

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

### December 3, 2023: First Sunday of Advent



#### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

##### Tuesday, December 5

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Rob Porter*

##### Wednesday, December 6

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Deacon William Becker*

##### Thursday, December 7

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 Mass (Colville)

*Patrick Hansen +*

##### Friday, December 8 **Holy Day of Obligation**

7:15 a.m. Mass (Kettle Falls) with breakfast to follow

*Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

*Pro Populo*

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville) with reception to follow

*Pro Populo*

##### Saturday, December 9

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Kelly Harris +*

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

*P. St. Hilaire Intention*

##### Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville) Mk 1: 1-8

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 2nd Sunday)

*Edward Borgias +*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Michelle Lowell*

#### PARISH STAFF

Pastor .....Father Kenneth St. Hilaire

*[pastor@myparishfamily.org](mailto:pastor@myparishfamily.org)*

Office Manager ..... Pam Milliette-Gotham

*[info@myparishfamily.org](mailto:info@myparishfamily.org)*

Custodian (SHJ) ..... Dawna Parazoo

Facilities Supervisor (ICP)..... Greg Rainer

**Parish Office Hours T-W-Th 9-3 p.m. .... (509)-684-6223**

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Councils..... Contact Cindy Campbell

Finance Council (ICP) .....Joe Fazzari

Finance Council (SHJ) ..... Dave Hewes

Finance Council (PHM)..... Art Paine

Knights of Columbus ..... Randy Carstens

Adoration ..... Cecily Van Cleave

Prayer Line-**680-4673**..... JoHanna Andrews

Funeral Luncheons..... Janey Kuh

Sacristan..... Fran Trail

Social Outreach ..... Pam Vail

Friendship Feast..... Dawna Parazoo

Servants of the Sick..... Dave Hewes

Youth Group..... Gary and Marti Axtell

PREPARES..... Pat Taylor

Librarian ..... Vivian Natale

Quilt Ministry ..... Dolores Cline

Religious Education..... Sandi Dotts & Sarah Marshall

#### SACRAMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Baptism of Children: Please call to schedule instruction and a date for the baptism.

Sacrament of Penance: As scheduled or by appointment.

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



Dear parishioners and guests,

This long series in my Sunday column began with the question: what are the factors in a person's decision to join, leave, or stay in the Catholic Church? We just spent a good bit of time looking at the question of authority, and whether Scripture is the only source of authoritative teaching when it comes to the Christian life.

Today I'd like to look at another reason people leave the Church (besides the rejection of the Church's authority to teach in the name of Jesus), that is, the behavior of people in the Church. It could be the scandalous or irresponsible behavior of a Church leader. It could be an unkind word spoken by a fellow parishioner. It could be the community's failure to reach out when the person needed someone. There could be any number of behaviors that might lead a person away from the Church.

The truth is, we all have expectations of people. We have expectations of store clerks. Teachers have expectations of their students. Employers have expectations of their workers. We have expectations of our politicians, athletes, movie stars, and fellow churchgoers.

The question is: how do we deal with our disappointment when people don't live up to our expectations? If we live in reality, we have to admit that, at some point, someone will let us down, since no one is perfect. Certainly, there is a place for accountability; I'm not suggesting that there shouldn't be consequences for misbehavior. Nor do I appeal to the "it's-no-worse-in-the-Catholic-Church-than-anywhere-else" argument. "It happens everywhere" does not make it okay. My aim is not to brush away bad behavior as if it's trivial because it's common.

What gives me hope is that the Catholic Church has a very thorough understanding of the human person and is realistic about the struggle between virtue and vice in our lives. While she is uncompromising in urging us to the heights of holiness, she also recognizes our brokenness and our need for God's mercy. She is also clear in distinguishing between the Church per se and the actions of her members. The actions of Catholics do not always faithfully represent the Church's identity or mission.

When faced with the poor behavior of others, the solution is not necessarily to walk away. Perhaps there is an opportunity to exercise mercy and to learn to accept our brothers and sisters as they are. It may be an opportunity to reflect on our own brokenness as well. As the joke goes, "if you find the perfect church, join it ... and it won't be perfect anymore!"

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

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

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes: Harold Rothwell, 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 is sick or homebound and would like to receive a visit, Holy Communion, or anointing of the sick, please call the parish office.**

### **Weekly Contributions: November 25-26**

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2,661.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$590.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$100.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$315.00

Social Outreach: \$0.00



### **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.

**Today,  
Your Church is  
Hosting a Food  
For The Poor  
Clergy Speaker**



We are thrilled and grateful your church has chosen a clergy speaker to share the gospel with you today. We hope the clergy speaker you hear today will inspire you and help you in your faith journey.

*Founded in 1982, Food For The Poor works to end the suffering of impoverished children and families in the Caribbean and Latin America.*



Thank you Father Ryszard Polek for celebrating Mass with us today.



The Tree of Sharing is open as of November 20th. This is an opportunity to help others in need during this holiday season. Trees with tags are located at:

**The AG Trade Center (Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)**

**Re-Imagined Home (Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

**Colville Toyota (Mon-Sat 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**

**Norstar Heating & Cooling (Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)**

**State Farm (Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

**REMAX (Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

Tags list both the needs and wishes of individuals in our community. Go to any of the locations listed above and select tags. Go shopping! Purchase the items on the tag that you can and bring ALL tags to the AG Trade Center, with unwrapped gifts by Monday, December 11.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

**20  
23**



**FEED** the hungry.

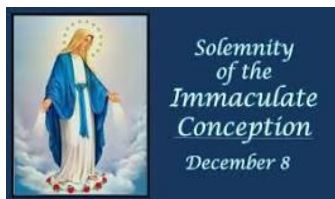
**HEAL** the hurting.

**WELCOME** the stranger.

As we enter this Advent season, anticipating the birth of our Lord Jesus, Catholic Charities is asking us to support their annual Christmas collection. You may have received a brochure in the mail, if not, brochures are available in the church gathering area, or you can donate on their secure website: [cceasternwa.org/donate](http://cceasternwa.org/donate)

Catholic Charities wishes to thank you for your assistance!

*"We could not do our work supporting our fragile neighbors without your support."*



Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – our parish feast day in Colville and a Holy Day of Obligation for the universal Church. Mass

will be celebrated that day in Kettle Falls at 7:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. in Republic and 5:30 p.m. in Colville.

**Please note there will be breakfast after the 7:15 Mass and a reception in the library following the 5:30 Mass.**



There will be a Penance Service on Friday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. with Father Kenny and two other local priests. If it's been a while since your last confession, this is a great opportunity to avail yourself of this wonderful source of divine mercy and love!



**Mystery of Faith Series: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Note: We are taking a hiatus from Mystery of Faith during December and will resume Mystery of Faith Tuesday, January 9th.**



**Wine and Cheese:** Join your fellow parishioners after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on the second Saturday of every month to visit and sample wine, cheese, and wonderful snacks. Our next get together will be December 9.



**Poinsettias for Christmas**

The congregation is invited to honor or remember loved ones with a donation for poinsettias. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Please write down the names of your loved ones

on the provided sheets in the gathering area and their names will be in the December 24 bulletin as an insert.



**Keep Christ in Christmas**

The Knights are 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.



**OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT GETTING LOST...GASPAR TOLD ME THAT HE HAS SOME SORT OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM.**

Bulletin Cover Art: Young Catholic

**FORMED**  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

**Great Movies, audio presentations and documentaries:** All from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors. It's FREE and easy! To open this gift, **register at FORMED.org**, and enter the parish code: **99114**.

**Advertiser of the week – Thank you!**

**Senior Service Volunteer Chore**

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