

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 30, 2026: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 1

No 5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

No 5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Wednesday, September 2

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Gary Roman

Thursday, September 3

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Bill Campbell

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Charles Davidson +

Friday, September 4 **First Friday**

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Adoration (Colville)

Ozzie Wilkinson +

Saturday, September 5

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Ron Noble

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

Elaine Ferrone +

Sunday, September 6 Matthew 18: 15 - 20

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Joe Campbell

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Melva Davidson +

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*If we direct our work towards God, we shall work better
than we know....Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

Hide or Seek:



Brothers and sisters,

Last week we reflected on two incorrect attitudes toward sin: exaggerating human free will and minimizing it. In the first case, a person acts as though God's law does not apply to them and therefore denies sin altogether. In the second, a person avoids responsibility by blaming someone or something else for their actions. Both attitudes lead us to hide from our sin rather than seek the remedy Christ offers.

This week we consider some of the effects of sin and of denying its reality. Sin damages our relationships with ourselves, our neighbors, and God. Archbishop Fulton Sheen observed that every sin divides a person from himself, turning the soul into a battlefield. Sin also separates us from others because a person who cannot live at peace with himself struggles to live at peace with those around him. Ultimately, sin estranges us from God. As seen in the story of Adam and Eve, sin causes us to hide from the Lord, isolating ourselves from the very source of love and life.

One of the most subtle dangers of denying sin is that it can make everyone merely "nice." In this sense, being nice means avoiding offense at all costs and placing greater value on good feelings than on truth. Some Christians may be tempted to choose temporary happiness over holiness, remaining silent when others engage in sinful behavior. Yet failing to warn a person who is walking down a harmful path is not an act of love. Such silence endangers both the sinner and the one who neglects the responsibility to speak.

Through Baptism we become members of the Body of Christ and share in His priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Part of the prophetic mission is the duty to warn sinners and offer fraternal correction. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel: "If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning... that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand" (Ez 3:18).

When carried out with humility and charity, fraternal correction is an act of love and a Spiritual Work of Mercy. To admonish sinners is not to condemn them but to help guide them toward God. At the same time, anyone who corrects others must also be willing to be corrected. Sometimes our reluctance to correct another person comes from a desire to avoid correction ourselves. In that way, we can choose momentary comfort over eternal joy. Another consequence of denying sin is faultfinding. Bishop Sheen noted that those who deny their own sins

often become gossips, meddlers, and harsh critics because they project their guilt onto others. Such people may react strongly to the faults of others while refusing to acknowledge their own shortcomings. This creates what Sheen called an "illusion of goodness." The more a person denies sin in himself, the more likely he is to focus on the sins of others.

Our Lord addresses this tendency when He says, "First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye" (Mt 7:5). We remove the log from our own eye by honestly acknowledging our sins and seeking God's mercy through the Sacrament of Confession.

When sin remains unresolved, it often produces further sin. The effects accumulate and can lead to fear, isolation, and despair. As Bishop Sheen observed, a sinner may eventually believe he is beyond help. The more we avoid confronting our sins, the more we fear having them exposed to the light of Christ. Yet that same light reveals not condemnation, but the merciful love of God and the healing He desires for every soul.

Our hope is found in Jesus Christ. St. John assures us: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn 1:9). Likewise, St. Bede reminds us that because we cannot live in this world without sin, our first hope of salvation is confession and the humble request for God's forgiveness.

With God's grace, we can choose to accept responsibility for our sins and seek His mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. We do so not merely because we have broken commandments, nor simply to undo the effects of sin, but because sin wounds our relationship with the One who loves us. Looking upon the Crucifix, we see the depth of Christ's sacrificial love. In response, we seek His forgiveness and mercy.

As Archbishop Fulton Sheen beautifully said: "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."

Sincerely your brother in Christ,

Sincerely your brother 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.



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 how the Philippians can have the mind of Christ and live a life in humble obedience, emptying oneself for others. If we live in imitation of Christ, we will also experience the glory of Christ's exaltation by the Father.

Please join us on Tuesday, **September 1st at 5:30 p.m.** in the ICP Library for a meal, fellowship and scripture.



THAT MAN IS YOU!

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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

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.

News for Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick

PO Box 333, Republic, WA 99166

- On Sept. 3rd the Ladies Altar Society will meet after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the parish hall at 12:30 p.m.
- Extra! Extra! On a table at the back of the church, you will see pieces of an extra Nativity set that haven't been used. If you would like to have this set or pieces, feel free to take them. Remember they are blessed and need to be treated with reverence.
- Upgrades at Republic and Curlew churches: You may have noticed the cool air at Sunday Mass. A new furnace and electrical panel were
- installed for our system. At Curlew there was a major remodel. You need to attend Mass to see all the improvements. Also, in last week's local newspaper you can read about all the improvements at Curlew. Thank you to all who were involved with the upgrades.
- Please continue to pray for all the sick and hurt in all our parishes.
- The second collection September 13 will be for the fire victims of all the fires in Ferry and Spokane counties. So many have lost so much. If you would like to donate, make your check out to Immaculate Conception and note that it is for the fire victims. We will collect and then make one check to the Spokane Diocese. Note: the Altar Society will be donating also to this collection.
- Then later in September the ACA collection will be on our minds, remember our parish will be collecting for the Bishop also. Watch for future bulletins for news of this. It is another busy month for all of us.

Weekly Contributions: August 15 - 16

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2,578.00

Republic : Not available at printing

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$23,914.00

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

ICP Capital Improvements: \$180.00

Social Outreach: \$20.00



Pope Leo XIV Prayer Request for September:

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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**



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



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.



Birthdays for the month of September!

- 1 Fran Trail
- 2 Mickey Kester, Ed Parazoo
- 3 Gary Roman
- 4 Elaine Huff
- 8 Ted Kubesh
- 9 Maria Bowles
- 12 Pat Eslick
- 14 John Sprague
- 16 Loretta Bowling, Ellen Maddaloni,
Vivian Natale
- 17 Randy Carstens, David Nielsen
- 18 Cecilia Biosca
- 19 Eliza Fazzari
- 20 Mary Lou King
- 25 Patti Eslick
- 29 Michael Campbell, Abby Miller
- 30 Mike Trail

If you have a birthday in September and do not see your name above, please call the office and help us update our records.

If you would like to advertise your business here, please call the parish office in Colville.

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