

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

October 8, 2023: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 10

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Dave Good

Wednesday, October 11

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Steve Campbell

Thursday, October 12

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Larry and Dorothy Chapman +

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Edward Borgias +

Friday, October 13

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

P. St. Hilaire Intention

Saturday, October 14

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Caprise Marie

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

Msgr. John Cihak

Sunday, October 15 Mt 22:1-14

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Jeanette Good +

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Jack Giddings +

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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 six of a series.)

In our exploration of reasons for becoming or staying Catholic, we turn first toward the question of belief. *What is being proposed for my belief? What should I believe?* These are crucial questions for a person to answer when he or she is contemplating joining, leaving, or staying in the Church.

Although it's fashionable for people to say, "All Christians basically believe the same things, so it doesn't matter what church you pick," I would argue that, for one, the existence of tens of thousands of Protestant denominations does not speak of unity in belief. I would add that disagreements about fundamental topics like salvation, baptism, revelation, Eucharist, scripture, governance – and many others! – point to differences that are more than just superficial. So, to the question, "Whose teachings should I believe?", we cannot answer that every Christian group's teachings are equivalent.

Alongside that question comes another question: "How can I trust that what is being proposed for my belief is truly worthy of my belief?" If someone who is not an expert in theology or religion goes about looking for the right Christian community to join, how does he or she determine the trustworthiness of what is being proposed for belief? How does one know whether Pastor A or Pastor B (whose teachings are contradictory to Pastor A's teachings) is on the right track?

There will be those who say that, as long as you believe in the basics (the Trinity, the Ten Commandments, love of God and neighbor, etc.), it doesn't matter what you believe about the smaller matters. Believe it or not, Christians disagree even about those basics! Moreover, to claim that it doesn't matter what you believe about "smaller" doctrinal matters boils down to the claim that it simply doesn't matter what you believe. Then the conclusion is quickly reached that religion is arbitrary and faith unnecessary. And that is an assertion we cannot accept, as it directly opposes the words of Jesus Himself.

It seems, then, that the question of trustworthiness of doctrine rests, in large part, on the matter of *authority*. *By what authority is this or that doctrine being proposed for my belief?* What kinds of authority are trustworthy? This will be an important topic for us to explore in the next couple of weeks as we continue to make the case for being and staying Catholic.

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 30-October 1

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2,868.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1,544.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$415.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$75.00

Social Outreach: \$75.00



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

Volunteer for a Youth Group Dinner!

Our youth group meets each Wednesday at ICP for a meal, activity, catechesis and Adoration. That's over 30 meals that will need to be prepared. Would you



prayerfully consider volunteering to fix a meal for 15 young adults and their teachers to supplement the meals that the parents are already preparing? The signup sheets are now available. Grab a friend or another family and have some fun making the dinner for this great group of kids. Additional details will be provided as your day of giving approaches. Thanks so much. God Bless!



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** distribution on Saturday, October 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at both ICP and SHJ. **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.



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!



Laudato Si Day of Prayer and Action:

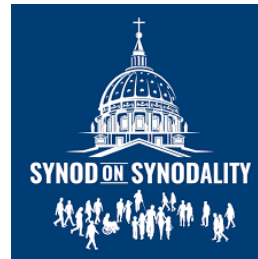
We invite you to join us on Saturday, October 28th at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center for a unique opportunity: Anna Johnson, the North American Senior Programs Manager for the Laudato Si' Movement, presents on how we can live Pope Francis' exhortation to care for our common home. The Laudato Si' Movement is a community of Catholic individuals and organizations across the globe who are inspired by the papal encyclical Laudato Si. We are also pleased to present Ben Chu, from Gonzaga University's Office of Mission and Ministry on Practicing Ecological Spirituality. The cost for the day is \$50 and includes lunch. The day ends with Mass with Bishop Emeritus William Skylstad.



Mystery of Faith Series: The Foundations of our Faith

- October 10 - Saint Peter, Episode 7

Jesus had 12 disciples but he also an inner circle of three – as did David and Moses. The new three are always Peter, John and James with Peter always taking the lead within the three. This is why part of the New Testament is shaped the way it is. After the epistles of Paul, we have what we call the “Catholic Epistles.” They are the letters of James, Peter, and John. These are the letters from the inner circle. These letters are authoritative because they are teaching authoritatively from being intimate with Christ.



This month's Synod on Synodality at the Vatican — is essentially a major workshop for Church leaders and lay people on how to work together for the good of the Church. Please **pray for the Synod on Synodality:**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

(Every session of the second Vatican Council began with this prayer. It has now become the prayer of the Church for the Synod on Synodality.)



A little boy attended his first wedding. After the service, another child asked him, “How many men can a woman marry?” “Sixteen,” the little boy said. “How do you know?” his friend asked. “The preacher said it: four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer,” the boy replied.

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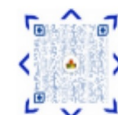
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