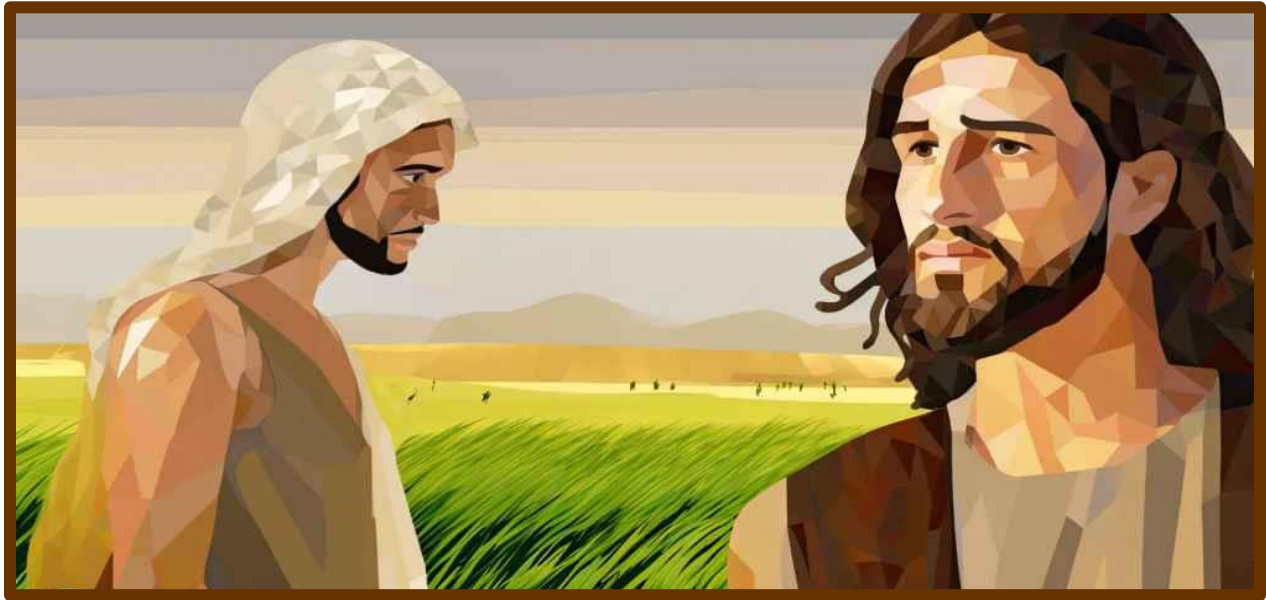


MY PARISH FAMILY

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

October 1, 2023: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 3

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Michelle & Eric Boyd

Wednesday, October 4

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Marion & Tom Campbell

Thursday, October 5

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Jeannette Good+

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Walter Gentkowski

Friday, October 6

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Ellen Maddaloni

Saturday, October 7

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Jude Van Cleave

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

Msgr. John Cihak

Sunday, October 8 Mt 21:33-43

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 2nd Sunday)

Jean Gentkowski

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Laufer 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 five of a series.)

We've been looking at the question of what we can do as Catholics to encourage people to join the Church or to stick with it when they are considering a departure. While we can't promise to keep people entertained or that we will always have the latest and greatest in terms of curb appeal, a Catholic parish should be able to offer an experience of community in which truth is taught, God is fittingly worshiped, those in need are cared for, and the love of the Lord is experienced in the daily interactions of parishioners.

Before I get into some of the practical points we can make in favor of being and staying Catholic, I want to write a few words about a reality that we can sometimes experience as difficult, namely, that people have to make their own decisions about their faith and its practice.

Obviously, if you are a parent, you have control over (and responsibility for) the religious education of your children. You take the kids to Sunday Mass and Religious Ed or Youth Group. You pray before meals and before bed at night. You try to model a good Christian life. You do your best to instill in their minds and hearts a knowledge and love of Jesus that will be the foundation for a life-long relationship.

Once your children become adults, you can no longer make decisions for them – or for any other (*compos mentis*) adult, for that matter. Not having reared children of my own, I don't have firsthand experience, but I can imagine how difficult it might be for parents to make the shift from having control over their children to not having control as the children become adults. And, of course, that transition becomes even more difficult when the young adults begin to make poor decisions.

