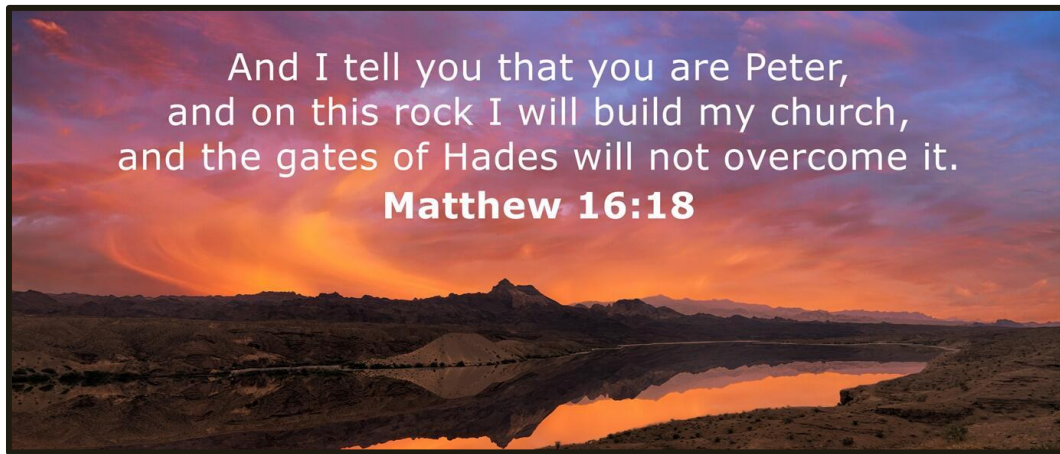


MY PARISH FAMILY

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

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St. Patrick Mission (Curlew)

August 23, 2026: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 25

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Ozzie Wilkinson +

Wednesday, August 26

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Alec Taylor +

Thursday, August 27

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

PREPARES families

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Caroline Hobgood +

Friday, August 28

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

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

Larry Guenther +

Saturday, August 29

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Kaylan Martin +

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

John Sokolowski +

Sunday, August 30 Matthew 16: 21 - 27

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Donald Waldemarson +

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Raymond Hobgood Sr. +

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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.

To know Leads to Hope:



Brothers and sisters,

Archbishop Fulton Sheen concluded one of his talks with the following: “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.” As we continue our journey with Christ, it seems that it would be helpful to visit the topic of sin.

First, we must distinguish between our sins and our identity. Through Baptism we become beloved children of God (1 Jn 3:1). Even before Baptism, every human person is created in God’s image and likeness (Gen 1:26). Our identity is therefore rooted in our relationship with God. Sin are acts that we commit, not who we are.

As a result of original sin, we live in a fallen world and have a fallen human nature. Additionally, we are influenced – tempted – by fallen angels, devils. Subsequently we choose to act in sinful ways. The Catechism teaches that sin is a “failure in genuine love for God and neighbor” and “an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law” (CCC 1849).

“George Bernard Shaw,” as Bishop Sheen pointed out, “once said that the modern man is too busy to think about his sins.” Perhaps people keep so busy and are anxious about many things to distract themselves from thinking about their sins? Scripture identifies many forms of sin (cf. Gal 5:19-21; Rom 1:28-32; 1 Cor 6:9-10 and others). Since baptism removes the effects of original sin and personal sins committed up to that point, and this letter is being written for the faithful, this discussion will focus on the sins committed after reception of the Sacrament of Baptism.

God has given human beings free will, the freedom to love Him or reject Him. Sin arises from the abuse of this gift. Bishop Sheen explains that there are two erroneous attitudes toward free will: minimizing it or exaggerating it. We minimize freedom when we deny personal responsibility for our actions. As Bishop Sheen notes, some claim that guilt is merely a psychological complex or the product of religion, family, or social influences. While circumstances may affect our choices, Catholic teaching affirms that we remain morally responsible for them.

We exaggerate freedom when we make ourselves the measure of right and wrong. As Bishop Sheen describes: “I love myself, my own will. I am my own law. I determine right from wrong. I am the end of my own existence.” This often appears with a rejection of moral limits, particularly in matters of sexual behavior and personal conduct. Such an understanding is not true freedom but licentiousness. Rather than liberating a person, it leads a person to

slavery of sinful habits and desires. According to Catholic teaching, true freedom is not the ability to do whatever one wants; rather, it is the ability to choose what is right, good, and just; and to live in accordance with God’s moral law. When a person becomes enslaved by sin, his or her capacity to choose and live according to God’s divine law is diminished.

There is an important difference between blaming and prudent self-examination. Blaming shifts responsibility and impedes reconciliation. Prudence seeks the truth about the factors behind our choices so that healing, growth, and justice may follow.

St. John in his first letter reminds us, “If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn 1:8-9). If we deny that we sin, then we will deny the need for the cure for sin. We will fail to seek out Christ’s loving mercy.

The faithful, in preparation to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, are to examine their conscience to distinguish between mortal and venial sins. Mortal sin is grave matter committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent, resulting in the loss of God’s grace. While diminished knowledge or freedom to act may lessen personal culpability, grave matter remains serious. Such sins should be confessed and absolved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the worthy reception of Holy Communion (cf. 1 Cor 11:27).

Regrettably, some attempt to excuse grave sins by presuming diminished knowledge or consent. In doing so, they risk receiving the Lord in an unworthy manner. Rather than diagnosing ourselves and playing “Web-MD” with our spiritual lives, please trust in God’s mercy, humbly acknowledge sins of grave matter, and bring them to Jesus for healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

“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” (Bishop Sheen).

In Christ,

Fr. O’Leary



Confessions are back in the reconciliation chapel. Father O’Leary will be offering confessions at the scheduled times in the confessional in the church. See front of bulletin for times and days.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ozzie Wilkinson**, and the consolation of his family. Ozzie's funeral service will be held on Monday, August 24th at

10:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception main church. His Vigil will be on Sunday evening at 7:00 a.m. August 23rd.

+Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him+



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

There is no Mystery of Faith this week. We resume our sessions on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Mystery of Faith focuses on bringing 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT***

Saturdays in Colville.....30 minutes 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***



Thank you to everyone that helped get the church all cleaned and shined up. If you haven't taken a peak at those new floors-please do. They are stunning.



THAT MAN IS YOU is a thirteen-week interactive men's program combing 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

News for Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick

PO Box 333, Republic, WA 99166

- Food Drive: Once again our parish food drive was a great success. Thank you all for your generosity.
- Thursday, August 27: The St. Monica Prayer group will meet at our Chapel at 11:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet. All are invited.
- Watch the bulletin for the date of our next Adoration in the Chapel, for September.
- Our next potluck will be September 20 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.
- 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

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.

Weekly Contributions: August 15 - 16

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2,492.50

Republic : Not available at printing

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$464.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$508.67

ICP Capital Improvements: \$.00

Social Outreach: \$100.00



St. Mary of the Rosary Parish is exploring the possibility of opening a Catholic Classical School in Chewelah. 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.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy



1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Shelter the homeless
4. Visit the sick
5. Visit prisoners
6. Bury the dead
7. Clothe the naked

We can do corporal works of mercy in both small and large ways. Sometimes our daily lives get so busy that we can't spend the day volunteering at a homeless shelter, or we can't afford large donations to alleviate many people in poverty. That's when we find small ways to administer the corporal works of mercy. We can stop by a hospital or nursing home to say hello to a lonely patient or buy a meal for a homeless person on the street. Even giving just five dollars to a local charity counts!

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,
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Featuring: Jesse Romero & Fr. John Mosier

Cost: \$175.00 - \$260.00

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