

## MY PARISH FAMILY

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

**December 24, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 31, 2023: Feast of the Holy Family**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### **Monday, December 25 (Christmas Morning)**

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

#### **Tuesday, December 26 (Office Closed)**

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Gail Herbst*

*There will be no Mass, Confessions, or Adoration Wednesday through Friday. Although the office will be closed on **Tuesday**, it will be open during normal hours on Wednesday and Thursday. Please keep Father in your prayers as he enjoys a few days off after Christmas. (A priest is still available for sacramental emergencies.)*

*The Saturday/Sunday schedule will be as usual, with Father David Kruse celebrating Mass.*

*See inside for the schedule for the week of January 1-7*

#### **Saturday, December 30**

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*In Thanksgiving for the Blessings of the Year*

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

*Deceased Knights of Columbus*

#### **Sunday, December 31 Feast of the Holy Family**

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville) Lk 2: 22-40

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 5th Sunday)

*Bishop Thomas A. Daly*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Patricia Wood +*

### PARISH STAFF

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**Welcome visitors!** We are so 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,

Merry Christmas and happy new year! These are rich days in the life of the Church, as we complete our Advent journey and celebrate a good number of important feasts over the course of the next couple of weeks. We have Christmas Day, the Feast of St. Stephen, the Feast of St. John (the Apostle and Evangelist), the Feast of the Holy Innocents (babies and children who died in Herod's pursuit of Jesus), the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, a handful of other Saints, and the Solemnity of the Epiphany. That's a lot of celebrating packed into a two-week period!

If you have travel plans during these holy days, I hope and pray that you arrive at your destination and return home safely.

Whether you are traveling or staying at home, I encourage you to be deliberate about your spiritual observance of the season. During the Christmas season, do something special for the Lord that you might not do at other times of the year. Express your love for Jesus and your gratitude for His birth in a meaningful way.

Is there some way you could set aside a little time, this Christmas, for God's glory? For example, is there some spiritual reading you could do? Or can you think of someone you could help in some way? Perhaps you could commit to learning each day about the feasts that are being celebrated (learning about the Saints' lives, etc.).

The end of the calendar year is always a great time to look back and thank God for everything He has done for us. What if everyone spent even half an hour, between now and January 1, making a list of the blessings they received in 2023? Surely if we all sat down to do that, we would find 30 minutes to be hardly enough time.

This season is also a great time, as the days are as short as can be (though beginning to lengthen, thankfully!), to take some quiet, meditative time to envision the coming year. No one knows what the future holds, but we can certainly talk to the Lord about our hopes and anxieties, and ask Him for the graces we need to grow in His friendship over the course of the next twelve months.

Whatever you decide to do for your spiritual life this Christmas – whatever gift you decide to give to Jesus – may the joy of the season fill your heart and may the celebration of the birth of the Lord give you new hope and strengthen your resolve to live each day through, with, and in Him.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

**Please pray for our sick and homebound parishioners in Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes.**

Olin Birdsong, Oscar Romo, June Machala, Jonathan Coe, F. Hendricks, Phil Anderson, Cinda Lorenzetti, Kenton Foundas, Chris Miller, 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, 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.

**If you or someone you know are sick or homebound and would like to receive a visit, Holy Communion or anointing of the sick, please call the Parish office.**

**Weekly Contributions: December 16-17**

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$6,009.03

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$307.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$154.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$95.00

Social Outreach: \$45.00

(December 24 and 31 giving amounts will appear in the January 7 bulletin.)



**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.



Thank you to our talented musicians who performed so well at Lessons and Carols! What a beautiful way to make final preparations for Christmas. Could this become an annual tradition??

**Here's a list of 10 of the best Christmas movies to watch with your family this Christmas Season:**

The Nativity Story (2006)  
A Christmas Carol (1984)  
It's a Wonderful Life (1947)  
The Bells of St. Mary's (1945)  
Angela's Christmas (2018)  
The Chronicles of Narnia (2005)  
Ernest Saves Christmas (1988)  
A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)  
The Little Drummer Boy (1968)  
Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town (1970)

## MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 1-7

### Monday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Republic)

*Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro populo*

*There will be no Mass, Confessions, or Adoration Tuesday (1/2) through Thursday (1/4). On Friday, we will have all-day Adoration, but no Mass.*

*A priest is still available for sacramental emergencies. The regular schedule resumes on Saturday with Fr. Kenny.*

### Saturday, January 6

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Stephanie & Mark Johnson*

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

*Debbie Montowski*

### Sunday, January 7 (Epiphany of the Lord)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville) Mt 2: 1-12

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 1st Sunday)

*P. St. Hilaire Intention*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Mary J. Wilber*



Thank you to everyone who pitched in to decorate our beautiful churches for the Christmas season!



The Knights of Columbus are holding a breakfast fund raiser on Sunday, January 14, after Mass in the Immaculate Conception parish hall. Please come to support the scholarship fund.

A spaghetti dinner at Sacred Heart of Jesus is scheduled for April 20, 2024, after the Saturday evening Mass.

**\$972 was raised by the tootsie roll drive to support people with disabilities. \$2,551 was raised at the Father McGivney pie auction.**



The next Wine and Cheese event will be **January 13, 2024**, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the parish hall at ICP. Please come and visit with other parishioners and enjoy a delicious snack or two and a glass of wine!



### Mystery of Faith Series:

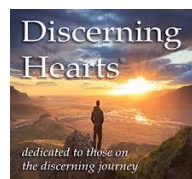
We are taking a hiatus from Mystery of Faith during December and will resume Mystery of Faith on Tuesday, January 9th.



**Mothers, you are not alone!** The Norbertine Canonesses Sisters of the Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph Pray in the middle of every night a holy hour just for mothers. "Yes, that prayer is long - for an hour. That is when we intercede for moms. It is our motherhood hour, where we get up with you." *Let us continue to pray for vocations to the religious life and in thanksgiving for their powerful prayers!* Courtesy of ChurchPop.com. (This Cloistered Community is located in Tehachapi, California.)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR JESUS...  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**



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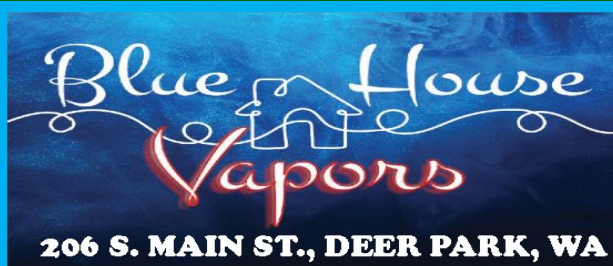
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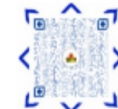
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