

**St. Patrick Catholic Parish – Colfax**  
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**Pastor:** Fr. Albert Grasher Jr., **Rectory:** 397-3921  
<http://www.stpatrickscolfaxwa.com>  
**Masses:** Colfax: Saturday 5:30p.m.; Sunday 8:30a.m. LaCrosse: Sunday 11:00a.m.  
**Confessions:** Colfax – 45 Minutes before Sat/Sun Mass and anytime by appointment.  
LaCrosse – After Mass and anytime by appointment.  
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10 December 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

<b>Mass Intentions: Daily Mass (Tuesday-Saturday): 8:00 a.m.</b>			<b>Religious Education</b> <b>Pre-school thru 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Please remember RE starts at 9:30 AM (after Sunday 8:30 AM Mass).</b>  <b>Kids Fund - \$209.81 Well done! (For donations to the giving jar. Please send your children up during the adult collection.)</b>  <b>RE: Next Break: Dec 24; 31</b>			
Day	Mass Intention:	Requested By				
11 December:	Monday: No Mass					
12 December:	Tuesday: Carol Speltz	L & J Bruya				
13 December:	Wednesday: Del Coy	D & A Appel				
14 December:	Thursday: Del Coy	D & A Appel				
15 December:	Friday: Del Coy	D & A Appel				
16 December:	Saturday: AM: Del Coy	D & A Appel				
	PM: Blake Heaton	M & G Parrish				
17 December:	Sunday: Colfax: For All Our Parishioners					
	LaCrosse: For All Our Parishioners					
<b>Lectors: December 16/17 2017</b>		<b>Eucharist Ministers of the Cup: December 16/17 2017</b>				
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>			
Bill Knox	Travis Frei	A & S Adams; L Knox	C Murphy; D & A Appel			

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

13 December: **Women’s Bible Study** 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Courtyard in the Bingo Room  
**Knights of Columbus** making sausage after the morning Mass in the parish hall.

14 December: **Eucharist Adoration:** Beginning after 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m.  
**Knights Of Columbus Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

☞ **Pray with Pope Francis during December** that the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**THIS SUNDAY AFTER THE 8:30 AM MASS:** There will be the **Annual St. Patrick-Colfax Foundation Meeting** in the Knights room in the parish hall.

**Stewardship:** John the Baptist’s call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishop’s pastoral letter on stewardship: “Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live---the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.”

☞ **DECORATING THE CHURCH:** We will be setting up Christmas trees and decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> following the Children’s Christmas Program. Please come help us; it doesn’t take very long with everyone’s help! Thank you. Eric & Shannon Appel


☞ **PREPARES THANK YOU:** Thank you to those who donated to PREPARES during November and on Thanksgiving. Collected: \$87.00. It can be used to buy needed diapers/baby wipes and other miscellaneous items used in PREPARES. Thank you, again.

☞ **Advent Reconciliation:** We will have Reconciliation with several priests at St. Patrick Church on Wed, Dec 13 at 7 PM. Please see Bulletin Header for regular Reconciliation times.

**A ♪ from Fr. Al,**  
Why did people flock to John the Baptizer? He was immersing people in water and telling them to change their lives. Did they flock to him because they recognized the need for a change in their life? Did they hope that by listening to John and following what he said, life would have more meaning? St. John the Baptizer is a great sign of hope for our Advent Season. If we take the time to look at our lives, we will recognize that there is something missing, or rather someone is missing – God. “Comfort, give comfort to my people, Speak tenderly,” we hear Isaiah speak for God. To whom should you ‘speak tenderly’ and ‘give comfort’? Doing so, will help fill what is missing.  
Happy Advent, Fr. Al [albgrasher@gmail.com](mailto:albgrasher@gmail.com)

☞ **The Knights of Columbus** will be making our renowned sausage Wednesday, December 13, in the Parish Hall at 8:30am, with pickup and delivery the following weekend. To place your order, please contact Bob Lothspeich at 397-4009, [bclothspeich@gmail.com](mailto:bclothspeich@gmail.com); or Grand Knight Travis Frei at 288-7047, [palousefrei@gmail.com](mailto:palousefrei@gmail.com).

**Looking Ahead For Christmas Schedule:** With the Fourth Sunday of Advent followed closely with Christmas on a Monday makes for a strange schedule. The Fourth Sunday of Advent (12/23-24) is as usual: Sat Mass at 5:30 PM, Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM (Colfax) and 11:00 AM (LaCrosse). Christmas Mass Schedule: Dec 24 (Sun) 5:30 PM and 10:30 PM at St. Patrick Parish – Colfax. Christmas Mass at St. Joseph Church – LaCrosse on Dec 25, Monday at 9 AM. For those who prefer to not go to Advent Mass followed by Christmas Mass on the same day, consider Saturday evening Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent or Christmas Day Mass in LaCrosse!



**St. Patrick Children Christmas Program**  
Sing With Us the Christmas Story  
After 8:30 Mass on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The program will be followed by coffee and treats as well as decorating our church for Christmas. All are welcome.

✠**Anointing of the Sick:** We will have the sacrament of the anointing of the sick at all Masses on the weekend of Dec 16/17. Elderly, those with chronic or acute illness, those going for an operation, those in need of spiritual healing are able to receive the sacrament. We pray for the physical and spiritual healing of the one who is sick.