

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 11, 2026: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 13

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)
Caprice Marie (birthday)

Wednesday, October 14

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)
Mary Rochon

Thursday, October 15

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)
8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)
Alisa Osborne (birthday)
11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)
Conversion of our Communities

Friday, October 16

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)
Mike and Mary K
7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

Saturday, October 17

3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)
4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)
Louise Blazovich+
6:00 p.m. Mass (Kettle Falls)
Fr. Andrew O'Leary

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)
9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)
Pro Populo
12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 3rd Sunday)
In thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Republic)
4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)
Jan Good+

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Finance Councils Joe Fazzari (ICP), Dave Hewes (SHJ)
Mike Gigous (PHM), *[Ryan Walsh \(ICP-Republic\)](#)*
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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.



Strain the Camel and Swallow the Gnat

Brothers and sisters,

In 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political*

Responsibility (FC). In it, the bishops call Catholics to participate in public life in a manner “consistent with the mission of Our Lord” (FC, no. 1). The document provides a moral framework for forming our consciences. The bishops teach that the preeminent threat to our country is abortion because it “directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters” and destroys more than a million lives each year (FC, viii). St. Paul reminds us to “do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit” (Eph 4:30).

A serious error in public life is treating all moral issues as equal. The USCCB clearly states that “the direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed” (FC, no. 28). Issues such as racism, unjust wars, migration, the death penalty, and care for vulnerable adults are important and deserve attention. The best means of addressing them may be debated. However, concern for these issues cannot replace the Church’s fundamental obligation to defend innocent human life. Human life is sacred.

Jesus condemns the religious leaders for making the same error. Christ said to them, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” Furthermore, Our Lord calls them “blind guides” who “strained out a gnat and swallowed a camel!” (Mt 23:23-24). The image is striking; they carefully avoided a minor ritual impurity while overlooking grave violations of God’s law. They should have observed both the greater and lesser demands of the law.

Likewise, some Catholics who are acting as blind guides are violating a major teaching of the moral law to support a lesser Catholic social principle. St. John Paul II warned that efforts to defend human rights are “false and illusory” when “the right to life,” upon which all other rights depend, is not defended with maximum determination (*Christifideles Laici*, no. 38). The bishops likewise teach that Catholics must neither treat all issues as morally equivalent nor reduce Catholic teaching to only one or two concerns. They reaffirm that defending human life from conception to natural death remains a fundamental moral obligation, with a preeminent duty to protect innocent life from direct attack (FC, no. 40). Catholics are often told they should not be “single-issue voters.” The bishops agree that “a candidate’s position on

a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter’s support.” However, they also teach that if a candidate promotes an intrinsically evil act, “a voter may legitimately disqualify a candidate from receiving support” (FC, no. 42). Thus, the principle of Catholics not being single-issue voters applies to supporting a candidate, not to withholding support from one. There is a difference between supporting a candidate because of a single issue and refusing to support a candidate because he or she promotes an intrinsically evil act. Importantly, a candidate can and should be disqualified from receiving our vote for supporting an intrinsically evil act.

Some question the Church’s opposition to abortion in cases of rape or incest. These crimes are gravely evil. Yet one intrinsically evil act cannot be justified by another. The innocent life of the child must always be protected from direct attack.

Faithful Catholics are sometimes accused of being intolerant. Archbishop Fulton Sheen observed that society often becomes too tolerant of “right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos.” Tolerance applies to persons; it does not change truth. Just as a doctor is intolerant of disease for the health of the body, Catholics must reject sin and moral evil while remaining charitable toward persons.

Therefore, the preeminent threat to our country remains abortion.

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.

On Saturday, October 3, Immaculate Conception Parish in Colville officially reopened its sanctuary after a period of renovation. The evening mass was filled with light, music, and the joy of being together. The reopening symbolized the restoration of a sacred space and a renewal of parish life. THANKS to all the contractors and volunteers who made this happen!



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We are going to be watching Jesus and The Dead Sea Scrolls from formed.org. The Essene community at Qumran believed in and longed for the coming of a royal Messiah and a priestly Messiah. In this lecture, Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, and Dr. John Bergsma look at the parallels between the Essenes' interpretation of the Old Testament prophets and what the Gospels tell us of Jesus Christ.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:15 p.m. in the ICP Library for a meal, fellowship, and scripture.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN FERRY COUNTY

Ron Bacon, Constance Brenner, Elizabeth Cia, 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.)

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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: October 3 - 4

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$8,686.60

Republic : (Immaculate Conception): \$978.00

Capital Improvements: \$230.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart of Jesus): \$675

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$131

ICP Capital Improvements: \$200

Social Outreach: \$195

Religious Education started September 20! Enrollment forms are available in the parish office. Sacramental Preparation will be available this year but enrollment or notice of intention of enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year was 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

- October 11: after the 4:00 pm Mass, all parishioners are welcome to come and shop the final day of the rummage sale. Please take what you need, want, desire and if you would like to leave a donation, we would be very grateful.
- Monday, October 12: we will clean up the hall from our rummage sale from 9:00 am until task completion. Thank you for making our rummage sale a success this year. Your donations and help is great. All the proceeds go to help with all we do through the year and our Christmas contributions to help local families.
- Thursday, October 15: Weekday Mass in the Chapel at 11:30. Adoration following from noon to 1:00. Come and adore Our Lord, praise him and pray or just be with him.
- October 18th, Parish potluck after the 4:00 Mass. Come and enjoy visiting and good food.
- October 22, St. Monica Prayer Group meeting at 11:00 am before the weekday mass. Come pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- Office hours with Fr. O'Leary in the afternoons on Thursday. Please call or email to schedule a visit.



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		Received:	Goal:	% of Goal
Colville	ICP	\$24,510	\$57,609	43%
Kettle Falls	SHJ	\$10,565	\$9,476	111%
Northport	PHM	n/a	\$2,216	n/a
Republic	ICP	\$14,125	\$17,878	81%



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



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!



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.

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our tri parish community. Through their selflessness, they create an atmosphere of love and unity. Let us

uplift them in our thoughts and actions, and may they continue to inspire us all. THANK YOU volunteers for your unwavering commitment to your parish and your community!

OCTOBER 17, 2026



Rotary Fountain at Riverfront Park
South Howard Street Bridge in Spokane

Join us at the 11th Annual Walk for Life NW! The Walk for Life Northwest is an annual pro-life rally and march held in downtown Spokane and a peaceful demonstration to support a pro-life culture and advocate for the unborn. This event includes local speakers, religious services, and a community walk. Info tent opens at 12:30 pm and the rally begins at 1:00 pm. This year's featured presenter is Adrienne LeCoure, a speaker and advocate known for her personal journey of trauma and healing.



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.



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