins on Wednesday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m. at ICP. YG meets each Wednesday throughout the school year. If your teen is new to YG, please contact the parish office for additional information and registration.

Parish families are encouraged to help with a meal for the young people, so look for the meal signup in the ICP vestibule.



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.



There will be a second collection during Mass this weekend for the **Urgent Relief for Survival in Gaza:** Catholic Relief Services works with church and local partners to provide relief in Gaza's deepening crisis. Families in Gaza are enduring catastrophic conditions as hostilities escalate and basic necessities for survival vanish. Reports say deaths from starvation and severe malnutrition are rising daily. More than 2 million people are now crammed into an area smaller than 17 square miles. The Ministry of Health in Gaza reports that emergency rooms are filling with people collapsing from physical depletion.

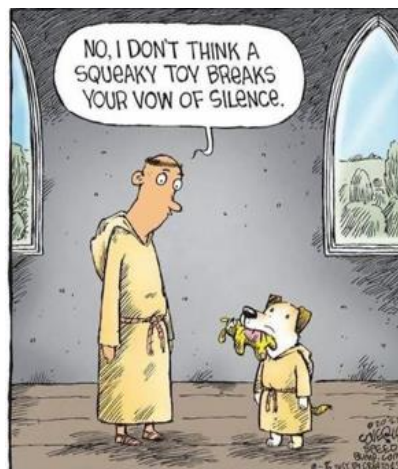


Knights of Columbus Breakfast:

After this 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. (Some of the proceeds will go to support CRS/Gaza Relief.)



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.



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:

St. John Chrysostom



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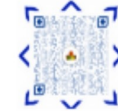
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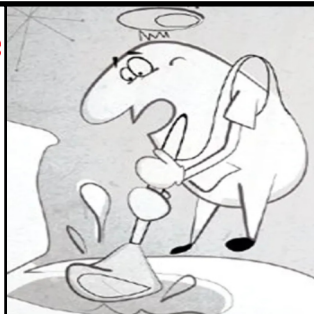
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