

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

No Daily Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

No Daily Mass — Colfax
No Daily Mass & Reconciliation — St. John

Thursday, August 29, 2024

8:00 am to 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration — Colfax
No Reconciliation — Colfax

Friday, August 30, 2024

No Daily Mass — Colfax
No Reconciliation — Colfax

Saturday, August 31, 2024

No Vigil Mass — LaCrosse
4:00 pm — Adoration & Reconciliation — Colfax
5:00 pm — Vigil Mass — Colfax

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

For the Month of September 2024:

- 5:00 pm — Saturday Vigil Mass— Colfax
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John
- No Weekday Mass in Colfax or St. John
 - No Saturday Vigil Mass in Lacrosse

Mass Intentions:

Tue. August 27	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass
Wed. August 28	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass 5:00 pm — St. John — No Daily Mass
Thur. August 29	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass
Fri. August 30	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass
Sat. August 31	3:00 pm — LaCrosse — No Vigil Mass 5:00 pm — Colfax — ☩ Roger Pennell requested by L. Pennell
Sun. Sept. 1	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ Tom Kneeshaw requested by M. & R. Johnson

Lectors:

Saturday, August 31st, 5:00 pm—Carey Murphy/Sunday, Sept. 1st, 8:00 am—Heidi Danaher

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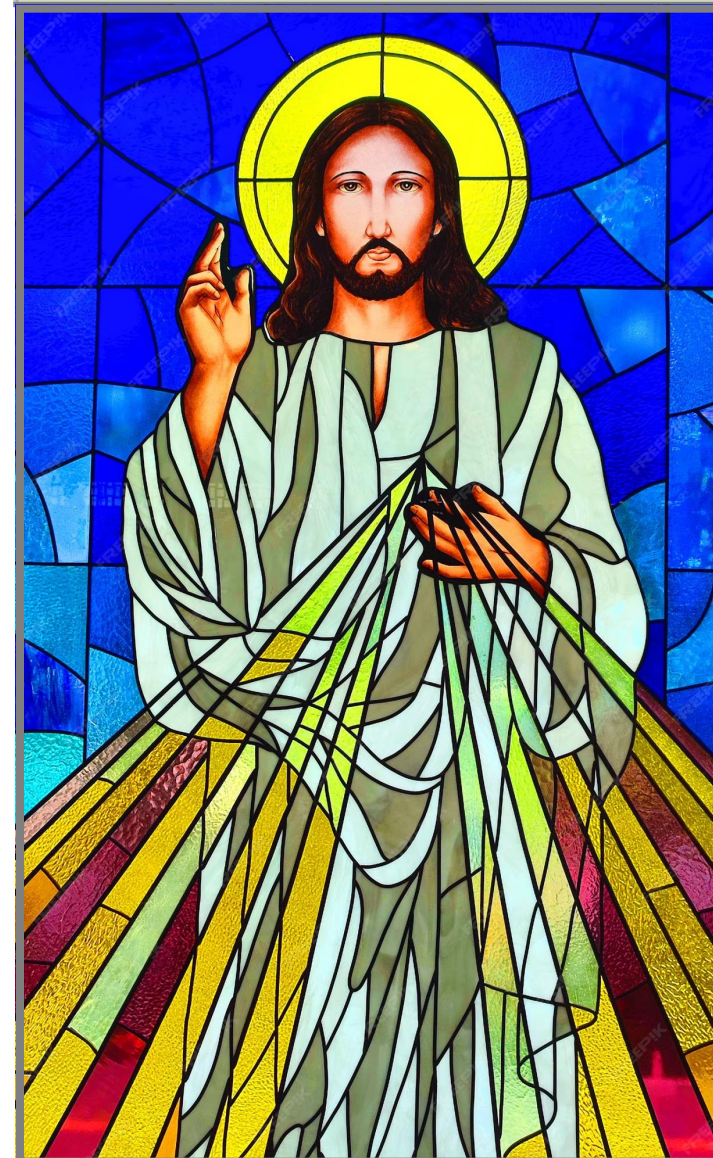
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August 25th, 2024 The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings Sunday | The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b / Psalm 34
Ephesians 5:21-32 / John 6:60-69

Responsorial Psalm 34

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil — LaCrosse at 3:00 PM
Saturday Vigil — Colfax at 5:00 PM
Sunday — Colfax at 8:00 AM
Sunday — St. John at 10:00 AM

DAILY MASS — COLFAX

Tuesday - 5:30 PM
Wednesday thru Friday - 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Thursday 5:00 PM — 6:00 PM in Colfax
Friday 8:30 AM — 9:30 AM in Colfax
By appointment, contact Office 397-3921

PARISH OFFICE HOURS — COLFAX

Tuesdays & Fridays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ADORATION SCHEDULE — COLFAX

Thursday after 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM
Benediction at 5:50 PM

SACRAMENTS

Call the Parish Office to prepare for the sacraments of baptism, wedding, first communion and confirmation.