Does our lack of control over others mean we should stand by idly while they make poor decisions? Not at all! We should make every effort to help others make good choices and find the path in life that leads to their fullest flourishing, which is the same as the path that God marks out for them!

In some cases, naturally, our efforts to help others are unsuccessful. It's painful to watch as people insist on making choices that harm themselves. Out of love, we do everything we can to help – physically, emotionally, spiritually – but at the end of the day we cannot override the free will of others. We have to trust that God will once again make the light of dawn arise from the darkness.

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 23-24

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$5,258.70

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1,347.30

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$30.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$60.00

Social Outreach: \$70.00

Figures do not include Online Giving



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

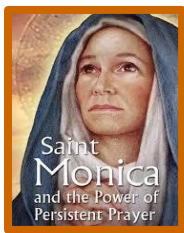
SHJ-Kettle Falls: \$8,435

PHM-Northport: \$2,293

ICP-R-Republic: \$16,698



The Pastoral Councils for Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart of Jesus parishes are kicking off the year in September and October. Please pray for Immaculate Conception Council members: John Arendas, Cindy Campbell, Jayne Deardorff, Kathy Johnson, Lenny Neyens, Ted Van Cleave, and Wendy Woods, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Council members: Father Kenny, Cindy Campbell, Randy Carstens, Todd Kowitz, Heather Miller, Tim Montowski, and Dawna Parazoo. If you have any needs or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact a council member. A summary of each meeting will be made available to all parishioners.



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.

October is “**The Month of the Rosary.**” Each of our parishes has rosaries available at the back of the church. If you need one or an extra one for a friend or family member, please feel free to take one.

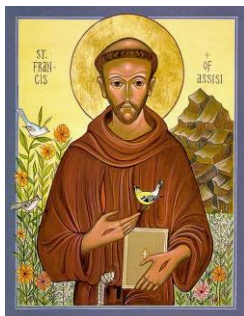


Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events:

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.



St Francis of Assisi

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

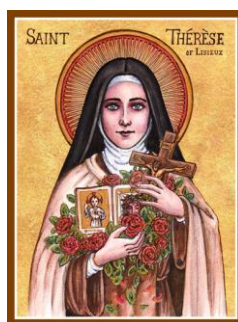
blessing and a sprinkling of holy water can be offered in your backyard, garden or anywhere in your home.



Mystery of Faith Series: The Foundations of our Faith

- October 4 - Saint Peter, Episode 6

In this episode, Dr. Gray discusses the role of Peter as Jesus' “prime minister.” The kings in the Old Testament had prime ministers who in essence ran the country while the kings waged wars, traveled, forged alliances, etc. For example, Joseph had the role of prime minister for the pharaoh and was given authority over all the pharaoh's kingdom except for his household. Peter will have authority over Christ's earthly kingdom and this role lays the foundation for the papacy.

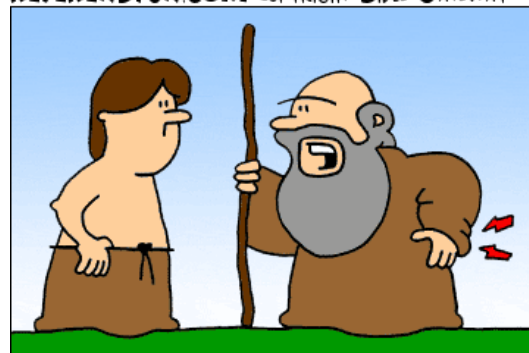


St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Sunday, October 1, is the feast day of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the “Little Flower,” who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*,

is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. Thérèse was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized because of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

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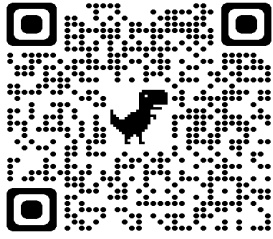
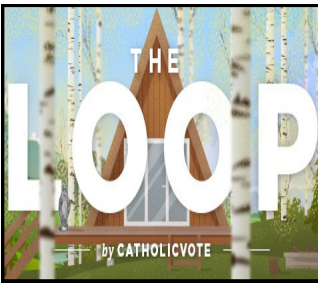


You are invited to Sacred Heart Parish in Kettle Falls for a candlelit Eucharistic Holy Hour with Taizé music on Monday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. It will be a beautiful evening of adoration and meditative song. October 16 is the feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who introduced the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus into the Church. Please come!

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