

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

Immaculate Conception (Republic)
St. Patrick Mission (Curlew)

September 13, 2026: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 15

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Felipe Sanchez +

Wednesday, September 16

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Alec Taylor +

Thursday, September 17

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Ellen Maddaloni (birthday)

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

Friday, September 18

No 7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

No 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

Ernie Robeson +

Saturday, September 19

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Ozzie Wilkinson +

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

Rita Cordrey +

Sunday, September 20 Matthew 20: 1-16a

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Edwin Thompson

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

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

Women's Group (Laus Deo)..... Sandi Dotts

[Altar Society \(Republic\)](#)..... [Joanne Farris](#)

[Funeral Luncheons \(Republic\)](#)..... [Karen Walsh](#)



Holiness Takes Time:

Brothers and sisters,

Recall for a moment the creation narrative in Genesis. We read that when God created the plants and trees, looking to the ground He spoke, "Let the earth put forth vegetation ... and God saw that this was good." (see Gen 1:11-12). And to create creatures living in the water, looking to the water He Spoke, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures ... And God saw that it was good." (see Gen 1:20-21). And likewise for the animals of the earth and sky, God looked to their natural environment, to the ground and the air and spoke them into being. Where did God look to create man? Or in other words, what is the natural environment for man to live in?

Well, we read that God looked to Himself to create man. "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ... And in the image of God, He created [man]; male and female He created them" (Gen 1:26-27). Our natural environment is not in the water, on the earth, nor in the air... it is in the divine life of God. Thus, we are made to live in "the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (CCC 2013). In short, we are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). Sin, both original sin from our first parents, and our own personal sin, impedes our living out this calling. Moreover, sin disrupts the relationship with our loving Creator.

Significantly, all sin is a transgression against God. As the Psalmist praying to the Lord, reminds us, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight" (Ps 51:4). Consider for a moment that all sin involves a created being occurring an offence against the uncreated Creator. All sin, whether venial or grave, involves a finite act that creates an infinite debt. It is true that a grave sin committed with knowledge and consent of the will separates one completely from the divine life – which is spiritual death. However, all sin occurs an offence against God. Our sin impacts us more than we realize ... it is more than just venial or mortal offence.

Some Catholics fall into the trap of focusing only on how their personal sin has affected their lives. We only have to look to the Crucifix of Our Lord to see the extent of the effect of our sin – the only Begotten Son's death. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 6:23). Out of love for us, God became man to bear our death that we may live in Him. Union with God is holiness. Sin for the Christian is the dividing of relationships: with self, with family, with neighbor, and primarily with God.

This is why we go to the Sacrament of Confession, not just because we have broken a series of divine statutes, or just

because we want to reverse the effects of sin in our lives, but because we have separated ourselves from someone Who loves us unconditionally. Looking at the crucifix, we can see Our Lord's profound love for each of us. And we, in response to that sacrificial Love of Jesus Christ, seek His forgiveness and mercy through the Sacrament of Confession. This Sacrament is one of two healing Sacraments where Christ is truly present. In this Sacrament we are reconciled to the divine life and given grace to grow in holiness. We do not have to be afraid to discover our sins and weaknesses. Nor do we have to fear bearing our souls and coming before our loving Father in the Sacrament of Confession. Through His grace, vices are identified and removed. And cleansed from these wounds, with God's help we grow in living out His virtues.

One of our professors in Seminary often said, "things take time." Importantly, this applies to living the virtuous life of Christ. Holiness takes time, it takes our lifetime. We grow in holiness through the Sacramental Life of the Church – monthly Confession, weekly Mass, and daily Prayer. Also, through living out the virtues – especially love of God and love of neighbor, think here about the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. And another great way to grow in holiness is to read Sacred Scriptures and apply them, with help from the Holy Spirit, to our lives. Brothers and sisters, through our Baptism, we became God's beloved children. He knows our sins and still calls us by our names. Through frequent Confessions, we are reconciled to the divine life and given the grace to grow in holiness. And through worthy and reverent reception of Holy Communion, Christ nourishes us that we may be able to continue to follow Jesus to our heavenly home. Importantly We are loved beyond measure – because of God, Who loves us and wants us to be united in Him, Whom we were made to live in, for all eternity.

"To be a sinner is our distress. But to know we are a sinner is our hope, and that hope is the Sacrament of Penance."
~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,

Fr. O'Leary

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.
Second & Fourth Fridays in Colville: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

No Adoration after Mass on Third Fridays.

