

St. Patrick Catholic Parish – Colfax

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Masses: Colfax: Saturday 5:30p.m.; Sunday 8:30a.m. LaCrosse: Sunday 11:00a.m.

Confessions: Colfax–Tuesday 6:00-6:30 p.m., Saturday a.m. 9:00-9:30a.m., Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m.
LaCrosse – After Mass and anytime by appointment

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January 26, 2020, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention:	Requested By:	RE Classes January 26th, RE Classes February 02nd, RE Classes
28 Jan: Tuesday	Emily Alexander – Carmen Heaton	
29 Jan: Wednesday	Glen Prosser – M & R Johnson	
30 Jan: Thursday:	Virginia Hall – M & R Johnson	
31 Jan: Friday:	Vickie Thompson – M & R Johnson	
01 Feb: Saturday p.m.	Mary Ann Sheer – M & R Johnson	
02 Feb: Sunday: Colfax a.m.	For All Our Parishioners	
	LaCrosse a.m. For All Our Parishioners	

Lector: Saturday 1 st 5:30 p.m. Bill Knox	E Eucharist Ministers of the Cup: Saturday 1 st 5:30 p.m. Chris Thompson, Lori & Bill Knox
Lector: Sunday 2 nd 10:30 p.m. Lynne Bruya	E Eucharist Ministers of the Cup: Sunday 2 nd 10:30 p.m. Lynne Bruya, Phyllis & Jim Kincaid

Stewardship Quote: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Stewarding and nourishing a heart of love helps us to live out Jesus’ teaching in the Beatitudes. As children of God we strive for peace, justice, and dignity for all God’s beloved creation. In Christ, we are called to love.

- 26 January:** Religious Education Classes this Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 29 January:** Women’s Bible Study at the Courtyard 9:00 a.m.
- 30 January:** Eucharistic Adoration after 8:00a.m. Mass to 6:00 p.m.
- 02 February:** Religious Education Classes after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Pray with Pope Francis in his Monthly intention for February - Listen to the Migrants' Cries We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

“Before for I formed you in the womb, I knew you” – Jeremiah 1:5

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Today’s Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus’ public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today’s Gospel places Jesus’ ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people’s diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus’ ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

Donation Letters 2019: You should have received donation letters showing how much you have donated in 2019. If you have not received your letter, or if you have any questions, please call Fr. Thomson. If you would like to receive donation envelopes, please contact Fr. Thomson. Donation envelopes both remind us of our fiscal responsibility to the Church and help to record our donation with the parish. Thank you!

Walk for Life: Thank you to all who participated in person and prayer at the Moscow March of Life on Saturday, January 18th.

