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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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March 19th, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Events:

- 19 Mar: 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
- 19 Mar: Sunday – Safe Environment Classroom K-12 – after 8:00 a.m. Mass – Colfax
- 19 Mar: Sunday – St. Joseph Community Lunch Potluck after the Noon Mass - LaCrosse
- 19 Mar: Sunday – 6:00 p.m. Youth 7th -12th grade Lenten Escape Room – Colfax
- 19 Mar: Sunday – 6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Timeline Study Program – Colfax
- 21 Mar: Tuesday – 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass – Colfax
- 22 Mar: Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass – Colfax
- 22 Mar: Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Colfax
- 22 Mar: Wednesday – 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Mass to follow – St. John
- 23 Mar: Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass – Colfax
- 23 Mar: Thursday – After 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration – Colfax
- 24 Mar: Friday – 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass – Colfax
- 24 Mar: Friday – 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Colfax
- 25 Mar: Saturday – **5:00 p.m. Mass** at St. Patrick - Colfax
- 25 Mar: Sunday – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick in Colfax, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. John, & 12:00 noon at St. Joseph in LaCrosse.
- 02 Apr: Palm Sunday – **10:00 a.m. Mass** followed by Palm Sunday Brunch - Colfax

 **Special Collection for WSU Newman Center Retreat – March 18th & 19th:** There will be a second collection this weekend at the end of Mass for WSU students at the Newman Center who will be attending the “Fan into Flame” Spring Retreat, March 24th-26th. This is a life-changing retreat focused on declaring Jesus as the Lord of our Lives, and asking for a deeper release of the Holy Spirit. Let us help our young WSU Catholics on their faith journey. Please make your check out to St. Patrick Parish with “WSU Retreat” in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

 **Safe Environment:** Our annual Safe Environment lessons for students K-12 will take place **this Sunday, March 19th** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick.

 **St. Joseph Community Lunch:** We will be having a potluck lunch following the Noon Mass at St. Joseph, LaCrosse **this Sunday, March 19th**. This is our patron's feast day. Please join us for St. Joseph themed activities and fellowship.

 **Sunday Reflection:** Friends, the central theme for our readings this Fourth Sunday of Lent is human blindness and the gift of sight from God, as well as the fact that God does not judge by outward appearance. It is of great importance to think of ourselves even for a moment as blind both practically and metaphorically as to be able to rejoice more fully in the gift of sight from God. In the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel we hear about the anointing of David as the second king of Israel after the discredited Saul. In Samuel's judgement, Eliab, the eldest son of Jesse, who was tall and handsome, was thought to be God's choice to be king of Israel. The other seven sons of Jesse also had the dignity and physical characteristics of potentially being good leaders. But neither of these was God's choice, for God wanted the youngest, “the shepherd boy” David. This incidence illustrates how blind we can also be in our judgments and how much we need God's help. It reminds us that those whom God involves in his saving plans are not necessarily those whom the world perceives as great. In the Gospel, Jesus sees a future disciple in the blind beggar, and passes over the self-righteous Pharisees who, externally, seemed to be so devoutly religious. The man born blind in this gospel passage, represents all of us who are naturally born blind unable to see God and the world clearly, and therefore in great need of God's gift of sight. What this gospel teaches us is that even though physical sight is a wonderful gift, what we see with our mind and heart (spiritual sight) is even of greater value. Like the Pharisees and scribes, we can hardly see with our spiritual sight because it is often clouded by our self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, hardness of heart, and the like. The good news for us today is that Jesus desires to heal our spiritual blindness. All we need to do is to approach him in all humility, ask him to remove from us the root cause of our blindness. We can pray with William Barclay, the Scottish Bible scholar; *“God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly” day by day.*

 **Bible Timeline Study Program during Lent:** Continue the guided journey with us through salvation history with The Bible Timeline Study Program this **Sunday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m.** in St. Patrick Parish Hall. The presentation will last about an hour.

 **ESCAPE ROOM!!!:** Youth 7th -12th grade are invited to attend a Lenten Escape Room at St. Patrick Parish Hall Academy (Colfax) **tonight, Sunday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m.** Food will be provided! This will take place upstairs during the Bible Timeline Study Program in the parish hall.

☞ **Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Weekly Mass has resumed at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. John on Wednesdays. During Lent, the celebration will start at 5:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m.

☞ **Stations of the Cross:** Pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. Join us on **Friday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick Parish, Colfax.

☞ **Penitential Service:** We will have two priests available on **Thursday, March 30th beginning at 6:00 p.m.** for a penitential service and confessions.

☞ **April 2nd Palm Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Parish:** This year Palm Sunday Mass will be celebrated by all three Parishes at St. Patrick Parish in Colfax on April 2nd at 10:00 a.m. followed by a brunch for all. This will be a great opportunity for our Parishes to come together and celebrate Palm Sunday. Please note there will be **no** Mass celebrated in LaCrosse or St. John on Palm Sunday. Please bring an egg casserole and/or a fruit plate and/or breakfast breads to share. Food items can be dropped off at the Parish Hall kitchen prior to Mass.

☞ **Seminarian Fund:** You can donate to a seminarian by taking your check to the Bank of Eastern Washington. Make the check payable to "Knights of Columbus Seminarian Fund". If you would like to make your donation to a particular seminarian, put that in the memo line. Currently there are two seminarians with ties to St. Patrick. Christopher Appel (Eric and Shannon) and Isaiah Fischer (Terry Eng's nephew).

Catechetical Corner - March 2023 Theme - The Sacrament of Reconciliation

☞ **What are the qualities of a good confession?** A good confession is humble, sincere and complete. It's humble when we accuse ourselves of our sins with a deep sorrow for having offended the Lord while imploring his loving mercy. It's sincere when we tell all of our sins honestly and truthfully, without exaggerating or excusing them. It's complete when we confess all of our mortal sins, including the number of times we have committed each one.

Mass Intention: Requested By:

21 Mar: Tue: ☩ John J. McInerney – P. Simmons
22 Mar: Wed: ☩ Heidi Dowling – The Lustig Family
22 Mar: Wed: St. John: ☩ John J. McInerney – P. Simmons
23 Mar: Thur: ☩ Heidi Dowling – The Lustig Family
24 Mar: Fri: ☩ John J. McInerney – P. Simmons
25 Mar: Sat: ☩ Dick & Marge McCully – G. & L. Hall
26 Mar: Sun: Missa Pro Populo
26 Mar: Sun: St. John ☩ Heidi Dowling – The Lusting Family
26 Mar: Sun: LaCrosse ☩ John Burke – L. Hiller



Lectors Sat. 03-25-2023, **5:00 p.m.:** Virgil Crampton / Sun. 03-26-2023, 8:00 a.m.: Ginny Parrish



Stained glass window of Jesus healing the blind man

**St. Patrick Parish,
Colfax
with mission to
St. Joseph Parish,
LaCrosse
&
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Parish, St. John**

March 19, 2023

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