****Please note new schedule**



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We are reviewing St. Paul's Letters to the Philippians by Dr. Tim Gray of the Augustine Institute. This week Dr. Gray discusses that after showing himself, Timothy, and Epaphroditus as examples of disciples who model the life of Christ, Paul now calls on the Philippians to model the life of Christ and live out their heavenly citizenship in the midst of a pagan culture.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:15 p.m. in the ICP Library for a meal, fellowship and scripture.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN FERRY COUNTY

Ron Bacon, Constance Brenner, Elizabeth Cia, Rhonda Hinsperger, Dave Jordan, Mouse Kreel, JR Lake, Shawn Lipscomb, Cathy Louck, Jim Nash, Frances Piszker, Barbara Rochelle, Karen Slaton, Matthew Spurgeon, and John Stotts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN STEVENS COUNTY

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 and 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.

Weekly Contributions: September 5 - 6

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$5,145.99

Republic : (Immaculate Conception): \$748.03

Republic Fire Relief: \$700.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1,030.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$257.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$185.00

Social Outreach: \$210.00



Religious Education is starting! Enrollment forms are now available in the parish office and will be available during the first class meeting on

September 20, after Sunday Mass, in the classrooms in the parish hall. Sacramental Preparation will be available this year but enrollment or notice of intention of enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is needed by October 1. All other classes are open enrollment throughout the school year.

The soul cannot be seen in a biological laboratory; any more than pain can be seen on an operation table.

---Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

News for Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick

PO Box 333, Republic, WA 99166

- Our second collection is here, September 13, please donate if you can. Many have lost so much with all the fires in Spokane and Ferry County. Make checks out to Immaculate Conception and note it is for the Fire Fund. We will have 2 more Sundays if you miss this week's collection. Thank you in advance.
- What are your thoughts of Friday weekday Mass? The Altar Society voted and we agreed to have Father O'Leary change it to Fridays. Watch the bulletin for more changes. Change is good.
- September 20 will be our next parish potluck after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited, see you there.
- September 24, the St. Monica Prayer Group are inviting all to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at the chapel at 11:00 a.m. The prayer group will lift-up family members and loved ones who have left the church. This is before the 11:30 a.m. Mass. And if we change to Fridays for weekday Mass, it will be the last Thursday Mass.
- September 27 is the next scheduled date for Curlew Mass at 12:30 p.m. You can see the remodeled Mission. It is awesome!
- Watch future bulletins for news of our upcoming Rummage Sale. Talk to an Altar Society member if you have questions.
- Did you notice the new light fixtures in the church?



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

"A Heart that Never Fails" Have You Given Yet? Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's Annual Catholic

Appeal! If you haven't yet had the chance, it's not too late. Every gift – large or small – helps support our seminarians, Catholic schools, youth ministries, and the Inland Catholic. And remember: any amount our parish raises above our goal comes right back to support ministries here at home. Envelopes are available in the pews or visit www.dioceseofspokane.org/aca to give today. Thank you for keeping the Appeal in your prayers.



If you provided food for any of our parish gatherings, we still have your serving containers over at the parish hall in Colville. They are in the windowsill, ready for you to pick up. If you don't need them back, they will be donated on September 20 after the Sunday Mass.



THAT MAN IS YOU is a thirteen-week interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptation that men face in our modern culture. That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming home and society.

Start Date: September 10

Where: Immaculate Conception parish hall

Time: 6:00 a.m. until 7:30 a.m.

To register please contact: Gary Axtell 509-675-5408;
Dave Hewes 509-680-3885; Phil Stalp 509-675-3131
or Josh Brown 509-563-9984



SEASON THREE: In this season, we will explore what it means for us, as women, to represent the identity of Christ's bride to the world. This relationship is marked by joy and intimacy, but also, like any relationship, it includes moments of failure, heartbreak, and the need for restoration. As we journey together, we will delve into the depth of Christ's love for His Bride, discovering the beauty of reconciliation and the grace that heals and strengthens us. Prepare your heart to be pursued by the Lord in a way that deepens your love for Him, invites you soul to heal, and fortifies your relationship with Christ.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Begins September 23rd ending November 18th

Immaculate Conception parish hall



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Make sure you visit our Parish website! It's a wealth of information. www.myparishfamily.org



Youth Group begins on Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the parish library. YG meets each Wednesday throughout the school year. If your child is new to YG, please contact the parish office for information and registration. Please keep our youth in your prayers.

**If you would like to advertise your business here, please call the parish office in Colville.
509-684-6223**



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