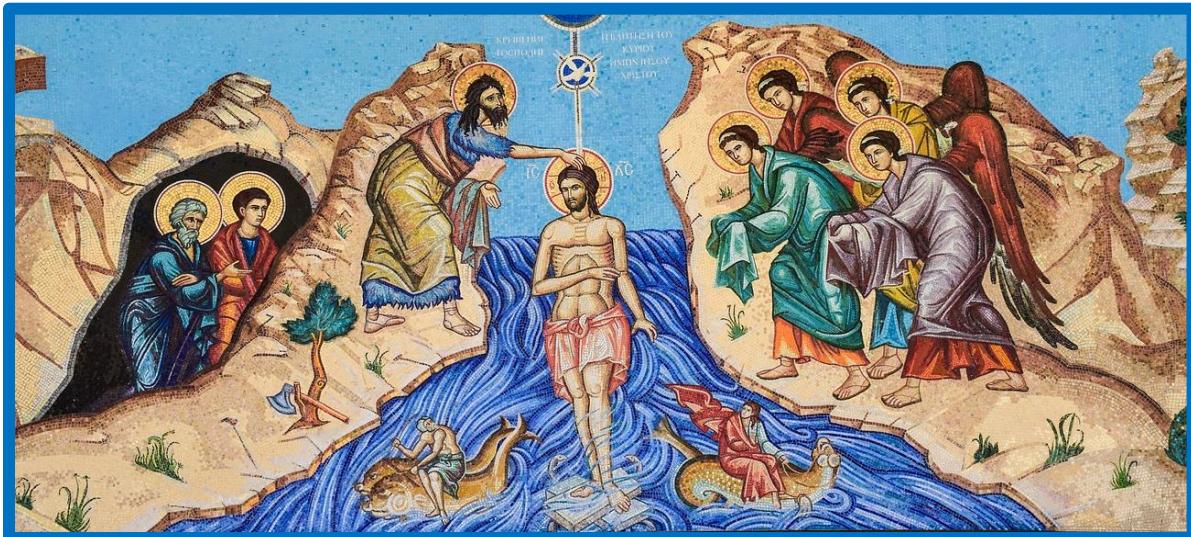


MY PARISH FAMILY

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

January 11, 2026: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year A)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 13

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Kay Jefferson +

Wednesday, January 14

12:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Michael Sprangers (birthday)

Thursday, January 15

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Bruce Peterson

11:30 a.m. Mass (Republic)

Msgr. Perron Auve +

Friday, January 16

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

St. Hilaire Family

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

Saturday, January 17

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

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Jack & Lorraine Citkovich +

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

Deceased Knights of Columbus +

Sunday, January 18 John 1:29-34

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. (Northport 3rd Sunday)

Protection of the Unborn

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Rev. W. Roy Floch +

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Welcome visitors! We are 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.



Dear parishioners and guests,

A parishioner recently asked me a question pertaining to the Church's belief in the perpetual virginity of Mary. It's a question that comes up often in discussions between Catholics and Protestants. Since we have just celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, I thought I might use this week's column to explain the question and provide one way of answering it.

The question is asked in light of the verse from Matthew's Gospel that reads, "He [Joseph] had no relations with her [Mary] until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus" (1:25). The question leveled at Catholics is, "How can you believe that Mary was a virgin forever when the Bible clearly states the Joseph had relations with her after Jesus was born?"

I begin my response by pointing out that the verse does *not* state that Joseph *ever* had relations with Mary. It states that from the time he took her into his home until the time Jesus was born, they had no marital relations. It doesn't say anything about what happened after that.

Very often, we use the word "until" in such a way that it implies that something changes after a certain point. For example, if I said, "I fasted until 11:00," you might assume that after 11:00, I stopped fasting and had something to eat. Or if I said, "I was at the office until 5:00," you might think that I went home at 5:00.

However, "until" does not always imply a change. If I said, "I intend to serve as a priest until I'm old and gray," you would be incorrect to think that once I'm old and gray I won't serve as a priest anymore. Or – and this is my favorite example – in 2 Samuel 6:23, we read, "Saul's daughter Michal was childless until the day she died." Do you suppose that after she died, she began to have children?