Reflection

Sunday Reflection:

Friends, for five weekends in row we have been reflecting on the “Bread of Life discourse” of Jesus as found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Thus far, the response from Jesus’ followers or listeners has been astonishment, murmuring, disbelief, betrayal, rejection, and today a confession of faith from Peter. Because they found Jesus’ teaching rather “hard”, unacceptable and offensive, many of His followers chose to desert him and returned to their former ways of life. So, Jesus turns to the twelve apostles and asks them this very important question; “Do you also want to leave?” What is more striking is that even when He sees many of his followers starting to leave, Jesus does not change or soften His teaching in anyway. He rather emphasizes the absolute necessity of accepting Him as the true revelation of God’s truth, and even more so being the living Bread that came down from heaven. If Jesus really meant anything else other than His own Flesh and Blood becoming true food and drink in the Eucharist this was the perfect time to clarify or explain the misunderstanding.

“Do you also want to leave?” Jesus presents a very crucial choice to the twelve disciples. It also contrasts very well with what’s going on in our First reading for today where Joshua asks the Israelites at Shechem whether they want to continue to serve the God who brought them out of Egypt and through the desert to the land where they are now settled, or do they want to adopt the gods of the Amorites whose land they have conquered for themselves? The above question posed by Jesus touches on one of the great mysteries of our faith: “human freedom”. Somehow, in the depths of the human heart, God leaves us free to accept or reject the gift of faith. Although everything, even our acceptance of the Lord, begins with God (“no one comes to me unless the Father draws him”), the choice to stay or “leave” the presence of God remains with each individual. Jesus Christ is the Lord of life and history, but he refuses to impose His rule on hearts that want to stop following Him and return to their former ways of life. This, therefore, is a reminder to us all to pray for the grace to use our freedoms well, and always remember that all freedoms come with a responsibility.

When Peter makes that profound confession of faith; “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God,” it makes one think that Peter understood everything that the Lord had taught. But all four Gospels will affirm that although Peter always made the best confessions about Jesus’ identity, he did not fully understand everything about Jesus. Even for us, sometimes we will not fully comprehend with our feeble minds everything about the reality of Jesus, but we are invited to make an explicit act of faith to believe in Him. Peter’s confession also reminds us that faith is not simply a set of ideas to be held on to. It is a living relationship with Jesus and the path of life that He has made for us. It is a relationship that needs to grow and deepen with the years. It is a relationship that has constantly to be nourished and reappraised in a constantly changing world. Today, let’s pray that the Lord may increase our faith and also remember to pray for many of our brothers and sisters who grapple with serious faith difficulties in their lives.

Wholehearted Women’s Gathering

Full of Grace

October 5, 2024

9 am-4pm

St. Patrick’s Pasco

Tickets Available August 15 on Eventbrite

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 10 – Parish & Finance Councils Meeting
- Sept 12 – Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Sept 15 – Religious Ed / Parish Brunch

Events Around the Parish

Mass Schedule: Fr. Kyle Ratuiste from Spokane will celebrate Mass for us this Sunday, August 25th at 8:00 am in Colfax and 10:00 am in St. John. Next weekend, Saturday August 31st, Fr. Theo will celebrate Saturday Vigil Mass at Colfax at 5:00 pm, and Fr. David Kruse will celebrate Sunday Mass in Colfax and St. John. Please thank our priests for their time and energy dedicated to our Parish communities. This schedule is tentative and we will keep you updated as it is confirmed.

Religious Education Program Collection: The collection for this coming year’s Religious Education Program continues and runs through the middle of September. In order to make this program the success it has been, we need your help. Envelopes are available in the bulletin and in the vestibule so that you can make your donation to our Religious Education Program. The children of our Parish are the future of our church, and it is our responsibility to provide them a Catholic foundation for the formation of their faith. Thank you for your generosity.

Wholehearted Women’s Gathering: Women ages 16 and up are invited to the WHOLEHEARTED WOMEN’S GATHERING “Full of Grace” for a day of inspiration, faith, and fellowship Saturday, October 5 from 9am to 4pm. Check in at St. Patrick’s Pasco Parish Center opens at 8am. This year’s gathering will focus on our dignity as women and deepening our prayer life. The retreat includes talks, Adoration and Reconciliation, continental breakfast, catered lunch, drinks, snacks, and a swag bag.

“The Lord is not overwhelmed by you. He loves you, and he sees you, and he’s not deterred by anything.” — Sister Miriam James Heidland



PREPARES Ministry News: Tuesday August 27 is diaper distribution day at the Colfax food pantry from 2:00-5:00pm. If anyone is available to help distribute diapers, please contact Valerie Higginson. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

Our New Priest: Fr. Jeyalaban Jesoraj: We welcome Fr. Jeyalaban Jesoraj, a member of the Heralds of Good News, which is a Clerical Missionary Society of Apostolic Life in India. Fr. Jeyalaban will arrive in Colfax sometime in September. Please offer your prayers for Fr. J for a safe journey to the United States and the success of his ministry.

Thank you!: Thank you Fr. Theo and all who helped out at Gary Meier’s Funeral on Saturday. Our prayers are with Gary and his Family.

Month of July 2024 Collections & Expenses:

Colfax: Revenues: \$ 11,593 Expenses: \$ 12,786

St. John: Revenues: \$ 1,369 Expenses: \$ 1,274

Lacrosse: Revenues: \$ 30 Expenses: \$ 683



2024 Inland Northwest Catholic Men’s Retreat

Friday, Oct. 11, 3:00 PM to Sunday, Oct 13, 1:00 PM

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