

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 20, 2026: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 22

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

In thanksgiving for prayers answered

Wednesday, September 23

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Alana Andersen (birthday)

Thursday, September 24

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Louis Blazovich +

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Jacob Morgan and family

Friday, September 25

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

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

Rita Cordrey +

Saturday, September 26

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Nancy Kohmetscher (birthday)

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

Robin Thompson

Sunday, September 27 Matthew 21: 28-32

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Forest Fire Victims

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Mandy Morgan and family

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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.



Our Father:

Brothers and sisters, objections have been raised about the Latin language being used in the Mass because one cannot pray in a language one does not know. And while on some level this holds true. On the other hand, we can participate in the prayer of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, even in languages we do not know, just by being present. Importantly here, this discussion is not about the merits of using the Latin language in Mass. Holy Mother Church has written on this topic. Today we explore, in part, what it means to pray.

Some people recite words at Mass, and it seems as if it is just that ... reciting words. And there can be an impression of speaking words at a proper time in order to move the Sacred Liturgy along. Other times words are recited at such a rapid pace that it is hard to hear what is being said or to follow along. One person might note that God can keep up. True, we are not going to outpace Our Lord. However, prayer seems to be something more than a competition to see how quickly one can recite the words to move liturgy along.

Another approach to prayer is that of a type of exchange; believing if one says the right words, in a certain order, often, and long enough, then God will grant the request. This attitude towards prayer is like magic, where one uses incantations to produce a desired effect.

Jesus warns us, in Matthew's Gospel, not to approach prayer as a type of magic spell: "in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words" (6:7). Praying this way is empty because it lacks faith and a relationship with God. Importantly, Our Lord is not speaking against repetitious prayer. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed to the Father multiple times "saying the same words." Continuing with His instruction on prayer, Christ then teaches His followers to pray the "Our Father Prayer." And we have heard this prayer recited many times, especially during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

With the question of prayer still before us, we turn to the Church to define prayer. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read that "prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." (CCC 2559). Prayer is an upward movement of one's heart and mind towards God which quickly saying words does not seem to accomplish. Moreover, words can be recited from rote memory, without thinking about them. As seen above, with Jesus's warning against empty phrases, our prayer is to have an intentional and relational component to it.

Importantly, Christ gave us the "Our Father" as the model for prayer. In this prayer there are seven petitions, divided into two parts. The first part of the prayer is directed to God's glory, while the second part is directed towards our needs. Significantly, through Jesus, we are taught to call God "Father," "Abba." We have a loving God who cares deeply for us. In prayer, through Jesus Christ and in union with the Holy Spirit, we get to approach God as His beloved children.

Holy Mother Church also teaches that, Our Lord, in Luke's Gospel, gave us three principal parables on prayer: "The first, "the importunate friend," invites us to urgent prayer: "Knock, and it will be opened to you." To the one who prays like this, the heavenly Father will "give whatever he needs," and above all the Holy Spirit who contains all gifts. The second, "the importunate widow," is centered on one of the qualities of prayer: it is necessary to pray always without ceasing and with the patience of faith. "And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" The third parable, "the Pharisee and the tax collector," concerns the humility of the heart that prays. "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" The Church continues to make this prayer its own: Kyrie eleison!" (CCC 2613).

Therefore, as we have discussed, prayer is more than merely reciting words. It is a movement towards God the Father who loves us so much that He sent the Son to reconcile us to Him, to draw us into a relationship with Him. Prayer invites us into a relationship with God and calls us to place our trust in Him. Next, when we pray at home or in the Mass, we commit to slowing down, hearing the words spoken and directing them with all our mind and heart to God the Father Who lovingly responds to His children.

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.



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

Throughout her whole life, St. Monica faithfully prayed, wept, and entrusted her son Augustine to the mercy of God. This Augustine Institute lecture explores her remarkable journey of perseverance during the nearly two decades her son wandered from the faith and offers practical spiritual guidance.

Through St. Monica's example, Dr. Christopher Mooney shared how to remain rooted in hope and charity, pursue conversion, and confidently place the name of Jesus upon the hearts of those they love.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 22nd 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 Ciais, Rhonda Hinsperger, Dave Jordan, Mouse Kreeel, 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: September 12 - 13

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2945.06

Republic : (Immaculate Conception): \$1,805.00

Republic Fire Relief: \$978.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$515.50

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$416.67

ICP Capital Improvements: \$50.00

Social Outreach: \$50.00



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.

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"

New Seminarians: In recent years, the Diocese of Spokane has been blessed to witness a steady increase in the number of men called to enter the

priesthood. This fall, six new seminarians will start their formation: three in the Cor Christi program at Bishop White Seminary, two at Mt. Angel Seminary and one at St. Patrick Seminary. Please pray for them as they further discern and prepare for their vocations.

We thank God for these men who have heard and responded to His call and are grateful for your prayers and financial support. Our seminarians are just one of the many recipients of funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are available in the pews or visit www.dioceseofspokane.org/aca to give today. Thank you for keeping the Appeal in your prayers.



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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My Parish Family Face Book Page

Please remember to check out our face book page. You do not need an account to visit. If something is too late for the bulletin, you just might find it on our face book page. Just type in your browser: Colville, Kettle Falls, Northport Tri-Parish Catholic Community



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.
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