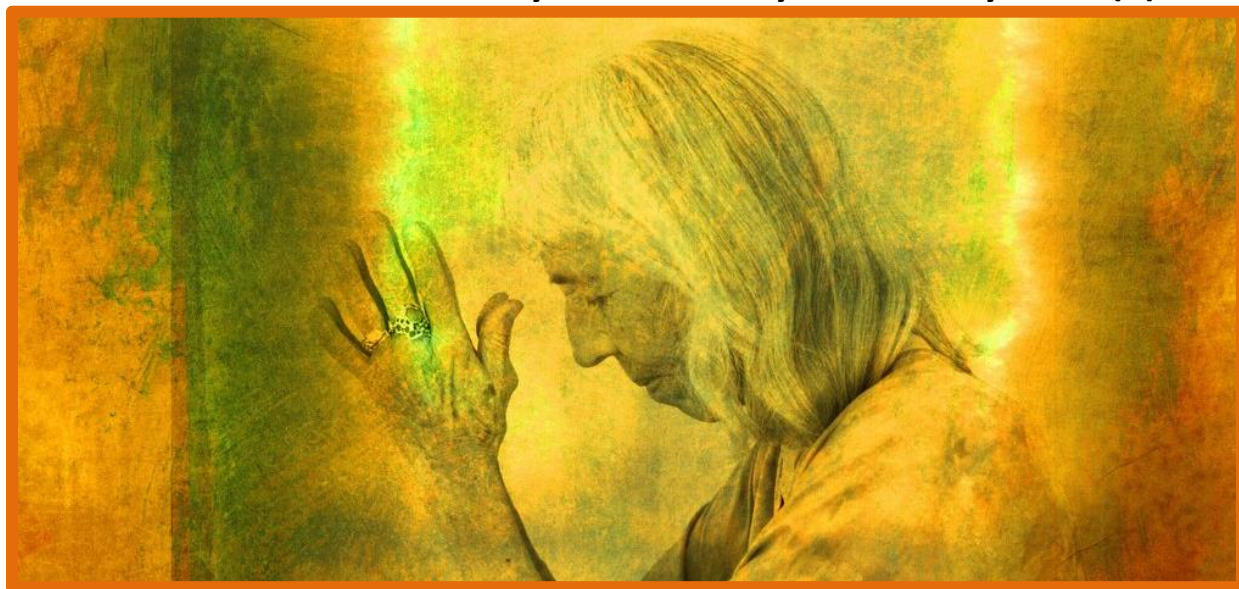


## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

**October 19, 2025: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**\*\*Please note: there will be no weekday Masses or Confessions this week. Fr. Kenny is away for the next session of the spiritual direction training program. The weekend Masses are scheduled as normal.**

#### Tuesday, October 21

No 5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

No 5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

#### Wednesday, October 22

No 12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

#### Thursday, October 23

No 7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confession (Colville)

No 8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

No 11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

#### Friday, October 24

No 7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

No 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

#### Saturday, October 25

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Molly and Josh Carver's wedding*

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

*Deceased Knights of Columbus*

#### Sunday, October 26 Luke 18:9-14

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. (Curlew 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

*John & Leslie Stotts*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Jacob Morgen*

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Friendship Feast ..... Dawna Parazoo

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Youth Group .....Allie and Kody Usher

PREPARES ..... Pat Taylor

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Quilt Ministry..... Dolores Cline

Religious Education ..... Sarah Marshall



**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,

In last Sunday's column, I shared a poem by Billy Collins that described students in a poetry class analyzing a poem to death. I stated that we sometimes treat prayer in a similar way. We want to know what is meant by a particular experience in prayer: what it means that we are distracted or bored or can't hear anything from God, etc. Some of us who have an analytical outlook on life just can't seem to help it. We naturally try to figure things out; we want to understand not only the who and the what, but also the how and the why. We like to know why things happen the way they happen and how to make things happen the way we want them to happen.

Although God does communicate to us in prayer, and it is good for us to try to understand what God is communicating to us when we pray, the "picking of God's brain" is not the primary purpose of prayer. It's similar to what Billy Collins tried to explain about poetry: poetry is an art for enjoyment, not always a mystery to be solved.

In this vein, I propose that, when we pray, we simply make note of what we experience, rather than rack our brain trying to figure it out. If we worry less about "getting the message" that we think God is trying to give us, we may actually become freer to notice what's happening when we pray and to be more attentive to God in the present moment. Prayer may even become more enjoyable when we set aside the (usually self-imposed) expectation that we are supposed to get some insight or receive some particular grace when we pray.

A lot of people who are deeply committed to their life of prayer keep a journal in which they track the experiences they have in prayer. Daily entries need not be expansive descriptions of what happened; they can be very simple. For example: "October 14: I felt loved by God and assured that everything is going to work out." Or: "October 15: I was completely distracted and couldn't stay focused for more than ten seconds."

