

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

**September 17, 2023: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

*The Mass and Confession schedule is suspended this Friday. Fr. Kenny will be on a retreat. The schedule resumes on Saturday, with Msgr. Pearson celebrating.*

#### **Tuesday, September 19**

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Mary Adkins+*

#### **Wednesday, September 20**

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Whitty Whitten+*

#### **Thursday, September 21**

*Fr. James McGreevy+*

#### **Saturday, September 23**

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Shirley Morgan+*

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

*Jenett Akles*

#### **Sunday, September 24** Mt 20:1-16a

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 4th Sunday)

*Dillon family*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Coady Family*

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Dear parishioners and guests,

I looked in last Sunday's column at a number of reasons people might join or stay in the Church, and I ended by saying that, when people are thinking about joining or leaving, the Church ought to be able to say something that will shed light on the situation and help them make a good decision.

It seems to me that the Church's response in such a situation, in order to be maximally effective, has to take into account the factors that might draw *this particular person* to the Church. And then, *if she can*, the Church's response can appeal to the person on that level.

For example, if a person loves the Church mainly because of the truth of her teachings, but has recently experienced alienation or rejection in the parish context and is thinking about leaving, I might approach the person with a reminder about the wisdom of the Church's teachings and a word of encouragement not to let the brokenness of the members of the Church get in the way of a life lived in Truth.

Or, let's say a person is drawn to the Church mainly by the liturgy and the Sacraments, but feels that the liturgy in his or her current parish has become irreverent or sloppy. I might offer a reminder that the grace of the Sacraments is independent of the external beauty (or lack thereof) of the liturgical celebration. I would probably also help the person brainstorm things that could be done to support an increase in reverence in the parish's liturgy.

There are many ways the Church can appeal to such sensibilities of people, but there are situations in which she cannot make that appeal. For instance, I'm thinking of the person who has stayed Catholic simply because his parents were Catholic. If he comes to me saying, "I don't think this is where I belong," I'm not going to respond with, "But you *can't* leave – your parents were Catholic and you've *always* been Catholic!" I'd respond instead with other good reasons to stay in the Church.

Or, maybe there's a person looking for a church that will affirm everything about her. Even though I *can* say, "You're more than welcome in the Catholic Church, and we will accept and love you just the way you are," I *cannot* say, "The Church is okay with all your behaviors and relationships. You're perfect just the way you are." If she is looking for a church where she can just be comfortable and won't be challenged, the Catholic Church cannot really appeal to her on those grounds.

To be continued... (This is Part 3 of this series. Previous installments are available on the parish website.)

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: September 9-10

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$4,643.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1,115.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): 60.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$170.00

Social Outreach: \$130.00



### **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.

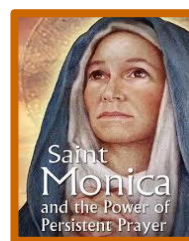
Every Thursday: 7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m.



### **Catechetical Sunday**

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

That's today! It's 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. This year's theme is: **"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened"** (Matthew 11:28). Please pray for our catechists and students as they begin this new year of religious ed and youth group.



**The St. Monica Prayer** group started last Wednesday. We will continue praying for our family members who have left the Church. The group will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the second Wednesday of each month at ICP following the 7:15 a.m. Mass.



**EUCCHARISTIC EXPO** 2023 was a success and so much fun! Visit our parish website for video and photos.





A warm welcome to Bishop Thomas Daly! He will be at Immaculate Conception Parish for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and a reception this **Sunday**. Please come over to the parish hall after Mass to welcome our Bishop and congratulate Patsy Cloke on her Confirmation!



One reason for the Eucharistic Revival in our country is to renew Church-wide respect for this Sacrament. One simple way we can all show our respect for this most precious gift is to *arrive at Mass early and stay until the celebration is complete*. Please do not leave early except for a very serious reason. Thank you.



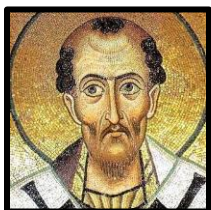
When Mass is being offered for someone, it does not necessarily mean that the person is ill or in trouble. Masses can be offered on special occasions like birthdays or anniversaries. Sometimes Mass is offered in gratitude for someone. Sometimes, of course, Mass is offered for someone who is sick or otherwise 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!



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

- September 19 – St. Peter (episode 4)

Classes start after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays at ICP. We continue our series on Saint Peter.



#### **What's new on FORMED:**

St. John Chrysostom-Catholic Saints series. From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies. His feast day was on September 13.



#### **Save the Date!**

Our 2024 Mardi Gras celebration will be here before you know it! (It falls on February 13th.) We will have the Irish dancers, line dancing, dessert dash, and lots more!



**Dr. Catherine Brown Tkacz**, an internationally recognized theological scholar, will be lecturing **this 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 refreshments will be served. 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.

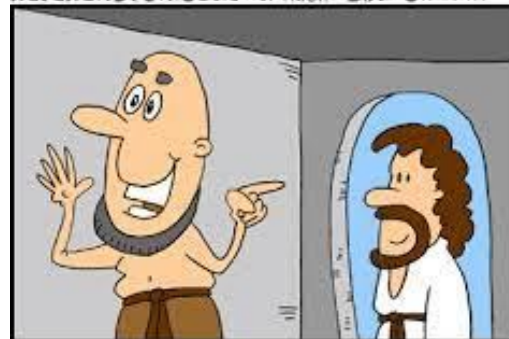


The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly known as RCIA) is for three groups of people:

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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