

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

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

October 4, 2026: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 6

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Deacon Andrew Kelley

Wednesday, October 7

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Steven Campbell

Thursday, October 8

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Special Intention

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Dennis Lederman+

Friday, October 9

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Deacon Nathan Loe

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

Saturday, October 10

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Rowan Sprangers (birthday)

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

Special Intention

Sunday, October 11

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 2nd Sunday)

Missy Cady+

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Sabrina Dimartino+

PARISH STAFF

Pastor..... Father Andrew O'Leary

pastor@myparishfamily.org

(509) 684-6223

ferrycatholic@gmail.com

(509) 775-3935

Office Manager..... Pat Taylor

info@myparishfamily.org

Custodian (SHJ)..... Dawna Parazoo

Facilities Supervisor.....Jef Lant

Parish Office Hours T-W-Th 9-3 p.m.....(509) 684-6223

PARISH MINISTRIES

Finance Councils Joe Fazzari (ICP), Dave Hewes (SHJ)

Mike Gigous (PHM), [Ryan Walsh \(ICP-Republic\)](#)

Knights of Columbus..... Daniel Marshall

Adoration..... Cecily Van Cleave

Prayer Line (612) 423-4290 Cindy Campbell

[Republic Prayer Chain \(206\) 713-8006..... Dino Morgen](#)

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.



A Culture of Life:

Brothers and sisters,

Saint Louis the IX, king of France during the mid-13th century, wrote to his son, “My dearest son, my first instruction to you is that you should love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your strength. Without this there is no salvation. Keep yourself, my son, from every mortal sin.” He even advised his son to endure martyrdom rather than commit mortal sin. For St. Louis, the first duty of a leader was to live a Christian moral life in obedience to God’s will through following His Commandments. In addition, the saint instructed his son to use Christian virtues, specifically justice, applied equally to all, in governing the people. And he charged the future king to “work to remove all sin from your land, particularly blasphemies and heresies.”

A striking thing about St. Louis’s letter to his son is the importance of a national ruler living a Christian moral life of faith, seeking salvation, and incorporating Christian virtues into public life. Furthermore, he believed rulers should oppose false teachings and promote a society ordered toward God. This stands in contrast to many leaders today who advance an immoral worldview. Sadly, some Catholics are living lives that mirror this worldly view rather than choosing to reflect Christ’s light into a world darkened by sin. One way this is evident is through looking at the civil divorce and attempted “re-marriage” rates in the Church; they are on par with non-believers. Many baptized Catholics also openly engage in behaviors that Christ identifies as sinful and spiritually harmful (cf. Mk 7:20-23). Archbishop Fulton Sheen once commented that we “will either change the way we live to match our belief. Or we will change our belief to match the way we live.”

Unfortunately, some Catholics are changing their belief to publicly support immoral lifestyles, or intrinsic evils, under a false impression of liberty; incorrectly believing that freedom means that one can do whatever one desires. St. Paul writing to the Galatians teaches that, “Christian liberty is not a license to indulge in sin and selfishness.” Rather Catholics are to be free to “mature in grace and become the saints we are called to be” (5:13). An immoral lifestyle diminishes our cooperation with God’s grace and, if embraced fully, can separate us complete from the divine life.

Immorally, some Catholics are openly supporting and elevating human ideologies over God’s Commandments and the Teachings of the Church. Specifically, some are choosing to cooperate with the intrinsic evils of abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide, thus, contributing to the culture of death. These acts are always evil and wrong, regardless of motivation and circumstance, because they violate the dignity of unwanted human beings.

Significantly, we Catholics are called to be a people of life, working out our salvation and leading others towards an eternal life with the Triune God.

Jesus condemned the practice of elevating human traditions over God’s Law. Some taught that financial gifts to the Temple excused people from caring for their parents, thus “making void the word of God” (Mk 7:6-13). Our Lord rejected this violation of the Fourth Commandment and taught that both duties remained. Love of God and love of neighbor are never opposed. By obeying God’s commandments, we learn to love others rightly.

Archbishop Sheen also commented that “moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is doing it. Right is right, even if nobody is doing it.” The moral decay of our country, as seen through the public’s support for; the misuse and abuse of human sexuality, selfishness, and licentiousness, is leading our nation to a “bondage of sin.” (Ro 6:23). This is not liberty, rather it is slavery to immorality. An immoral and vice-full citizenry leads to death; the death of ‘unwanted’ humans, and the death of a nation. And more importantly, vice can contribute to the eternal death of people living in that society. The antidote to this culture of death is the life-giving grace found in Christ through His Church.

St. Louis’s advice to his son remains relevant in our own time. We Catholics in America are called to live faithful moral lives, remain free from grave sin, hold fast to God’s revealed truths, and support leaders who will protect the dignity of every human person, from conception to natural death. By faithfully living the Christian moral life, we help build a culture of life in our country.

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.
Third Thursday in Republic: 1 hour after Mass.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Arla Rae Woolard’s funeral service was held on September 29th at Immaculate Conception; Please pray for the repose of the soul, and the consolation of her family.

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



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

Mystery of Faith begins a new series this week. We are going to watch Jesus and The Dead Sea Scrolls. This session from formed.org uses the famous Dead Sea Scrolls to give us a glimpse of Jewish life at the time of Jesus.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 6th 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.

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: September 26 - 27

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2,661.46
 Republic : (Immaculate Conception): \$1,122.00
 Republic Fire Relief: \$95.00
 Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart of Jesus): \$853.020
 Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$n/a
 ICP Capital Improvements: \$50.00
 Social Outreach: \$0



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

- Last Sunday was our last collection. Thank you all for your donations. We will have a total soon.
- Annual Altar Society Rummage Sale: Oct. 8-10.
 - Oct. 8, Thursday 3 pm - 6 pm.
 - Oct. 9, Friday 10 am - 1 pm
 - Oct. 10, Saturday 10 am - 1 pm
- Thank you to all who helped move donations to the hall. You all rock.
- Able to receive them until Wednesday at 2:00, October 7th, while we are there.
- Weekday Mass on Thursday is still in the Chapel, 11:30 am.
- Office hours with Fr. O'Leary in the afternoons on Thursday.
 - Please call or email to schedule a visit.
- October 18, parish potluck after the Mass.
- Adoration in the chapel will be October 15.
- October 22, St. Monica Prayer Group meeting at 11:00am – before the weekday Mass.



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
Northport	St. Patrick	\$2,216
Republic	ICP	\$17,878



Donut Sundays – First and third Sunday of every month: Come and join your fellow parishioners for coffee, donuts, and a visit after the 9:00 am Mass at ICP.



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



Friendship Feast's Pantry Wish List: If you have any of these extra items in your pantry, the Friendship Feast volunteers would love to take them off your hands.

Green Beans

Canned or

Pasta Sauce

Fresh Fruit

Thank you!



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.



Birthdays for the month of October!

2 Michael Gray
7 Lois Marx, Dwight Morgan
12 Dolores Cline
20 Ed Holloway
22 Julian Estelle
25 Joe Machala
30 Lisa Kowitz

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



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.