Of course, a person can write as much or as little as desired. The important thing here is to answer the question, "What happened when I prayed?" rather than trying to answer the question, "What was God trying to tell me when I prayed?" In the end, if we have been paying attention, over time, to what happens in our prayer, it will become clear what God is trying to show 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 October 11-12

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$5,660.00  
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$562.00  
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$160.00  
Social Outreach: \$220.00  
ICP Capital Improvements: \$195.00

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes: Fran Trail, Shelly Perkins, Penny Perkins, Janelle Stroyan, Margaret Olson, Mert Graham, Palin Driver, James Rowland, Elaine Huff, Lisa Huff, Diane Hess, Jim Miller, Loretta Bowling, Ella Sprangers & family, Karen Hamel, Kenzie Sackman, Mick, Greg and Luke McCrea. (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.**



**Oktoberfest Party!** Come join your fellow parishioners this Friday, October 24 at 5:30 in the Immaculate Conception parish hall for a celebration of faith, fellowship and fall fun! Come and enjoy traditional German foods and drinks, with a blessing of the season! Whether you're a longtime parishioner or new to the community, we welcome you to share in the spirit of togetherness and gratitude. All are welcome – bring your family and friends!



### Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

**We will view the second half of Fr. Chris Alar's talk on St. Faustina Kowalska.** St. Faustina was entrusted by Christ with the mission of proclaiming His message of Divine Mercy to the world, a mission that continues to transform lives through her "Diary" through prayer, and through the Sacraments. Come and encounter the love of Christ through the witness of the saint who gave her life to make His mercy known. **Join us at 5:30 on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in the ICP Library.**



**The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive** is an annual fundraising event where members collect donations to support people with developmental disabilities.

In exchange for donations, members offer a Tootsie Roll, a tradition that started in the

1970s. The funds raised go to local and national charities that assist individuals with disabilities, including the Special Olympics. A big thank you to Randy Carstens, John Horton, Bill Leahy, Daniel Marshall, Dave Hewes, Jim Davidson and Father Kenny who all pulled shifts.



**Blessing of the Animals:** In the spirit of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, Father Kenny gave a blessing at Immaculate Conception on October 3 for our furry friends and companions. Thank you to all who participated! Remember, Father is always happy to come over and bless your home or your farm animals as well.



**From the desk of our librarian, Vivian:** Library Categories - The library is organized into 18 categories. Each shelf is labeled with the name of the category of the books on that shelf.

Within all but one of these categories, the books are shelved alphabetically by the author's last name. The categories are: Apologetics, Bibles, Bible Commentary, Catechism, Catholic Reflections, Church History, Early Church, Family, Fiction, Jesus, Liturgy & Sacraments, Mary, Memoirs & Biography, Philosophy & Logic, Popes, Prayer, Spirituality, and Saints. Books in the Saints section are organized by the name of the saint, not the author. For example, all the books about St. Francis of Assisi are shelved together.

**Just a gentle reminder: please silence your cell phones while attending Mass.**



## *Annual Catholic Appeal*

DIocese of Spokane 2025

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift is sincerely appreciated! The amounts we are asked to contribute this year are:

**Immaculate Conception: \$53,208**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus: \$11,455**

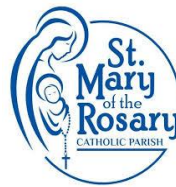
**Pure Heart of Mary: \$2,000**

*As of the time of printing on October 15*

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| ICP (Colville) pledged:     | \$37,850 | 71.1% |
| SHJ (Kettle Falls) pledged: | \$10,800 | 94.3% |
| PHM (Northport) pledged:    | \$300    | 15%   |
| ICP-R (Republic) pledged:   | \$16,468 | 99.0% |



The Women's Ministry Group (Paradisus Dei) is meeting in the parish hall at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. All women in the parishes are welcome! For more information, please call or text Loriann at (928)-266-5057.



St. Mary of the Rosary Church (Chewelah) is preparing to reopen its doors on Sunday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m. with a special Mass of Dedication with Bishop Thomas Daly to dedicate the new altar and the completion of our

Restoring Beauty Project. A catered reception will follow that evening in the parish hall. The night before, on Saturday, November 15, Fr. Vincent will hold a special Solemn Vespers (evening prayer) at 5:00 p.m. to dedicate and unveil the new Marian-stained glass window and the Calvary. Contact the office for more info 509-684-6223.



Returning home from Religious Education, a little girl told her mom how disappointed she was with the class reaction after the day's lesson. "We were taught to go out into all the world and make disciples of all nations," she said, "but we just sat there."



Parishioners are urged to sign up for FORMED! Go to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org), click "Find your parish subscription" and enter 99114 to set up your free account.



Make sure you visit our Parish website! It has a wealth of information.

[www.myparishfamily.org](http://www.myparishfamily.org)

**Business of the week – Thank you!**

**Tucker's Firewood**

*Please see the ad on the back of the bulletin*