

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

December 21, 2025: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 23

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

Monica LeCaire +

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (Colville)
Pro Populo
6:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (Kettle Falls)
For all who are away from the Church
9:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (Republic)
Pro Populo

Thursday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Colville)
For the United States of America

Friday, December 26

NO 7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)
NO 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Adoration (Colville)

Saturday, December 27

3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)
4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)
Gail Herbst (birthday)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Kettle Falls)
Ken Skidds +

Sunday, December 28 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

8:00 a.m. Adoration/Confessions (Colville)
9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)
Pro Populo
12:30 p.m. (Curlew 4th Sunday)
Karen Grimsley +
4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)
Strengthening of families

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Women's Group (Laus Deo).....Loriann Gigious



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,

The themes of hope and joy figure prominently in the Advent season. We experience them in the lead-up to Christmas: we long with hope for Jesus' coming, and the prospect of his arrival brings us joy. We also find that hope and joy flow from the celebration of Christmas when we get there: God-with-us brings us hope for the concrete circumstances of our life, and his presence with us brings us joy.

We also hear much about peace during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Perhaps when we think about peace this time of year, what normally comes to mind is the prospect of Jesus bringing peace to nations at war and in a general way helping the peoples of the world to get along with each other a little better. "Big picture" peace.

It's certainly good to hope and pray that Jesus will bring such peace, but what about peace on a smaller scale? Are we praying each day for God's peace to reign in our communities, in our neighborhoods, in our homes, in our families, and even in the interiority of our own hearts? The Prince of Peace desires not only peace between nations, but peace at all these levels. We should ask him to come and bring us the peace that only he can give.

Here, I want to suggest that, just as hope and joy are not only part of the celebration of Christmas but also part of its anticipation, so peace is not only something Jesus brings when he comes at Christmas but also part of our preparation to welcome him. In other words, during Advent we are not only asking Jesus to bring us peace; we are actively fostering peace as a way to ready ourselves all the better for his coming.

Perhaps this is something we don't usually think of when it comes to our observance of Advent, but I think it would benefit us greatly to consider it. There are many situations in life in which peace is beyond our control. However, there are others in which we can really do something to make a change.

Have you been holding a grudge? It's in your power to let it go this Advent. Has your relationship with a family member been icy? Be the bigger person and extend an olive branch. Have old hurts and wounds made you regard others with suspicion? Maybe now is the time to give those hurts and wounds to God and to give your fellow human beings the benefit of the doubt.

As Advent comes to a close, let us strive eagerly to be instruments of peace.

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.

Collections for December 13-14

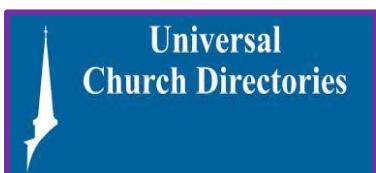
Immaculate Conception (Colville): \$3,065.50
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls): \$476.00
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport): \$476.67
Capital Improvements: \$5.00
Social Outreach: \$125.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes. Mary Ann Schrader, Adena Enright, 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.



Sign up for your portrait in our new photo directory — an 8x10 print and parish directory are free.

Photos will be taken January 5-10 at Immaculate Conception parish hall. Register after weekend Masses until mid-December; each session lasts 20 minutes. See our parish team after Mass to sign up or ask questions. We need additional volunteers for the week of January 5-10, so let us know if you would like to help.



Poinsettias for Christmas

The congregation is invited to honor or remember loved ones with a donation for poinsettias. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Please write down the names of your loved ones on the provided sheets in the gathering area and their names will be in the December 28 bulletin as an insert.

**Parish Office Closed on Wednesday, Christmas Eve and Thursday, Christmas Day.
No Mass Friday, December 26, 2025**



Mystery of Faith (Adult faith formation)

We will discuss St. Nicholas and look at the miraculous Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mystery of Faith meets at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23 in the ICP Library after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.



Sacrament Instructions

BAPTISM OF INFANTS: Please call to schedule instruction and a date for the baptism.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: As scheduled or by appointment at any parish location.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the office if you or someone you know would like to be anointed.

MARRIAGE: Schedule an appointment with the pastor at least 6 months prior to setting a wedding date.



The next Wine & Cheese Social will be January 10 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception. Please come and visit with other parishioners and enjoy a delicious snack and a glass of wine!



TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC: -Who is this OCIA process for? Adults and children (above Grade 2) who are not baptized; or those who are baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church; or baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation, i.e., those who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist; or anyone who's interested in brushing up on their faith! Please contact the parish office at (509) 684-6223 if you have questions or would like to register.



We would like to extend an invitation to you to become involved in this very powerful and fruitful gift of prayer ministry. Please contact Cindy Campbell if you would like your prayers to be included on the Prayer Line or if you would like to join the Prayer Line ministry. 612-423-4290

"If you want to change the world, begin by letting God change you." - Pope Leo XIV



The Women's WholeHearted Connect

Conference will be held at St. Mary of the Rosary in Chewelah on February 7 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Over a dozen women attended from our parish last year and enjoyed it very much. Registration opened on December 15 and you don't want to miss this conference! WholeHearted Connect is filled with inspirational talks, motivational entertainment, confession, adoration, laughter, lunch and giveaways. This event is for sisters, friends, mothers, and daughters age 18+ so tell all the women you care about to come! *Call Alexis for more information or to volunteer (509)936-3533*

Pope Leo's Prayer Request for January



2026: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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.



On the Sunday before Christmas, Father O'Malley was walking down a street on his way to see a parishioner. However, he needed to post a parcel urgently so he asked a young boy where he could find the post office. When the boy had directed him, Father thanked him and said, 'If you'll come to Mass this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven. The boy replied, 'I think I'll give your sermon a miss. If you don't even know your way to the post office, how will you lead me to heaven?'



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 the week:

How to Advent – Episode 4: There's More to Your Nativity Scene than You Thought



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

Business of the week – Thank you!

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