

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

### November 12, 2023: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



#### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

##### Tuesday, November 14

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Robert & Elizabeth Amos +*

##### Wednesday, November 15

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Robert Amos +*

##### Thursday, November 16

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Ed Long (birthday)*

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

*Verle Gotham (birthday)*

##### Friday, November 17

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Ellen Maddaloni*

##### Saturday, November 18

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Mert Graham*

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

*P. St. Hilaire Intention*

##### Sunday, November 19 Mt 25: 1-13

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

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

*Jeannette Good +*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Barbara Rochelle*

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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,

In this Sunday's column, I hope to conclude my comments on *sola scriptura* – the theological theory that the Bible is the only authoritative source of Christian teaching in matters of doctrine and morals. We have seen various problems with the theory, ranging from interpretation and translation of the Bible to the question of the Bible's composition. Today, we'll look at one final issue.

There are people who will invoke the Holy Spirit as the one who guarantees that their translation or interpretation of Scripture is authentic. For example, you might say to someone: "You say that Jesus was speaking figuratively or symbolically when He said, 'Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life within you.' How do you know He wasn't speaking more literally?" And the person might respond, "When I prayed about it, the Holy Spirit showed me that that was how the passage should be understood." How can you argue with that?!

Actually, you can argue with that – well, maybe argue is the wrong word, but you can certainly challenge the assertion. I always take with a grain of salt a person's statement that begins with, "God told me ..." It's not that I deny that God speaks to us individually in the depths of our hearts; it's that our perception of God's movement or communication is not always 100% accurate. One of my priest friends always says, "Beware of people who are absolutely sure of their own discernment!"

Even if *sola scriptura* adherents believe that it's actually the Holy Spirit who is the ultimate authority behind the Bible's teachings, it's a huge leap to claim that their own understanding is infallible (without error) because the Holy Spirit guides them personally and individually.

With this claim, we run into the same problem we ran into when it came to the translation or the interpretation of the Bible: what happens when one person's "Holy Spirit-inspired" reading conflicts with another person's reading that is supposedly inspired by the same Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth; the Spirit cannot be the source of contradictions.

Only the Church – and not the members of the Church individually – can rightfully make the claim that her reading of Scripture is infallible. Not only did the New Testament come into existence through the Church; Jesus also gave the Church the authority to continue teaching in His name, which includes interpreting the Scriptures for every generation. What a gift we have in the Church, that we can turn to her to help us understand the Word, and we don't have to rely solely on our own ability to interpret it.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes. Olin Birdsong, Oscar 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: November 4-5**

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$7,710.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1,160.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$255.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$200.00

Social Outreach: \$360.00

All Saints Day: \$1,404.00



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!

### **PROGRESS REPORT**

ICP-Colville: \$50,535 out of \$46,913 (108%)

SHJ-Kettle Falls: \$8,745 out of \$8,435 (104%)

PHM-Northport: \$2,830 out of \$2,293 (123%)

ICP-Republic: \$13,150 out of \$16,698 (79%)



**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** A free sit-down meal will be offered at the Ag Trade Center on November 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Parish will once again be preparing the mashed potatoes for this event, and we need volunteers on Tuesday, November 21, from about 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to scrub, peel, cut, cook, and mash the potatoes to feed the hungry. Many hands make light work! To sign up or for more information, please contact Pat Taylor at 509-942-9592.



The minutes and agendas for the Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart of Jesus Pastoral Council meetings are available on the web at [myparishfamily.org/Pastoral Council](http://myparishfamily.org/Pastoral Council). A printed copy of the minutes will be available on the parish bulletin boards as well. The next meetings are 11/28 for Immaculate Conception and 12/9 for Sacred Heart of Jesus.



**Catholic Charities Colville Family Haven:** The Colville Family Haven project is now fully funded, and zoning is cleared for construction. Parishioners, members of the community and representatives from Catholic Charities and other organizations gathered at the future site of Colville Haven on November 8, for a blessing of the ground on which the apartments will be built. Father Kenny offered prayers and blessed the site that will eventually give safe shelter to 72 families in our community. The site is on Buena Vista Drive, next to Colville Mini Storage.



**Fr. McGivney Pie Auction:** Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 19, in the ICP parish hall the Knights will have their annual Pie Auction. They are always grateful for any pies donated or purchased! Proceeds go to help support the Fr. McGivney fund. Please contact Randy Carstens at 675-6085 for more information.



**Discover Opportunities to Get Involved in the Mental Health of Our Community.** The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Washington is offering an opportunity to learn more about mental health support for individuals and their families. All are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday, November 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Colville parish hall. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is not required. For more information, please contact Deanna Roy at 206-971-1599.



**Keep Christ in Christmas**  
The Knights will soon be selling Christmas cards after weekend Masses. The proceeds from card sales go to the "Keep Christ in Christmas" ad campaign in Eastern Washington and to support Knights activities.

#### Sacrament Instructions

**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN:** Please call to schedule instruction and a date for the baptism.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** As scheduled or by appointment at any parish location.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the office if you or someone you know is sick.

**MARRIAGE:** Schedule an appointment with the pastor at least 6 months prior to setting a wedding date.



#### Mystery of Faith Series: Angels

On Tuesday, November 14 part **two of the series** on Angels. Here are some of the topics that we will discuss:

The nine choirs of angels in descending order are: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels and Angels. The nine choirs are broken into three groups of three. The first group of three are known as 'Heavenly Counselors' – Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones. Seraphim: These angels are dedicated to adoring God and singing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" forever. Cherubim: The title means 'fullness of wisdom.' They guard the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden. They have the four symbols of the Gospel authors – ox, lion, eagle, and man. Thrones: The angels are living symbols of God's justice and authority. They have as their symbol the throne. They represent the humility of God.

*Little known fact: Humans have an angel assigned to them at conception – so all humans have access to their Guardian Angel.*



As we leave Ordinary Time behind us in the Liturgical Calendar, many Catholic Digital resources have programs available for Advent, Christmas, and Lent. Our parish website lists over a dozen of these apps (available for Android, iPhone and Windows devices). Some of the apps have a subscription fee but generally all of them offer prayers and meditation at no cost. Check them out and download them at: My Parish Digital Resources



A melancholy man, always up on the latest accident and death statistics, once cornered Mark Twain. "Mr. Clemens," he said, "do you realize that every time I breathe an immortal soul passes into eternity?" "Have you ever tried cloves?" Twain asked. -from *Holy Humor*

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