

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

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

August 16, 2026: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 18

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Denise Whitten +

Wednesday, August 19

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Sue Trail +

Thursday, August 20

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Alec Taylor +

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Nancy Simpson +

Friday, August 21

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

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

Norma Thorpe +

Saturday, August 22

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Peggy Harris (birthday)

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

Glen McGuire +

Sunday, August 23 Matthew 16: 13-20

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 4th Sunday)

Nancy Simpson +

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Raymond Hobgood +

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

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



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.

Who do you say you are?



Brothers and sisters, last week, through addressing a series of questions we touched the reality of who Jesus truly is. He is God. And like the disciples, we worship Him. Moreover, using the same questions, we can come to face the reality of who we are.

Again, take a moment and imagine our Lord standing with us and hear Him ask, “who do people say that you are?” Spend a few minutes reflecting on how family, friends, and those who know us might answer this question. Some might see us in favorable light, some not so much. Then after a few minutes of pondering, hear Christ, smiling, ask, “but who do you say that you are?”

This could be a troubling question for us to answer. We may have been trying to avoid this type of question for a long time. Some might answer this with a list of traits; I am short, round, and love to talk – a triple threat. Others might point out their heritage and family lineage. Some may see themselves through the work that they do, I am a doctor, a lawyer, a farmer, and so on. And still others may identify with an aspect of how they live. Lately our society is fixated on seeing people by their sexual preferences, or which gender one decides to identify as. Moreover, deep down some Catholics can come to see themselves by the sins they have committed.

And then Our Lord, seeing us hesitant to answer, encourages us, “Go ahead ask Me to say how I see you.” And just then agitation and trepidation begin to fill us because of a thought that emerges; maybe, just maybe, Jesus sees us as we fear we are, no more than our sins. And we fear that it might be true; we are no more than the sins we have committed. Then, looking into the gentle loving eyes of Christ, bolstered by His reassuring gaze, we timidly ask Him, “Ok, Lord, who do You say that I am.”

And Jesus lovingly answers, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Fear not for I have redeemed you; and I have called you by name. I know you and you are loved.” And, for those baptized, “you are my beloved brother ... my beloved sister.” Additionally, Christ says to you and me, “I call you friend.” And pointing to the Cross He continues, “there is no greater love than to lay one’s life down for a friend” (see Jn 15:13-17). God knows our sins and calls us by our name. The other side knows our name and calls us by our sin. We were created by Love (of the Father), out of Love (of the Son), to live in Love (united in the Holy Spirit).

To help our understanding of the way God sees us we look at Jesus’s baptism. “And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the

Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.” (Mk 1:10-11).

At our baptism, the Holy Spirit descended into us, and we became united to Jesus Christ. And through the Sonship of Our Lord and Savior, we become children of God. We stay united to Christ through the Sacramental Life of the Church and by keeping His Commandments.

Additionally, friendship indicates that Our Lord wants to have a close personal relationship with you and me. The promise of intimacy with Jesus is conditional because it can be fulfilled only if we commit ourselves to obeying His Commands and following His teaching. Abraham, the man of faith, was the first to be called a “friend” of God in the Bible. Importantly, Abraham did what God told him to do.

The reality of who we are is anchored in our relationship to God. Moreover, how we see ourselves is important because it forms who we work to become. If we see ourselves only as the sin we have committed, then we will continue to live in sin – even if we do not realize that we are doing it. Likewise, if we see ourselves as God does, as His beloved sons and daughters, then we will continue, with God’s grace, to work, to grow, and to live for Him.

Brothers and sisters, I leave you with this reflection. Close your eyes, quiet your mind, and hear deep into your soul our Heavenly Father speak, your name and say, “you are my son, (my daughter). In Jesus you are my child. I love you.”

Then, when we are ready and with His grace we say, “Yes, Father, I am Your son, (Your daughter), You love me, and please help me to grow in loving You.”

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.



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Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We will explore Revelation 12; a passage packed with symbolism. This chapter relays St. John's apocalyptic vision of a great battle occurring in heaven. Four key characters emerge in this drama: a woman, her child, a dragon, and Michael the archangel. First, John sees a mysterious woman "clothed with the sun" and crowned with twelve stars. This woman then gives birth to a royal son who "rules all nations with a rod of iron." A dragon with seven heads and ten horns immediately attacks the woman's child, but her son is caught up to God and to a throne, while Michael and his angels defeat the dragon.

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.



In the midst of unimaginable loss, these images speak without words. The fires may consume homes and forests, but it cannot consume faith, hope, or the love that binds a community together. Please continue to pray for all who have lost homes, for those forced to evacuate, and for every firefighter, law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, and volunteer serving our region. Our prayers must always become action. Faith calls us not only to pray for our neighbors but to care for them. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.



Pregnancy & Parenting Support

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 parking lot of the parish hall. 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!

News for Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick

PO Box 333, Republic, WA 99166

- 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.
- Thursday weekday Mass at the Chapel: Everyone is invited. If you haven't gone to Mass at the chapel you are missing out of prayer time with our Lord. Mass starts at 11:30 a.m.
- Dino Morgen is currently the administrator of the Prayer Chain. If you would like to request prayers, be added to our prayer chain or update your contact information please text Dino at 206-713-8006 or email dinomorgen@hotmail.com.
- 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 Altar Society is now accepting donations of lightly used items after all Masses. Large items can be brought to the hall the days before our sale in October.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN FERRY COUNTY

Ron Bacon, Constance Brenner, Elizabeth Ciais, 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: August 8 - 9

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$3,872.00

August 2-Republic : (ICP): \$1,188.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$1,120.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$210.00

Social Outreach: \$145.00



St. Mary of the Rosary Parish is exploring the possibility of opening a Catholic Classical School in Chewelah to serve families throughout our community and region. Your honest feedback will help us better understand the level of interest and the needs of local families. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to take this survey (just scan the QR code). It is anonymous, although you can list your name and contact information if you wish. For more information, email Kellie at our parish office at kt Trudeau@dioceseofspokane.org



Going to Confession is a very beneficial practice. Confession should be **concise** – that is, brief and straightforward without unnecessary elaboration. It should be **concrete**, avoiding generalities. It should be **clear**, ensuring effective communication. And it should be **complete** – we should disclose all pertinent matters without omission due to reluctance or shame. Lent is a great time to take advantage of this opportunity to receive God’s tender mercy. Confession is available before Mass every Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.



Looking for a great way to enrich your faith? Sign up for FORMED.org, There is no cost to you. To sign up for your free account, go to FORMED.org, click “Find Your Parish Subscription” and enter 99114 and follow the instructions.



Renovation photos on our FaceBook Page: 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.

INLAND NORTHWEST CATHOLIC MEN’S RETREAT

2026 INLAND NORTHWEST Catholic Men's Retreat

Oct 02, 2:00 p.m. – Oct 04, 12:00 p.m.

Camp Lutherhaven, 3258 W Lutherhaven Rd,
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Featuring: Jesse Romero & Fr. John Mosier

Cost: \$175.00 - \$260.00

For more detailed information on the retreat please go to www.inwmensretreat.org

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