

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

**December 7, 2025: Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### **Monday, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

7:15 a.m. Mass (Kettle Falls)

*For the United States of America*

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Kelly Harris +*

#### **Wednesday, December 10**

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Amy Keaton (birthday)*

#### **Thursday, December 11**

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Theresa Stinson*

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

*J. Graham family*

#### **Friday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)**

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*For the New Evangelization*

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

#### **Saturday, December 13**

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Liene Roman (birthday)*

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

*Chaplains*

#### **Sunday, December 14 Matthew 11:2-11**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. (Curlew 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

*Jerry & Gloria Venters +*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Marilee Axtman +*

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**Welcome visitors!** We are glad you are here! If you have any questions about our church, our ministries, Mass intentions, etc., please talk with the greeters and they can direct you.



**Parish Registration:** If you are new to any of our three parishes, please call the office to register and update your information. 684-6223



Dear parishioners and guests,

Already a week into the season of Advent, it seems like an appropriate time to mention that *asking* is an important dimension of a healthy prayer life. This may seem obvious, as we often ask God for the things we need or desire. However, what I have in mind here is more of an *invitation*. Advent focuses on the coming of Christ. I am suggesting that, when we pray, we ought to *invite* Jesus to come.

If you expect guests to come to your party, you have to *invite* them. If you expect the letter carrier to pick up your outgoing mail, you have to put up the flag, which is a way of *inviting* him or her to visit your mailbox. If you want your dogs or cats to come to you (this is true for a lot of dogs and cats, anyway – maybe not all!), you have to call to them and bid them come.

It used to be (maybe it still is – I don't go out to breakfast much) that if you went to a diner or other breakfast place, each place setting would include an upside-down coffee cup. Then, you would turn the cup right-side-up as an indication to the server that you'd like coffee with your meal; if you didn't turn the cup over, no coffee would be poured for you.

There is a similar dynamic at work in the spiritual life, and perhaps during Advent in a special way. So many of the prayers we pray and the hymns we sing during this season include the cry, "Come, Lord Jesus!" It's not that we're bossing Jesus around. Although it is an imperative exclamation, what we are really doing is pleading with the Lord to come to us. We are *inviting* him into our hearts.

Advent is when we "turn up our coffee cup," so to speak. We are to express to Jesus our readiness and eagerness to receive him. *We ardently want him to come to us, and we call out to him, begging him to draw near.*

What we receive from the Lord has much to do with our spiritual disposition. There are really only two possible dispositions we can have before him: closed or open. When we are closed, we have a hard time encountering him at his coming. When we are open, he fills us with the joy of his presence.

This Advent, let's work on opening up! One of the best ways we can do that is to issue the heartfelt invitation to Jesus each day: "Come, Lord! I open my heart to you!" How he rejoices to receive our invitation and to see us making ready for his arrival.

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 29-30

Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$3,790.00  
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$1,565.00  
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$108.00  
Capital Improvements: \$230.00  
Social Outreach: \$405.00

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes. Mary Ann Schrader, Adena Enright, Michael Gray, Jim Perkins, Oscar Romo, June Machala, Cinda Lorenzetti, Kenton Foundas, Chris Miller, Peter Perkins, Janneth Brown Drury, Monty LeCaire, Brittney Gagnon, Margie Christensen, Dale & Jeannette McLeod, Mila Stewart, Lori Elledge, Susan Williamson, Mike Miller, and Lynn Gray.

(Please remember, the list rotates each week.)

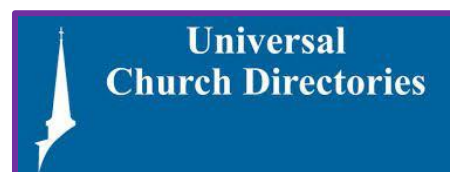
**If you or someone you know is sick or homebound and would like to receive a visit, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.**



**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.**



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.



### Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We continue our series on Advent with our host, Dr. Timothy Gray, from Formed.org. This week we look at hope, St. John the Baptist, repentance, reform and trust - all keys to a successful Advent!

Mystery of Faith meets at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, in the ICP Library.



**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!



**St. Monica Prayer Group:** The next gathering is on December 10. The group will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the second Wednesday this month at ICP at 11:15 a.m., lifting up family members and loved ones who have left the Church.



### 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 28 bulletin as an insert.



**The next Wine and Cheese** event will be December 13 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception. Please come and visit with other parishioners and enjoy a delicious

snack or two and a glass of wine.



On the first Sunday of Advent, we entered a new Liturgical Year. The lectionary turned from Year C to Year A. There are three years in the lectionary Cycle. **Year A, the Gospel reading are generally from Matthew;** in Year B, Mark; and Year C, Luke.



**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 only. Gifts are due back by December 14. Cash donations are also accepted. Please contact Cindy Campbell if you would like to help.



St. Mary Presentation Catholic church in Deer Park is again hosting their "Nativity Fair" until December 14. See the flyer on the vestibule bulletin board or on our website for exact times and dates.



**Christmas** The Knights of Columbus 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 the Knights' activities.



**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!



"Dad," a little boy asked, "Did you go to Sunday school every week?" "I sure did, son," his father replied. "I'll bet it won't do me any good, either," the boy said.



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:** How to Advent-Episode 1: Celebrating ADVENT as a Catholic



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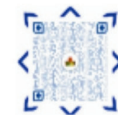
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