

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

**September 24, 2023: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, September 26

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Nancy Kohmetscher*

#### Wednesday, September 27

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*John Chapman*

#### Thursday, September 28

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Ellen Maddaloni*

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

*Edward Borgias+*

#### Friday, September 29

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Marge Waldemarson+*

#### Saturday, September 30

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Mert Graham*

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

*Special Intentions*

#### Sunday, October 1 Mt 21:28-32

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

*James Clinton Sprague+*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Gentkowski family*

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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,

(This is part four of a series.)

The question at hand is this: what kind of overtures can and should the Church make to someone who is questioning whether he or she should join, stay in, or leave the Church? Another way of phrasing the question is: how should the Church, in an effort to gain or maintain members, cater to people on the basis of their interests?

As I mentioned previously, if the person is likely to make a decision based on the search for true teaching, the beauty of divine worship, the loving warmth of the parish community, works of social outreach, or historicity (to name a few examples), Catholics should be right there to say, *"We can offer you all that in the Catholic Church!"* (And then, of course, each parish community should be able to follow through on that promise!)

At the same time, there are others for whom these considerations are secondary, and the Church cannot always appeal to them based on what really interests them in a faith community. For example, if a person is driven by heightened emotional experiences, I'm afraid the Church can't promise to provide those. There is no guarantee that the spiritual life will always be filled with consolation!

Some folks are looking for the place with the best preaching, the hippest music, the most charismatic pastor, the newest facilities, maybe a coffee bar in the vestibule, the biggest youth group, the most comfortable pews, and "feeling-like-a-million-dollars" every Sunday on the way home from church. The Church can't – and, I would argue, shouldn't – cater to people on the basis of these factors.

Now, that doesn't mean that if someone comes along looking for these things, we should just tell them to keep going down the road to find a community (if it exists!) that can offer them all that. Ideally, a Catholic would be able to engage in a conversation with this person and make some good points about why the things we *can* offer are worth more than the other things we can't promise.

There always have been and there always will be people who are unable to see beyond the external "trappings" to the heart of the faith community. The Catholic Church has a beautiful heart, and although her external qualities may not always be what people are looking for, it's worth the effort to get to know her inner beauty.

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 16-17**

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$5,474.71

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$491.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$115.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$35.00

Social Outreach: \$95.00

PREPARES: \$100.00



It's time again for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA): our primary opportunity to support the work of the Catholic Church across Eastern Washington. You should have received information about the ACA in the mail; if not, materials are available at the church.

### **GOALS**

ICP-Colville: \$46,913

SHJ-Kettle Falls: \$8,435

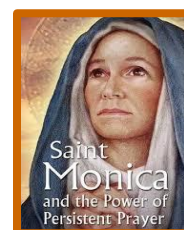
PHM-Northport: \$2,293

ICP-R-Republic: \$16,698



### **COMMUNION ETIQUETTE**

Please receive Holy Communion with careful reverence. You may receive the Body of Christ on the tongue. If you choose to receive on the tongue, please open your mouth wide and extend your tongue to facilitate the priest's placement of the host. If you choose to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, please be sure your hands are clean, with one hand under the other. Consume the host immediately and check your hand for particles. Remember to make a reverent head bow before receiving.



**St. Monica Prayer group:** 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.



### Bishop Daly's Five important steps in forgiveness:

First, we must recognize that a hurt has been done to us, and there's no point in pretending it didn't happen. The second thing is related to this, and we must recognize that we have feelings,

and those feelings are often anger and hurt. Those feelings are not sins, they are natural and healthy, and we should not deny them. The third aspect of forgiveness is that we need to talk about it. Hopefully to the one who has hurt us, but if not, then to someone else we trust - maybe even in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The fourth is that we have to make a decision to forgive. Forgiveness is an act of the will; it is not a feeling. It doesn't mean that there still won't be hurt or bitterness, but healing takes time. Finally, we have to make a decision about the relationship with the person who hurt us. We have three choices: We continue it, we break it off for a while or we just discontinue it all together. Jesus said to 'forgive;' he never said 'reconcile.' Why? Because it takes two to be reconciled. Sometimes people just won't forgive us. Or we find it very difficult to forgive, but we have to try. And thus, we have to pray for grace which is a help from God. Unless we forgive, we won't be able to let go of the bitterness and resentment, and thus we won't be able to experience peace and healing. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting; it means remembering and letting I go, but it is a holy task – one that only God can make possible.



### Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events:

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual **Coats for Kids** on Saturday, October 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at both Immaculate Conception and Sacred

Heart of Jesus parishes. **Knights breakfast fund raiser:** Sunday, October 22, after Mass in the Colville parish hall.

**Fr. McGivney pie auction:** November 19 after Mass in Colville. **Tootsie Roll drive:** date/time to be determined. All men of the parish are invited to join. Meetings are held second Thursdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please contact Randy Carstens for more information.



For the feast day of St. Francis, Fr. Kenny will bless your favorite pets! Bring them on Wednesday, October 4, at 4:30 p.m. to the Immaculate Conception parking lot for the blessing. If you can't make it for his blessing, you can pray for and bless your animals at home, too. A verbal blessing and a sprinkling of holy water can be offered in your backyard, garden or anywhere in your home.



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

- September 26 – St. Peter (episode 5)

Classes start after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays at ICP. We continue our series on Saint Peter. In our continued study of Saint Peter, Dr. Gray previews the changing of Peter's name to the 'rock' but he states something that what is often overlooked. Dr. Gray states that not only does Jesus change Peter's first name but he also changes Peter's surname. Peter is the son of John; John is his father's name. Jesus changes Peter's surname to 'Son of Jonah.' Jonah is the prefigurement of Jesus in the Old Testament. Jonah stayed in the whale three days and three nights. By calling Peter 'son of Jonah,' Jesus is telling everyone that Peter is Jesus' protégé - his best student, best disciple, best everything - son of Jonah.



**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!



Bring prayer back into your family life and you will experience unity-and a joyful love that will bind you together. Maybe there is suffering in your family, but praying together, sharing together, loving together will help you. --**Teresa of Calcutta**

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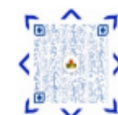
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