

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 27, 2026: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 29

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Marge Waldemarson +

Wednesday, September 30

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Alec Taylor +

Thursday, October 1

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Peggy & Frank Hanley +

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Celebrant's Intention (C.I.)

Friday, October 2

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

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

Our church families

Saturday, October 3

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Rita Cordrey +

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

Tom Campbell

Sunday, October 4

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

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

Marion Wilis

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Celebrant's Intention (C.I.)

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Adoration..... Cecily Van Cleave

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Funeral Luncheons Janey Kuh

Sacristan Fran Trail

Social Outreach..... Catina Brown

Friendship Feast Dawna Parazoo

Servants of the Sick Dave Hewes

Youth Group Allie and Kody Usher

PREPARES Pat Taylor

Librarian..... Vivian Natale

Religious Education Sarah Marshall

Men's Catholic Study Group..... Gary Axtell

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

[Altar Society \(Republic\)..... Joanne Farris](#)

[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.



Faithful Sons and Daughters of the Church:

Brothers and sisters, a secular opinion which can complicate our lives is the false notion that being Christian and living out one's faith is contrary to being a citizen.

Often, we hear something along the lines of, "it is ok for you to have your faith. But you can't force your beliefs on another person." This statement often comes from the same people who force their belief system on Catholics in America. Importantly, Catholics, by living out their faith publicly, are not forcing their beliefs on anyone. Nor should Catholics deny or vote against fundamental principles of faith because others hold to beliefs contrary to the teachings of Christ as preserved through Holy Mother Church. Above all, there is a balance between civic duty and one's primary duty to God.

Jesus in Matthew's Gospel gives us the answer. When questioned if it was appropriate for Israelites to pay taxes to Rome. Our Lord responded by asking whose image was on the coin. "They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"" (22:20-21). It was appropriate to fulfill the civic duty by paying taxes because the coins were made by the ruling country. Importantly, Christ's words point to a higher duty to God as everyone is made in the image of God. In the beginning of Genesis, we read that "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (1:27). The dignity of each human being is founded on being created in the image of God. Of note, the sexual difference between man and woman is established by the Creator, God, not by society, or a personal choice.

Significantly, our Lord demonstrates that civic responsibility and fidelity to God are not opposing obligations. Rather, He teaches the importance of fulfilling our civic duties while deepening our commitment to the first and greatest commandment: "to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind" (Mt. 22:37). By looking to Christ on the Cross, we encounter the fullest expression of God's love. Far from living our faith privately or withdrawing from public life, faithful Catholics are called to love God above all things and to bring the truth of Christ into the public square through lives of faithful witness, service, and charity.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote in 2006, "As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, the principle focus of her interventions in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person." Pope Benedict drew attention to three non-negotiable principles. First, is the "protection of life in all its stages, from the first

moment of conception until natural death." Secondly is the "recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family – as union between a man and a woman based on marriage. The pontiff would call attention to the need to defend the natural structure of the family "from attempts to make it juridically equivalent to radically different forms of union which in reality harm it and contribute to its destabilization." Noting that the natural family unit has a "particular character and [an] irreplaceable social role." And thirdly, is "the protection of the right of the parents to educate their children."

The pope continued to specify that these principles are derived from human nature itself and are "common to all." These principles are non-negotiable because they are built into the dignity of each human being created by God in His image. Thus, we are to "give to God the things that are His." We are not to, out of political partisan preference, ignore or actively support fundamental evils which violate these principles. Furthermore, contained in our country's founding document are "non-negotiable" rights. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." (The Preamble to the Declaration of Independence). Importantly, and acknowledged by our country's founders, is that the primary unalienable human right is life.

Brothers and sisters, as Christians, as faithful sons and daughters of the Church, we are not to hide our faith from our country. We are to let it be a shining light guiding our country's leaders. Moreover, we have an obligation to protect and promote the dignity of each human being.

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.

Tuesday, September 29th – **Cancelled**

Please join us the following Tuesday 6:15p.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 19-20

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2088.75

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

Republic Fire Relief: **\$978.00**

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): 165.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$65.67

ICP Capital Improvements: \$100.00

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 27, 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.
- October 18 will be our next parish potluck after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited, see you there.
- October 22, 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.
- October 10 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.



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. 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.

2026 – ACA – Goal:

Colville	ICP	\$57,609
Kettle Falls	SHJ	\$9,476
Republic	ICP	\$17,878



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 your 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 began 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.
509-684-6223**



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