

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

**December 14, 2025: Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**\*\*Please note: there will be no Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday Mass or Confessions. Normal schedule will resume Friday.**

#### **Tuesday, December 16**

No 5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

No 5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

#### **Wednesday, December 17**

No 12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

#### **Thursday, December 18**

No 7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confession (Colville)

No 8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

No 11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

#### **Friday, December 19**

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*SI for family that lost preborn child*

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

#### **Saturday, December 20**

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Vivian & Joe Natale (50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)*

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

*Olson/Quintana families*

#### **Sunday, December 21** Matthew 1:18-24

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. (Northport 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

*Pat Smith*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Lynne Gaumer+ & Marilee Axtman +*

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### PARISH MINISTRIES

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Adoration..... Cecily Van Cleave

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Men's Catholic Study Group..... Gary Axtell

Women's Group (Laus Deo)..... Loriann Gigous



**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.



Dear parishioners and guests,

In a homily in December of 2005, Pope Benedict XVI said, "The first word on which I would like to meditate with you is the Angel's greeting to Mary. In the translation the Angel says: 'Hail, Mary.' But the Greek word, 'Kaire,' means in itself 'be glad' or 'rejoice.' . . .

"This is the first word that resounds in the New Testament as such, because the Angel's announcement to Zechariah of the birth of John the Baptist is the word that still rings out on the threshold between the two Testaments. It is only with this dialogue, which the Angel Gabriel has with Mary, that the New Testament really begins.

"We can therefore say that the first word of the New Testament is an invitation to joy: 'rejoice, be glad!' The New Testament is truly 'Gospel,' the 'Good News' that brings us joy. God is not remote from us, unknown, enigmatic, or perhaps dangerous. God is close to us, so close that He makes Himself a child and we can informally address this God."

Gaudete Sunday, this Third Sunday of Advent, with its joyful Scripture selections, rose-colored vestments, and pink candle on the wreath, directs us insistently to the spirit of joy that should fill this holy season. Advent draws us into prayer and penance, but all in *joyful* anticipation of the coming of the Lord.

What part of your life needs to be touched by joy today? What are the burdens you have been carrying for a long time – burdens that tend to sap your energy or rob you of joy? Are there places of grief in your heart that are waiting for Jesus to come in and restore your peace and joy? Is there an old grudge that stands in the way of your being happy? Are you too riddled with fear, worry, or anxiety to feel any joy in your relationship with God or others? Do you find that anger gets in the way of the joy that ought to characterize your Christian life?

Again, the voice of the Church rings out: "Come, Lord Jesus!" Now is a great time to invite Jesus *directly* into these places that need transformation in joy. The grace of Advent helps us to open our hearts to receive all that God desires to give us. As Pope Benedict pointed out, the Gospel invites us, from the very beginning, to rejoice! So, let's live the rest of this Advent season in the spirit of joyful anticipation, and open our hearts for the imminent coming of the Lord!

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 December 6-8

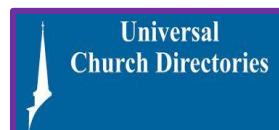
Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$5,663.50  
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$1,361.00  
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$226.00  
Immaculate Conception Holy Day (ICP): \$1,414.00  
Immaculate Conception Holy Day (SHJ): \$84.00  
Capital Improvements: \$310.00  
Social Outreach: \$180.00

### 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.**



Sign up for your portrait in our new photo directory — an 8x10 print and parish directory are free. 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 please let us know if you would like to help.



### 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.



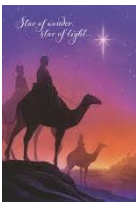
**Parish Registration:** If you are new to any of our three parishes, please call the office to register and update your information.  
509-684-6223



### 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, in the ICP Library.



**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.



**The Tree of Sharing:** Thank you to all our parishioners who so generously supported this year's Tree of Sharing. Your kindness will bring hope, joy, and comfort to individuals and families in our community. May God bless you for your loving generosity.



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



Our prayer teams at ICP will be available to pray with anyone wanting to take advantage of this opportunity. Teams will generally be available after Masses on the first and third Saturday/Sunday of the month at ICP.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24:

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

Thursday, December 25:

Christmas Morning Mass (Colville): 9:00 a.m.



**Looking for a good book to read this winter?** Look no farther than your library at Immaculate Conception. Ideas for new items and updates are always welcome. E-mail [info@myparishfamily.org](mailto:info@myparishfamily.org) or call the parish office, and Vivian Natale, our parish librarian, will get your message.



The PREPARES ministry hosts a monthly diaper distribution on the third Saturday of every month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. (December 20<sup>th</sup>) Any family in need of diapers is welcome to come and pick up **25 diapers per child per month** and one packet of baby wipes per family per month. For more info contact the parish office, or Pat Taylor. Thank you for your prayers and support!



**Trinity Tour Travels**  
Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Luke Tomson. Saints of Italy: A Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi with Anna Padon (Qui Minimo) and Fr. Luke Tomson May 14 to 24, 2026. Contact pilgrimage consultant, Kayla Banning, at [kayla@trinitytourtravels.com](mailto:kayla@trinitytourtravels.com). Or call 800-687-0306.



As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"



Parishioners are urged to sign up for FORMED! Go to [FORMED.org](http://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 2: Finding purpose in the Waiting.



Make sure you visit our parish website! It has a wealth of information. [www.myparishfamily.org](http://www.myparishfamily.org)

**Business of the week – Thank you!**

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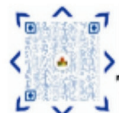
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