Thus, to say that Joseph had no relations with Mary until she bore a son does not at all imply that they had relations after Jesus' birth. I would not say that this verse (or any other) is absolute proof of Mary's perpetual virginity, but I would definitely say that the verse cannot be used to *disprove* it.

Our belief in Mary's perpetual virginity is drawn from a few verses of Scripture but chiefly from the living Tradition of the Church, which authoritatively defined the dogma in the year 553 at the Second Council of Constantinople.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

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.
All other Fridays in Colville: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Contributions are for the following dates:

**December 20-21, December 27-28,
& January 3-4 (Sundays)**
December 24/25 (Christmas)
December 31/January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)
Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$8,979.90
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Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$172.00
ICP Christmas (Colville): \$3,339.00
SHJ Christmas (Kettle Falls): \$947.00
Dec 31, Vigil Solemnity of Mary (Kettle Falls): \$264.00
January 1, Solemnity of Mary (Colville): \$1,007.00
ICP Capital Improvements: \$290.00
SHJ Capital Improvements: \$150.00
Social Outreach: \$635.00
Online giving amounts not included

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes: 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.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Diane Hess**, and the consolation of her family. Diane was a long-time parishioner who had moved to Missouri to live with her daughter in recent years. Many knew her as the "Hat Lady." Her Funeral was held on January 9 in Missouri. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated in Colville this summer.
+Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.+



Many thanks to those who signed up to have their portrait taken for our new parish directory.



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

No Mystery of Faith this Tuesday, January 13. Class resumes on Tuesday, January 20, in the ICP parish library.

Mystery of Faith meets at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in the ICP library. A light supper is provided.



Parish Registration: If you are new to any of our three parishes, please call the office to register and update your information.

509-684-6223



Men's Catholic Study

Group: Beginning Tuesday, January 13, the Men's Catholic Study Group is adopting a new format. In place of

monthly meetings, the group will gather every Tuesday for 10 weeks. The meetings begin with a meal and fellowship at 6:15 p.m. and conclude by 7:45 p.m. The study is held in the Immaculate Conception parish hall. Any man can come to the meeting. Invite a friend and take the opportunity to grow in your role as a leader. For our first 10-week series, our program is "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told," with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.



Our prayer teams at ICP will be available to pray with anyone wanting to take advantage of this opportunity. Teams will generally

be available after Masses on the first and third Saturday/Sunday of the month at ICP.

Knights breakfast rescheduled!

After the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, January 18, the Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious breakfast in the ICP parish hall. Your donations help the Knights carry out their charitable works in the community.



Because of the unavailability of the parish hall due to the photo directory project, January's wine and cheese social will be in the parish hall on January 17 – instead of January 10 – after the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception. Please come and visit with other parishioners and enjoy a delicious snack and a glass of wine!



Pregnancy & Parenting Support

The PREPARES ministry hosts a monthly diaper distribution on the third Saturday of every month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The next distribution will take place on January 17. Any family in need of diapers is welcome to come and pick up **25 diapers per child per month** and one packet of baby wipes per family per month. For more info contact the parish office, or Pat Taylor. Thank you for your prayers and support!

If you would like to provide a meal for the Youth Group this winter/spring, please sign up in the vestibule at ICP!



Trinity

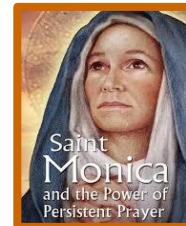
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Travels

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Luke Tomson. Saints of Italy: A Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi with Anna Padon (*Qui Minimo*) and Fr. Luke Tomson – May 14 to 24, 2026. Contact pilgrimage consultant, Kayla Banning, at kayla@trinitytourtravels.com or 1-800-687-0306.



Mardi Gras is coming! Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 17, for this fun event. The Ag Center is reserved, as is our favorite caterer, Lori Roberts. Ticket sales begin after Masses the weekend of January 17/18. You won't want to miss this great celebration!



St. Monica Prayer Group: The next gathering is on January 21, 2026. The group will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the third Wednesday this month at ICP at 11:15 a.m., lifting up family members and loved ones who have left the Church.



Parishioners are urged to sign up for FORMED! Go to FORMED.org, click "Find your parish subscription" and enter 99114 to set up your free account.

Father's pick for this week:
What Catholics Believe About Baptism



Make sure you visit our parish website! It has a wealth of information. www.myparishfamily.org

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