

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

October 22, 2023: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 24

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

John Rutherford – for healing

Wednesday, October 25

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Larry Schrader +

Thursday, October 26

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Eric Trail +

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

William Whitmore

Friday, October 27

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Artemus and Agnes Taylor +

Saturday, October 28

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Special Intention

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

Tom Scott +

Sunday, October 29 Mt 22:34-40

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 5th Sunday)

Jeannette Good +

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Patricia Wood +

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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,

We've been looking at the theme of authority, and I have tried to show that everything we believe is believed on the basis of some authority. We arrive, then, at a very important question: *Who has the authority to instruct us in matters*

pertaining to God?

Millions and millions – actually, hundreds of millions – of people believe that the Bible is the only infallible source of authority when it comes to Christian belief and practice. This is the well-known doctrine of “sola scriptura” (Latin for “Scripture alone”).

On one hand, we can recognize a well-intentioned desire to exalt Scripture for what it is: the Word of God recorded in written form. As Catholics, we regard the Scriptures with the utmost reverence. We turn to the Bible for wisdom, instruction, inspiration, and information. Our liturgical celebrations are saturated with the Word of God. Catholics have read and meditated on God's Word since the beginning, even before the Bible was finished being written! If anyone claims that the Catholic Church has little regard for Scripture, he is clearly misinformed.

On the other hand, however, with “sola scriptura” we quickly begin to run into a number of problems. The first, and maybe most obvious, issue is that of interpretation. Anyone who has read the Bible in whole or in part knows that there are different ways of understanding what is written there. That, in itself, is not a problem. For example, we can interpret the Exodus story as a true, historical account about Moses leading the Hebrews out of Egypt. We can interpret the same passage as a foreshadowing of Jesus leading sinful humanity through the waters of baptism into the freedom of the children of God. Both interpretations are valid and true.

The problem arises when two or more interpretations oppose each other – when they can't *both* be true. For example, at the Last Supper, Jesus said, “Take and eat. This is my body.” Catholics believe the Eucharist is the Body of Christ. Others believe it is not the Body of Christ. Clearly, either it is or it isn't; both interpretations cannot be true.

How can such disagreements over interpretation be resolved? There is no appealing to authority, when “sola scriptura” is in play, because *the sole authority is precisely the matter being disputed!* No wonder there are so many Protestant denominations. Irreconcilable interpretations necessarily result in schism. More next week.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes: Mert Graham, 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: October 14-15

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$3,869.56

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$318.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$210.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$20.00

Social Outreach: \$100.00

Online giving not included.



It's time again for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA): our primary opportunity to support the work of the Catholic Church across Eastern Washington. We are making good progress toward our goals. A big *thank you* to those who have contributed. If you have not made a pledge yet, please consider doing so soon!

GOALS

ICP-Colville: \$46,913

SHJ-Kettle Falls: \$8,435

PHM-Northport: \$2,293

ICP-Republic: \$16,698



All Saints' Day:

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints' Day is celebrated in the Church as a **Holy Day of Obligation**. All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows,

the Solemnity of All Saints, and Halloween, is a solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

7:15 a.m. Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle)

11:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception (Republic)

5:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception (Colville)

Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events:

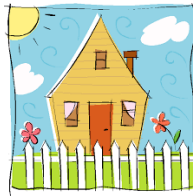


The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Knights Breakfast Fund Raiser THIS Sunday October 22**, in the Colville parish hall after Mass. Please join us for a delicious breakfast!



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.

Catholic Charities Colville Family Haven Update



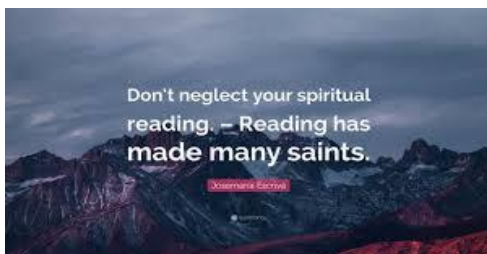
The Colville Family Haven project is now fully funded, and zoning is cleared for construction. Groundbreaking is scheduled for some time around January 2024, with construction taking 12 to 15 months for completion.

Families could begin moving in late winter/early spring of 2025. Parishioners are invited to the site of Colville Haven on Wednesday, November 8, at 11 a.m., for a blessing of the ground on which the apartments will be built. Father Kenny will offer prayers and bless the site that will eventually give safe shelter to families in our community. The site is on Buena Vista Dr., next to Colville Mini Storage.



Parish Library News: As the days grow shorter and colder, it's a perfect time to cozy up with a good book. The ICP Parish Library has a growing selection of materials, and new books and DVDs are being

added to the library all the time! Nine books and seven DVDs have been processed and added to our collection this month. Stop by the library during parish office hours or after weekend Masses and check out the list on the Parish Library bulletin board. The new books & DVDs can be found on a small table-top book rack below the bulletin board. A suggestion box is also located on the shelf below the bulletin board. If there is something you'd like to see in our library, please don't hesitate to let us know.



Mystery of Faith Series: The Foundations of our Faith

- Mystery of Faith, October 24th - We continue our study of Saint Peter.

In the series on Peter, Dr. Gray described the denial of Christ by Peter with the following words: "And Peter followed at a distance." Here is the haunting verse in the Passion account of Luke. "Peter followed at a distance." The denial of Christ by Peter was prepared and set up by the discipleship that was done at a distance. If we follow Christ in a discipleship that is comfortable, that is easy, but at a distance, we are setting ourselves up for a discipleship that will end in denial. Discipleship at a distance is easy; it is comfortable following along at distance. To follow Jesus at a distance seems comfortable and easy at first. But this leads to that denial.

So, the question for us in our own life is: do we have a life of discipleship which can be described as following Jesus at distance? It's easy to say, "I'm good. I don't do all these bad things that you see in the world." But you put that discipleship on the back burner. You put Jesus on the back burner, and you get busy with your life, your plans and all the things about your own will. Jesus says, "Not my will but yours be done, Abba." That is the discipleship of the Son who is close to the Father.

Please note: There will be no Mystery of Faith next week on October 31st - "All Hallows' Eve"



The Most Rev. Robert Runcie, the retired Archbishop of

Canterbury, wrote in his book, *Seasons of the Spirit*, that he once got on a train in England and discovered that all of the other passengers in the car were patients at a mental institution being taken on an excursion. A mental hospital attendant was counting the patients to be sure that they were all there: "One, two, three, four, five ..." When he came to Runcie, he said, "Who are you?" "I am the Archbishop of Canterbury," Runcie replied. The attendant smiled and, pointing to him, continued counting, "... six, seven, eight ..."

--from *Holy Humor*

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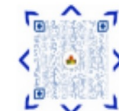
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