

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

**November 30, 2025: First Sunday of Advent**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, December 2

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Jim Brickell +*

#### Wednesday, December 3

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Jim Brickell +*

#### Thursday, December 4

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confession (Colville)

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*John Hanley +*

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

*Marilee Axtman +*

#### Friday, December 5 (First Friday)

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Deceased Knights of Columbus +*

7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Adoration (Colville)

#### Saturday, December 6

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Kaylan Martin +*

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

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

#### Sunday, December 7 Matthew 3: 1-12

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. (Northport 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

*Deceased Knights of Columbus +*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Irene +*

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**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,

Last week, we began to look at how the Scriptures provide us not only with material for meditation and contemplation but also with words we can use to express ourselves to God in prayer. We saw a few examples from the Psalms. If those examples didn't resonate with you, read through the Psalms and find the words that you can make your own!

It's not only in the Psalms, however, that we can find God-given words to express the sentiments of our hearts in prayer. Look to Genesis, for example. Remember how Adam replied when the Lord God called, "Where are you?" Adam said, "I was afraid ... so I hid." Are those words we could say to God at times? "Lord, I was so ashamed of what I did, I didn't even want to talk to you about it. I tried to hide from you."

Or when the brothers of Joseph flung themselves to the ground and cried, "We are your slaves!" Joseph responded, "Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good..." It seems to me that these are words we could bring into prayer and express with our own voice.

Of course, there are many examples from the Gospels, too, that we can adopt as our own. Think of the lepers shouting, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" or blind Bartimaeus saying, "Master, I want to see." Those are words we can certainly say to Jesus from our hearts.

Remember the person in the crowd who called out to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Peter famously said, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." These passages, and many more, provide marvelous words for us to use in our own prayers to God.

Many of the words of the Lord Jesus, too, are well-suited for us to say to the Father. How about, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do?" in a moment of frustration with the faults of another person? Or "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." Even something as simple as "I thirst" can bring us into a beautiful place in our prayer.

In sum, when we pray with the Scriptures, we do well to ponder them deeply and reflect on what we are reading. We also do well to pay attention to passages that resonate with our own interior state, and to realize that, in those places, God is giving us words with which we can lift up our hearts to him.

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 November 15-16

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$3,152.15  
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$570.00  
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$90.00  
Capital Improvements: \$55.00  
Social Outreach: \$55.00

### 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.**



### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Brickell**, and the consolation of his family. Jim's funeral Mass was held on November 28 at Immaculate Conception.

*+Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him+*



### Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

On December 2, we launch a series on Advent. We will walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet.

Mystery of Faith meets at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, in the ICP Library.

Please Note: Our response to "The Mystery of Faith" during Mass changes this week to:

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup...*



## Birthdays for the month of December!

- 1 Jeannie Long, Heather Miller
- 2 David Hoogbruin
- 3 Emily Danekas, Bob McKellar,  
Dawna Parazoo, Roland Porth
- 8 Joe Fazzari, Sheila Stalp
- 9 Ramon Canto
- 10 Lindsay Kinard
- 11 Nancy Green, Mimi Morgan
- 12 Beata Hoogbruin
- 14 Matilda Longopoa, Liene Roman
- 16 Rick Green
- 19 Susan Fleischman
- 21 Gary Axtell, Leo Galli
- 22 Al Andersen
- 26 Martha Johnson
- 28 Gail Herbst, Darrin Long
- 29 Grant Fazzari
- 30 Linda Longopoa
- 31 Carisa Fazzari

If you have a birthday in December and do not see your name above, please call the office and help us update our records.



**Immaculate Conception will host a cookie exchange** for all three parishes Sunday, December 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Bring

at least 2 dozen cookies and take home 2 dozen, bring more and take home more. Bring your favorite homemade Christmas cookies or from your favorite bakery, (please, no premade mixes or store-bought cookies). Bring a container to carry away your cookies, and copies of your recipe to share. Arrange your cookies in a basket or platter (be creative). There will be a \$100 door prize from Constructive Fun Toys! Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship, and delicious Christmas cookies!



Sign up for your portrait in our new photo directory — an 8x10 print and parish

directory are free. Multigenerational family sessions can be scheduled for an additional fee. Photos will be taken January 5-10 at Immaculate Conception parish hall. Register after weekend Masses until mid-December; each session lasts 20 minutes. See our parish team after Mass to sign up or ask questions. We need additional volunteers for the week of January 5-10, so let us know if you would like to help.



**The Immaculate Conception** is a holy day of obligation, which falls on **Monday, December 8** this year. On this day, Catholics are required to attend Mass and refrain from unnecessary work. Mass times will be:

**7:15 am. at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Kettle Falls**

**5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Colville.**



**Taizé Holy Hour:** The Holy Hour at Sacred Heart in Kettle Falls on Friday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m., will serve also as an Advent Penance

Service. Two priests will be available for Confession, and prayer team ministry will also be available. All this during Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by beautiful Taizé music. Don't miss this Advent opportunity!



**Pope Leo's December Prayer Intention:**

For Christians in areas of conflict Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



**The Tree of Sharing** gift tags for families in need are now available on the tree in the vestibule at ICP. Please take a tag and help provide for these families in need. Tags

are available after Mass this weekend and next (December 6-7). Gifts are due back by December 14. Cash donations are also accepted. Please contact Cindy Campbell if you would like to help.



A young mom was reading about Adam and Eve to her five-year-old son, Tommy, from a child's book of Bible stories. When she came to the part where the Lord asked Adam why he'd eaten the apple and Adam blamed the woman in the garden, Tommy exclaimed, "Oh, so he was the first tattletale!"



Parishioners are urged to sign up for FORMED! Go to FORMED.org, click "Find your parish subscription" and enter 99114 to set up your free account.

**Father's pick for this week:**

**Eternal Rest, Episode 4: The Faithful Departed**



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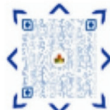
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