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Confessions: Colfax–Thursday 5:00-6:00 p.m., Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m. / St. John 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass
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November 28, 2021, The First Sunday of Advent

✚ Upcoming Events:

- 28 Nov Advent Begins, Advent Reflection & Dinner, 6:00 p.m., St. Patrick Parish Hall
- 30 Nov: Tuesday – Mass at 5:30 p.m., Colfax
- 01 Dec: Wednesday – Mass at 8:00 a.m., Colfax
- 01 Dec: Wednesday Women’s Bible Study 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Colfax
- 02 Dec: Thursday 8:00 a.m. Mass & Eucharistic Adoration until 6:00 p.m., Colfax
- 03 Dec: Friday – Mass at 8:00 a.m., Colfax
- 04 Dec: First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m., Colfax
- 04 Dec: First Saturday Rosary at 5:10 p.m., Colfax
- 04 Dec: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick in Colfax
- 05 Dec First Sunday Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Colfax
- 05 Dec: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick in Colfax, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. John, and 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph in Lacrosse.
- 05 Dec Advent Reflection & Dinner, 6:00 p.m., St. Patrick Parish Hall
- 07 Dec: Parish Council Meeting in St. Patrick Parish Hall
- 08 Dec Wednesday Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 8:00 a.m. in Colfax and 5:30 p.m. in St. John
- 08 Dec Knights of Columbus Sausage preparation
- 09 Dec Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall
- 19 Dec Christmas Program after 8:00 a.m. Mass, Brunch to follow

✚ **Advent Reflection and Dinner:** Please join us this evening, 11-28-2021, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Parish Hall for an Advent spiritual reflection followed by a light dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Bethany Guild. All family members are welcome.

✚ **Mass Schedule Change for Our Lady:** There will be **no** Wednesday Confession or Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. John on Wed. 12-01-2021.


✚ **Knights of Columbus Sausage:** The Knights will be conducting their sausage preparation on Wednesday, December 8 with the finished product available the following weekend after Mass: Saturday December 11 and Sunday December 12. Please contact Bob Lothspeich, John Thompson, or any Knight to place your order **as soon as possible**.

✚ **St. Patrick Parish Campaign:** The air conditioning units at St. Patrick Parish are in need of replacement. Please prayerfully consider a Christmas gift to St. Patrick Parish towards the cost of the air conditioning units.

✚ **First Saturdays Devotion:** Fr. Raymond will be celebrating Mass on the first Saturday morning, December 4th, 8:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Parish. The First Saturdays Devotion, also called the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a devotion which, according to Sister Lúcia of Fátima, was requested by the Virgin Mary in the apparition at Pontevedra, Spain, in December 1925. Please put on your calendar!

✚ **Poinsettias for the Sanctuary:** We want again to have fresh poinsettias for the St. Patrick Parish Sanctuary. The poinsettias are available in three sizes: \$25 for the small, \$30 for the medium, and \$40 for the large. We need a count **by December the 10th** as to how many people would like to donate a poinsettia and what size. Please send an email to cmurphy@dioceseofspokane.org indicating you want to purchase a poinsettia. Payment can be made by collection plate or mail directly to Saint Patrick Parish 1018 S Main St, Colfax, WA 99111. Please note “poinsettias” on your check.

✚ **Mothers Group:** Are you a busy mother in need of spiritual enrichment and the encouragement of friends? Take a moment this Advent to join us for a short spiritual reflection and ornament exchange on Thursday, Dec. 9th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Patrick Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Liz Appel (509)397-2918, Jenny Hanson (509)635-1551, or Tammy Roberts (509)595-1203

Mass Intention:	Requested By:	
30 Nov: Tue:	✠ John J. McInerny – P. Simmons	
01 Dec: Wed:	✠ John J. McInerny – P. Simmons	
02 Dec: Thur:	✠ John J. McInerny – P. Simmons	
03 Dec: Fri:	✠ Joyce Johnson – M & R Johnson	
04 Dec: Sat:	Mark Cunningham – M & R Johnson	
05 Dec: Sun:	✠ Theresa Lohman – M & R Johnson	
05 Dec: St. John:	✠ John J. McInerny – P. Simmons	
05 Dec: LaCrosse:	✠ John Burke – Lynda M. Hiller	
Lectors: Sat. 12-04-2021, 5:30 pm: Virgil Crampton / Sun. 12-05-2021, 8:00 am: Lynne Bruya		

Sunday Reflection: Friends, all the practices and activities of the liturgical seasons are embedded with symbols that are worth our reflection and contemplation. Every advent for example, we adorn our churches and homes with Advent Wreaths and light the candles on it each week, but what does the wreath point us to? Grasping the significance of the symbols used in this season is another way to help us prepare not only our hearts but also our minds for the birth of our Lord on Christmas. For this week, let's look at what the advent wreath means.

The wreath is always fashioned out of various evergreens like laurel, pine, or cedar. It is made in a circular form which points to a continuation of our life or the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life which we find in Christ. The circle of the wreath also signifies the eternity of God. That is, he has no beginning or end. Thus, the wreath is used to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life obtained through Jesus Christ.

The candles that are put on the wreath are not simply for decoration. They rather represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. "Each Sunday a candle is lit to mark the progression of time and to increase our sense of anticipation as we approach the day of Christ's birth." The candle flame is a reminder of the light that comes into the world at Christmas. Perhaps you also wonder why we always use wax candles and not electric ones. This reminds us that our purpose on earth is to give out light until we die. That's why the candle burns until it is all melted away.

The first candle which is purple symbolizes hope and it is sometimes called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, who waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. So, this candle signifies the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. Like the prophets, we too, during this season are called upon to pray for an increase in hope especially for Christ's second coming.

The second candle, also purple, signifies faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Looking at what they went through, one can only say it was a journey of faith. So, like these two, we also pray for the gift of faith especially in the struggles of our lives.

The third candle is pink, this points to joy. It is also known as the "Shepard's Candle." It is pink because liturgically, rose is a color for joy. Thus the name of the third Sunday of Advent, "Gaudete Sunday." This is meant to remind us of the joy that the birth of Christ brings to the world. On this Sunday the church rejoices because Christ the Prince of Peace is soon to be born to us. The prayer here is that the joy that the newly born king brings to us may prevail in our hearts.

On the fourth week of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance. This candle is also known as the "Angel's Candle." It symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Lastly is the optional fifth white candle usually placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and it signifies the light and purity of Christ. As we light these candles during this Advent season, may our hearts be focused also to what they signify. God bless you all.

Responsorial Psalm – November 28, 2021

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. Psalm 25



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with mission to
St. Joseph Parish,
LaCrosse
&
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Parish,
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