

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

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

July 26, 2026: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 28

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Sheila Joan Connolly +

Wednesday, July 29

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Sara Underwood

Thursday, July 30

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Seminarians

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 31

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

11:00 a.m. Diane Hess funeral Mass (Colville)

Father John Vogl +

Saturday, August 1

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Fred Frederickson (birthday-92nd)

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

Luke McCrea

Sunday, August 2 Matthew 14:13-21

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Norma Thorpe +

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Firefighters

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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.

Our Father – Who Comforts His Children:



Brothers and sisters,

Last week’s article briefly addressed transitions, the process associated with change. Notably, we generally do not manage transitions well. This is in part because change involves both an intellectual and an emotional process. Unfortunately, we tend to avoid the emotional process of change which can be messy.

One of the steps involved in successfully managing transitions is identifying the emotions involved, which includes loss. And for Catholic’s, prayer is foundational for this step. Jesus, in Matthew’s Gospel, instructs us to, “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (See Mt 7:7). Our Father, through the Holy Spirit, will help us identify unresolved emotions in our lives. Then we can bring these to Him for healing.

Additionally, when working through a loss, Jesus may be calling us to restore a relationship, replace an expectation, redesign a schedule, or relinquish control. Michael Casey, in his book, *Toward God*, indicates that “prayer is our means of taking a sighting, of re-orienting ourselves – by re-establishing contact with our goal” (5). And our primary goal is to remain united to the Father through following the path of Christ. Furthermore, as Casey continues, “in the presence of God many components of our life fall into perspective, and our journey begins to make more sense” (5). Prayer helps us seek out the Father’s will for our life.

The Father generally speaks to us through indirect means. As Bishop Barron, in his book, *“An Introduction to Prayer”* points out, that God speaks through Scriptures, liturgical music, in Adoration, or during the Mass with “feelings of consolations or desolation, a sense of the whole body relaxing and finding peace, the arrival of an insight about a particular problem or of a memory of someone from whom we’ve grown distant – all of these can be carriers of the divine word, routes by which God communicates with us, sometimes with an extraordinary power and clarity, from beyond ourselves” (8). The concept of God speaking indirectly through songs gave me pause. As songs have a way of helping us articulate emotions that we might not know how to express. This is especially true with deep states of distress as experienced during the loss of loved ones. Feelings like heartbreak, life, death, and hopelessness come with emotional weight that we often don’t know how to carry until we are forced too.

A song by Rascal Flats, *What Hurts the Most*, is one such route by which God allowed me to see the love of Our Father from a different perspective. The song is written from the viewpoint of someone reflecting on the pain of regret and loss, it expresses sorrow over unstated feelings. In and of itself, this song is helpful for grieving loss. However, it is the opening scene from the official music video which gave me a deeper understanding of the Father’s relationship with His children.

The scene starts with a daughter who is processing the news of the death of her beloved boyfriend. And the dad, standing, appears to be the one who gave the unsettling news. As the daughter processes grief, denial quickly shifts to blame and anger; and she starts striking her dad on the chest. The dad lovingly wraps his hurting daughter in a hug, and she eventually collapses into his consoling arms as they sit on the ground, while she cries. And this strikes me as an image of Our Heavenly Father. Through this scene, we can see that God the Father wants to comfort us, even when our anger is directed at Him. Importantly, the Lord is strong enough to bear our expressions of hurt. During times like these, Our Father wants to wrap us in His love and console us as we grieve the pain we are experiencing. In prayer we turn to God and let Him comfort us.

Bishop Barron encourages us to tell, “the Lord what’s happening in our life – the good, the bad, and the ugly. Tell Him what’s frightening us and what’s depressing us” (7). This includes speaking “our anger to Him – and especially our anger at Him” (7). Many figures in the Bible spoke openly to God, expressing their fear, frustration, confusion and anger; for example, Job, the Psalmist, Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah, and let us not forget the disciples speaking to Jesus asleep in a boat.

