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Confessions: Colfax – Thursdays 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00-5:00 p.m.

St. John – By request

LaCrosse – Sundays by request after 12:00 p.m. Mass

If you can't make these times, please contact the Parish Office to schedule a time for confession.

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May 28th, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

Upcoming Events:

28 May: Sunday – 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 noon at St. Joseph in LaCrosse

30 May: Tuesday – 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass – Colfax

31 May: Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass – Colfax

31 May: Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Colfax

31 May: Wednesday – 5:00 p.m. Confessions and 5:30 p.m. Mass – St. John

01 Jun: Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass – Colfax

01 Jun: Thursday – Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Colfax

02 Jun: Friday – 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass – Colfax

02 Jun: Friday – 7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline Study Program – Colfax


03 Jun: Saturday – 4:40 p.m. First Saturday Rosary – Colfax


03 Jun: Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick – Colfax


04 Jun: Sunday – 7:40 a.m. First Sunday Rosary – Colfax


04 Jun: Sunday – 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 noon at St. Joseph in LaCrosse


06 Jun: Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting – Colfax

 **Congratulations!:** Congratulations to our First Communion and Confirmation recipients who received the sacraments last Thursday, May 25th: Isaiah Appel, John Paul Appel, Reagan Brumley, Vincent Brumley and Noah Schaefer. Thank you to all who made this a beautiful and spiritual event.

 **Vacation Bible School 2023:** Our annual VBS is scheduled for June 19th - 23rd; planning is underway, and help is needed in all areas. If you have even one hour of one day during this time, we need you! Junior helpers are also needed. All adults directly involved with children must be current in Safe Environment (training and updating available). Please contact Tammy Roberts at troberts@dioceseofspokane.org to sign up

 **Bible Timeline Study Program – Fridays at 7:00 p.m.:** Continue the guided journey with us through salvation history with The Bible Timeline Study Program. **Please note, the Bible Timeline Study will be on Friday evenings. We will meet at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Patrick Parish Hall. The presentation will last about an hour.

 **Sunday Reflection:** Friends, last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension into heaven. Our gospel passage for that Sunday had Jesus' profound commission to the apostles, *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."* As he commissioned them, He also promised his everlasting presence with them, *"behold I am with you until the end of the age."* Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, we are celebrating Jesus' continuous presence among us His disciples. Saint Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador in one of his Pentecost homilies said, *"It will always be Pentecost in the Church,"* this proclamation affirms the fact that Pentecost is not just a one-day event, that is; the moment when the first disciples were enlivened by the Holy Spirit and filled with enthusiasm to continue Jesus' mission. It is rather an ongoing occurrence in the church and her members. Saint John Paul II once said, "every time we celebrate Mass, we receive the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is like the oxygen we breathe to live. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the Church is a field of dry dead bones. Therefore, Pentecost is an affirmation and a reminder to us that God is still present, still speaks, still sends out disciples to make a difference, and still calls us and wants to work through us. Just like we heard in today's Gospel, that as the disciples were all locked up in the upper room for fear of the Jews, Jesus came..., he still comes to us today and continues to breathe unto us that breath of life. The breath of the Holy Spirit. We might not be locked up in physical doors but many times we are behind locked spiritual doors of fear, anger, resentment, and sin. We thus need Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit to transform us. Transformation is what the Holy Spirit does in us. Fr. Tommy Lane puts it very well when he says, "without the Holy Spirit, we have no life in us; with the Holy Spirit, we have the life of Jesus. Without the Holy Spirit, we become closed in, but with the Holy Spirit, we reach out in mission to others. Without the Holy Spirit, we return to the Upper Room in fear and anxiety, but with the Holy Spirit we leave the Upper Room and witness to Jesus to the ends of the earth." Today, let us pray for a greater openness to the Holy Spirit, especially that we may be filled with his transforming fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

 **Immaculate Heart Retreat Center:** Silent Day of Prayer on the Trouble of Guilt – "Oh, No! Here We Go Again!" presented by Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC. Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$45 per person, (\$55 with the use of a private room for the day). Includes Mass, Reconciliation, Lunch, two Conferences, and Adoration. **Please register in advance:** (509) 448-1224 or visit www.ihrc.net

☞ **Men's RV Retreat:** Mark your calendars gentlemen for a Men's RV Retreat at St. Patrick Parish starting Fri., June 30th at 5:00 p.m. and concluding with Mass on Sat., July 1st. The Men's RV Retreat will aim at giving catholic men of our surrounding areas the opportunity for some much-needed disconnection from daily life so that they can reconnect to themselves. Men will also be able to relax and connect with other men, free from the responsibilities of work, family, and recharge from the onslaught of daily life. And above all, this will be a great opportunity to spend some quality time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, receive the sacrament of reconciliation, have one-on-one time with a priest in the form of spiritual direction and enjoy two conferences on our faith from Rev. Lucas Tomson. Register with link form.jotform.com, use the QRCODE, or contact the Parish Office at 509-397-3921.



Catechetical Corner – May 2023 Theme - Marriage as a contract: Christian marriage is a legal contract with some essential differences. First, Marriage differs from a legal contract in that it is an open-ended contract, "for better, for worse." In marriage, the man and woman make an unconditional promise, not knowing where the promise will lead, what the promise will entail. The unconditional promise is the essence of Christian marriage. Christian marriage partners take a great risk and give an unconditional, resounding "yes!" Second, in their relationship with each other, Christian couples dare to trust in the power of Christ's love shared in and through the Christian community. They commit themselves to Jesus Christ in faith, again not knowing what faith will demand or where faith will lead. Third, the sacramental marriage is a lifelong blessing available to those couples who pledge themselves to fidelity, growth and service. As they continually reaffirm their "yes" to each other, they acknowledge, draw upon and bear witness to the power and presence of Christ in their lives.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen.

Mass Intention: Requested By:

30 May: Tue: ☞ John J. McInerny – P. Simmons
31 May: Wed: ☞ Diane Sison – D. & A. Appel
31 May: Wed: St. John: ☞ Heidi Dowling – The Lustig Family
01 June: Thur: ☞ Heidi Dowling – The Dowling Family
02 June: Fri: ☞ Claudia Deccio – B. & E. Biagi
03 June: Sat: ☞ Frank Becker – Becker Family
04 June: Sun: Missa Pro Populo
04 June: St. John: ☞ Noah Evermann – D. McDonald
04 June: LaCrosse: ☞ John Burke – L. Hiller



Lectors: Sat. 06-03-2023, 5:00 p.m.: Virgil Crampton / Sun. 06-04-2023, 8:00 a.m.: Lynne Bruya



The Pentecost"
Fray Juan Bautista Maíno
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**St. Patrick Parish,
Colfax
with mission to
St. Joseph Parish,
LaCrosse
&
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Parish,
St. John**

May 28th, 2023

Pentecost Sunday