

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

7:40 am — Recite the Rosary — Colfax
 8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
 9:00 am — Religious Education—Colfax
 10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John
 5:00 pm — K. of C. Founders Day Dinner — Colfax

Monday, November 4th, 2024

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Tuesday, November 5th, 2024

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, November 6th, 2024

No Daily Mass — Colfax
 9:00 am — Women's Bible Study — Colfax
 7:00 pm — First Wednesday Rosary — LaCrosse

Thursday, November 7th, 2024

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

Friday, November 8th, 2024

No Daily Mass — Colfax
 9:00 AM — Mothers Group Meeting — Colfax

Saturday, November 9th, 2024

No Vigil Mass — LaCrosse
 5:00 pm — Vigil Mass — Colfax

Sunday, November 10th, 2024

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
 9:00 am — Religious Education — Colfax
 10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

For the Month of November 2024:

- 5:00 pm — Saturday Vigil Mass — Colfax
- 8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
- 10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John
- Stay tuned for updates !

Mass Intentions:

Mon. Nov. 4	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ John McNerny requested by P. Simmons
Tue. Nov. 5	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ Florence Sherfey requested by the Sherfey Family
Wed. Nov. 6	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass
	5:00 pm — St. John — No Daily Mass
Thur. Nov. 7	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass
Fri. Nov. 8	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass
Sat. Nov. 9	3:00 pm — LaCrosse — No Vigil Mass
	5:00 pm — Colfax — ☩ Alex Anderson requested by the Knights
Sun. Nov. 10	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ Anna Lee Morris requested by J. & D. Repp
	10:00 am — St. John — ☩ Florence Sherfey requested by the Sherfey Family

Lectors:

Saturday, November 9, 5:00 pm — Virgil Crampton / Sunday, November 10, 8:00 am — Steve Appel

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 & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH, ST. JOHN

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November 3rd, 2024

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Sunday | The 31st
 Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Deuteronomy 6:2-6 / Psalm 18
 Hebrews 7:23-28 / Mark 12:28b-34

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength

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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

SACRAMENTS

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

LOCATIONS

St. Patrick Parish — 1018 S. Main St. Colfax, WA 99111
 St. Joseph Parish—2nd & Star Lacrosse, WA 99143
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help —325 W. Liberty
 St. John, WA 99171

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

DAILY MASS — COLFAX

No Daily Mass at this time

RECONCILIATION

4:00 to 4:45 pm Saturday before Mass &
 By appointment, contact Office 397-3921

Reflection

✚ Sunday Reflection:

Friends, in our Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus is asked by the Scribe to name the first of all the commandments. Keep in mind there were over 600 laws observed by the Jews. This Scribe asks a question which was much-debated among scholars of the day: Of all these many laws, which was the most central, the most basic—the one that summed up all the others? In response, Jesus gave two commandments, the love of God and neighbor to be the greatest of all. Although the reaction of the Scribe at Jesus' response was one of deeper understanding, we can ask ourselves why did Jesus name two commandments to be the greatest if He was only asked for one? In listing two commandments, Jesus was pointing out that you cannot separate loving God from loving one's neighbor. In other words, our discipleship can only be meaningful if we are fully responsive in love to both God and neighbor in all our decisions and actions. This is an area where the Pharisees failed terribly every single day. All they did was to always try to obstruct, insult, doubt, confront, humiliate, and discredit Jesus, yet they claimed to be the holiest of individuals in society. The same thing happens to us when we dedicate extensive energy and resources to religious practices but fail to give ourselves in charity to others. Here we are reminded that we cannot exempt ourselves from the noble responsibility of caring for those in need because of engagement in religious practices. Religious practices are instead meant to foster in us a greater awareness and commitment to our brothers and sisters.

1 John 4:20, rightly puts it, *"if anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen"*. In all honesty, we cannot claim to love God yet at the same time we are the very persons who wish harm, gossip, harbor anger, malice, envy,

hatred, complain against those around us. In doing so, we are not any better than the Pharisees who simply put on an empty show of spiritual practices, or piousness. The opposite is also true for all who are deeply immersed in social services or humanitarian efforts but have no living relationship with God. You cannot claim to love neighbor and not love God in whose image we are all made.