Brothers and sisters, thanks to Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son, we have access to Our Father – Who Comforts His Children, and He gives good things to those who ask Him.

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
Sundays in Republic:.....	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.



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We are reviewing a series from Ascension Press on the life of Mary from a biblical perspective. We now look at Mary through the eyes of Jesus as we review readings from the Gospel of St. John. John jumps into the larger questions of Jesus' identity and mission. This week we look at the wedding feast at Cana, where Jesus performs His first miracle and launches His public ministry. This story of the wedding at Cana gives us insight not only into Mary's character but also into the nature of her relationship with her son.

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

Mystery of Faith focuses on bring forward biblical studies using strong Catholic media such as Ascension Press and Augustine Institute among others. We meet on Tuesday evenings all year long and any session is a good session to join.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN FERRY COUNTY

Ron Bacon, Constance Brenner, Elizabeth Ciaia, 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

Sandy Danichek, Eirn Binder, Shelly Perkins, Penny Perkins, Janelle Stroyan, Margaret Olson, Mert Graham, Palin Driver, James Rowland, Elaine Huff, Lisa Huff, 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.



The Steubenville Youth Conference was held in Spokane last weekend. Over a dozen teens from our region of the diocese attend this event. It was a great success. Thank you for all your prayers and to the parents, chaperones and the attendees who made this such a great event!

News for Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick

PO Box 333, Republic, WA 99166

- Thursday, July 30, 11:00 a.m. St. Monica Prayer group will meet at the chapel. We will pray the Rosary and then the 5th day of the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet for the salvation of souls. All are welcome.
- Please continue donations to the food bank at the back of the church. These donations will be taken to the food bank by the Altar Society ladies. Our next food drive will be in August; watch for the date.
- Next Altar Society meeting: Thursday, August 6, at 12:30 p.m. after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.
- August 16, the third Sunday of the month, after Mass we will have our monthly potluck and food drive for the local food bank. Please bring your non-perishable food to the hall. There will be several boxes marked "Food Bank" and then enjoy the potluck. It is a good way to meet and greet Father and fellow parishioners.
- The October Rummage Sale is now accepting donations of lightly used items after all the Masses.
- We appreciate Father O'Leary coming to Curlew and Republic to say Mass and while he is getting his bearings we will pray for his travels and be patient for all the scheduling.



No date has been set for our regular Holy Hour, but it may be in September. Watch this bulletin for an updated schedule.

Weekly Contributions: July 11 -12 & 18 - 19

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$6,428.00

Republic : (ICP): not available at printing

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1,236.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$588.67

ICP Capital Improvements: \$240.00

Social Outreach: \$50.00



INLAND NORTHWEST CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

2026 INW Catholic Men's Retreat | Oct 02, 2:00 PM PDT

– Oct 04, 12:00 PM PDT Camp Lutherhaven, 3258 W

Lutherhaven Rd, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, USA



Pope Leo's Prayer Request for August 2026: For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Birthdays for the month of August 2026!

- 1 Kody Usher
 - 3 Aubree Kubesh
 - 4 Jody Carpenter
 - 8 Brianna Harris, Kelly Linn, Betty Urhausen
 - 9 Pauline Anderson
 - 10 Lexi Linn
 - 15 Linnea Miller
 - 16 Bill Carpenter
 - 17 Larry Johnson, Michael Martin
 - 21 Lori Neyens, Ginny Wilkinson
 - 24 Corina Melendez
 - 25 Candy Pernsteiner, Paul Sprangers, Megan Wood
 - 26 Patsy Cloke
 - 28 Naomi Findley
 - 29 Mary Carstens
 - 30 Mary Anne Findley, Mary Ann Schrader
 - 31 Ranae Long
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The parish Facebook page is the place to go to see updates on the parish renovation and other happenings around the parish. Come and see the photos! You do not need an account to visit. Just type in your browser: Colville, Kettle Falls, Northport Tri-Parish Catholic Community.

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