

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

December 10, 2023: Second Sunday of Advent



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 12

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Theresa Stinson

Wednesday, December 13

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Leonard & Eleanor Wiley +

Thursday, December 14

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 Mass (Colville)

Amy Keaton

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

Michelle Lowell

Friday, December 15

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. Adoration

P. St. Hilaire Intention

Saturday, December 9

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Evelyn Romo +

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

P. St. Hilaire Intention

Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville) Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

Pro Populo

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

Jeannette Good +

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Patricia Wood +

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SACRAMENTS

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,

Last time, we acknowledged that people sometimes leave the Church on account of the actions or inactions of people in the Church. While this is understandable on a human level, we also want to keep in mind that the members of an organization do not always represent faithfully what the organization stands for. This is true of the Church. Catholics are (as we have all seen, even in the mirror!) capable of actions that do not exemplify the teachings of Jesus. That doesn't mean that the Church herself advocates those actions.

So, while I don't think the Church should be abandoned because of the behavior of her members (the phrase "throwing the baby out with the bathwater" comes to mind), this should be a reminder to all of us in the Church that the way we live our faith has an impact on the way others perceive the Church. We must be vigilant, then, about giving a good example! None of us wants to be the reason – or even part of the reason – that a fellow Catholic leaves the Church.

Of course, not everyone who leaves the Church does so because they got their feelings hurt, were scandalized by the behavior of other Catholics, or wanted to disassociate themselves with a company of sinners. You'll recall that we've been looking at a variety of reasons people leave the Catholic Church, and it's time to introduce the next, namely, that they cannot accept one or more of the teachings of the Church.

It's no secret that many of the Catholic Church's teachings are difficult. Take, as a primary example, the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Even in the first century, we have a record of disciples parting company with Jesus because of this teaching.

Similarly, beliefs held by the Church have been contested throughout the ages. When the Church declared that Jesus Christ was fully God and fully human, there were people who parted ways. When the Church maintained that iconography was not idolatry, there were people who left. When the Church insisted that the pope had universal jurisdiction, some could not accept it. When the Church upheld her teaching on indulgences, some went away.

Today, the Church is still rejected for many of these. She is also refused by many people for the way she applies her perennial teaching to modern issues that arise. We will look at some of these next time as we continue to explore factors that cause some people to struggle to stay Catholic.

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: December 2-3

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$6,450.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1,002.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$150.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$150.00

Social Outreach: \$400.00



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.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Frank Werner**, Fr. Steve Werner's father, and the consolation of his family. Funeral services for Frank will be December 11 at

11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Chehalis, WA.

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



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.



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!



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.**



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

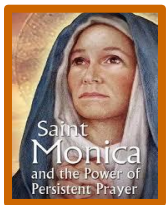
Catholic Charities wishes to thank you for your assistance!

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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.



St. Monica Prayer group, Dec. 13: We continue praying for our family members who have left the Church. The group will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the second Wednesday of each month at ICP following the 7:15 a.m. Mass.



Friendship Feast needs a little help with canned vegetables and fruits. If you have extra to donate, you can drop them off at the church gathering area or the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Colville)
 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Kettle Falls)

Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve (Sunday)

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Colville)
 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (Kettle Falls)
 9:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (Republic)

Christmas Day (Monday)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

(Please note: the faithful are obliged to attend Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas.)

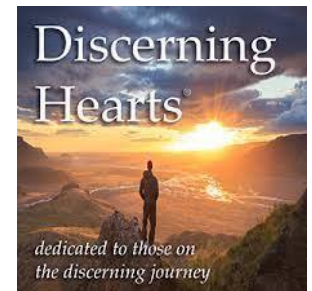


You are warmly invited to attend "Lessons and Carols" at Sacred Heart Church on **Thursday evening, December 21, at 7:30.** The presentation consists of alternating readings of Scripture and singing of carols. It will be a beautiful way to make final preparations for Christmas!



Mystery of Faith Series:

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



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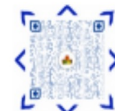
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