We also ought to know that love of God and neighbor as demanded by Jesus today is not simply a matter of warm fuzzy thoughts and feelings without much attention to our behaviors. In showing our love and mercy to fellow men we shouldn't be blinded on what the church teaches or what the law of God asks of us. For example, should a thief be shown love, or compassion or mercy in any way? The answer is yes, but in showing him this compassion it must be with the aim of helping him/her transform his/her life. During his ministry here on earth, Jesus received prostitutes, tax collectors and murderers. But his aim was never to leave them in their state of sin but to be transformed and brought to the truth. In showing mercy, love, and compassion to people with their weaknesses never meant at any one moment that Jesus condoned their wrongdoings. He would bring them in with the hope that they might convert. As Mother Theresa would say *"Jesus loves us so much that he receives us the way we are, but he loves us very deeply to leave us the way we are"*. And Cardinal Sera, also once said, *"don't be so fooled by God's mercy, it is only effective for those who are willing to repent of their sins."* So, we pray dear friends, that in loving God we might not be like the Pharisees, blinded to loving their neighbors, and in loving our neighbors, we might not be so blinded like humanitarians not to love God.

Events Around the Parish

✚ Mass Schedule: Fr. David Kruse from Spokane will celebrate Mass for us this Sunday, November 3rd at 8:00 am in Colfax and 10:00 am in St. John. Next weekend, Saturday, November 9th, Fr. J will celebrate Vigil Mass at Colfax at 5:00 pm and will celebrate Mass on Sunday, November 10th, at 8:00 AM in Colfax and 10:00 PM in St. John. **Please thank our priests** who have been helping us out since July for their time and energy dedicated to our Parish communities. A big thanks is in store to Bishop Daly and his staff who made sure that we were afforded the opportunities for weekend celebrations of the Eucharist and daily Mass as time allowed.

✚ Annual Catholic Appeal: Congratulations to all three Parishes in meeting their ACA commitments for 2024. Each Parish exceeded their Annual Catholic Appeal goal. Again, thank you for your commitment to the ACA and all the programs it supports for our Diocese.

✚ Volunteers needed for assisting in transport for Fr. J: Fr. J will be arriving soon from India. He will need transportation to and from the parishes for Masses and other activities while his paperwork is processing. If you would like to volunteer in helping our new priest with transportation, please reach out to the parish office at 509-397-3921. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please continue your prayers for Fr. J for a safe journey to the United States as he should be arriving this weekend. As noted above, if all goes according to plan Fr. J. will be celebrating Mass for us next weekend November 9th & 10th.

✚ Knights of Columbus Founder's Day Dinner: Please join us this Sunday, November 3rd, for the Knights of Columbus Founders Day Social and Dinner at 5:00 pm in Colfax at the Parish Hall. We will be serving a dinner of beef and noodles, green beans, and dessert. Please join your Knights of Columbus in celebrating their Founders Day.

✚ PREPARES Ministry News:

Approximately 500 diapers were distributed this month at the food bank. PREPARES was able to bless several families with coats for their little ones thanks to a generous donation of coats from our Knights Council. Thank You Knights! The next diaper distribution will be Tuesday, November 19th. Collecting stuffed animals, blankies and books through the month of November for our Prepares families with 2-5 year olds. This time last year we collected gently used books and stuffies for this age group to give out during the December diaper distribution. This brought a lot of joy to the families we serve. If you know how to sew, a homemade blanket is something we would like to add to this collection. These items can be new or gently used. **High priority need: New Born diapers.**

✚ Moscow Knights of Columbus 65th Annual Sausage Dinner: The Moscow Knights of Columbus Council 1397 will be serving an "All you can eat" Sausage Dinner from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at St. Mary's Family Center, 618 E. First St. in Moscow. A flyer is available in the vestibule



Upcoming Events:

- Nov 3 — Religious Ed. Classes at 9:00 AM—Colfax
- Nov 3 — Knights of Columbus Founders Day Social and Dinner 5:00 pm— Colfax
- Nov 6 — Women's Bible Study 9:00am—Colfax
- Nov 9 — Catholic Mothers Grp Mtg 9:00 AM—Colfax
- Nov 10 — Religious Ed. Classes at 9:00 AM—Colfax
- Nov 14 — Knights of Columbus 7:30 PM—Colfax
- Nov 20 — Parish Council, Finance Council & Staff Meeting with Fr. J. 6:00 pm