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## September 18, 2022 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time


### **Upcoming Events:**

- 18 Sept: 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.
- 18 Sept: Sunday – St. Patrick Parish Picnic at Klemgard Park 2:00 p.m.
- 20 Sept: Tuesday – **No Daily Mass** – Colfax
- 21 Sept: Wednesday – **No Daily Mass** – Colfax
- 21 Sept: Wednesday – **No Daily Mass** – St. John
- 22 Sept: Thursday – **No Daily Mass** – Colfax
- 22 Sept: Thursday – Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Colfax
- 23 Sept: Friday – **No Daily Mass** – Colfax
- 24 Sept: Saturday – 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick – Colfax
- 25 Sept: 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.
- 25 Sept: Sunday – Parent Trivia Night 6:00 p.m. - Colfax
- 02 Oct: Sunday – Parent and Student (including High School) RE classes begin following 8:00 a.m. Mass - Colfax

 **St. Patrick Parish Picnic – Come Join us:** Please plan to join us this Sunday, **September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Klemgard Park.** Knights will be serving cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks for everyone.

 **2022 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA):** Watch for the ACA materials as they have been mailed directly to our Parishioners. If you have not received your envelope, you can pick up one in the church vestibule. September 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> will be the ACA Annual Commitment Weekend. Please contribute generously to this important appeal. Parishes are direct recipients of the ministries and services supported by the ACA. Thank you all in advance for your generosity.

 **Religious Ed:** All families are warmly welcomed to join **A Family of Faith** this fall! The goals of this program are to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. With one adult/student class and one family meeting each month, this program replaces CCD and will give you all the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the Faith. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of St. Patrick in Colfax. For more info, please contact Tammy Roberts at [troberts@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:troberts@dioceseofspokane.org)

 **Sunday Reflection:** Friends, today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards, and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings wisely, if we are to attain Heaven. A story is told of a fisherman called Aaron who lived on the banks of a river. He had a big dream of one day becoming a rich man. One day after a hard day's work, Aaron was walking back home with these thoughts of what he would do if he became rich, when his foot struck against a leather bag filled with what seemed to him to be small stones. Absentmindedly he picked up the bag and began throwing the pebbles into the water as he said to himself; "when I become a rich man, I will have a large house". Again, he threw another pebble into the river as he said, "my wife and I will have servants and rich food, and many fine things." And this went on until just one stone was left. As Aaron held it in his hand, a ray of light caught it and made it sparkle. He then realized that it was a valuable stone. All along Aaron had been throwing away the real riches in his hand, while he dreamed of unreal riches in the future. This story summarizes the situation of many Christians. We have been given everything we need or could want, it has been placed in our hands, and we have been invited to enjoy it. But for some reason we do not look into our hands, we do not see what God has blessed us with or put it to good use. Instead, we dream of the day when we will be richly blessed, we dream of the day when the joy of the banquet will be ours. Aaron was blessed with these precious stones, right in his hands. All he needed to do was to be a good steward of these valuable stones and put them to good use. Like Aaron and the steward in our Gospel reading today, God blesses us with valuable gifts in our lives. He also expects us to be good stewards of these gifts because one day he will demand an accountability of all the gifts He gave us. The question we ought to ask ourselves is, "are we aware of these gifts in our lives, have we put them to good use or, like the poor steward, we are wasteful or like Aaron, we simply throw them out?" The steward in the Gospel today was a bad steward because he was wasteful of his master's property. And now he was going to be fired so he took steps to guarantee his future employability. And "the master praised the dishonest steward for his smartness". Jesus obviously told this story not to encourage dishonesty but to draw attention to the foresight of the steward. The lesson for us is clear: If a man can do that for his earthly career, what about our future in the life to come? If we want to guarantee our future life with God, then we too need to take the necessary steps. Those steps are clearly laid out in the Gospel and, in general, they involve a life that appreciates what God has given us, use these gifts in truth and integrity, and in love, compassion and justice with regard to the people around us. Let's pray for God's grace that we may constantly be reminded that we are simply stewards and never the owners of what we possess because the question of a successful life is not; "*How much did you make?*" but "*How did you use what God gave you?*"

☞ **Parish Office Closed:** The Parish Office will be closed Friday, 09-23-2022.

☞ **Parent Trivia Night:** All registered RE families are expected to attend this fun and informative evening, **Sunday, September 25th at 6:00pm**. Food is provided! This is for parents only; however, babes in arms are welcome. If you are not registered but would like to join in the fun and learn more about our programs for families this year, please RSVP to the parish office by September 23rd.

☞ **High School RE:** Classes for our high school students once again return to Sunday morning! Our first class will be **October 2nd** following the 8:00am Mass at St. Patrick in Colfax. Registration forms are located in the vestibule at St. Patrick. More information given at Parent Trivia Night, or contact Tammy Roberts at [troberts@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:troberts@dioceseofspokane.org)

☞ **Women's Bible Study:** "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" - St. Jerome So let's do our part and get educated! It's time to gather again to study the Word of God. All ladies of the parish are invited to participate! We will be studying *The Letter of St. James, the First and Second Letters of St. Peter and the Letter of St. Jude* with in depth commentary by Scott Hahn in the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*. We meet at the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 AM, beginning Oct. 5. If interested, contact Tenny Brannan either by email at [tenny.brannan@gmail.com](mailto:tenny.brannan@gmail.com) or text/call 509-288-2908. She will order books on Monday, Sept. 26 to make sure they arrive on time. Cost is usually around \$12 give or take depending on the company, shipping and tax.

☞ **Father Raymond Vacation:** Fr. Raymond will be on vacation beginning Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be returning to celebrate Mass on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (5:30 p.m.). During his absence, Rev. Wm. Roy Floch will be celebrating Saturday and Sunday Masses for all three Parishes. There will be no weekday Mass celebrated while Father Raymond is gone. We will continue to have Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays in Colfax. Confession will be held at St. Patrick on Saturdays, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Confession at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Joseph will be by request on Sundays after Mass. The St. Patrick Parish office will be staffed on Tuesday and Friday mornings as usual. Please keep Fr. Raymond in your prayers, that he may have a relaxing vacation and for his safe return.

**Mass Intention:**

**Requested By:**

20 Sept: Tue: No Daily Mass  
21 Sept: Wed: No Daily Mass  
21 Sept: Wed: St. John: No Daily Mass  
22 Sept: Thur: No Daily Mass  
23 Sept: Fri: No Daily Mass  
24 Sept: Sat: ☩ Crystal (Presnell) Crozier – E.&K. Hinnenkamp  
25 Sept: Sun: ☩ Rick Wells – The McDonald Family  
25 Sept: St. John: Sharon McKernan – The McDonald Family  
25 Sept: LaCrosse: ☩ John Burke – L. Hiller



Lectors: Sat. 09-24-2022, 5:30 p.m.: Heidi Danaher / Sun. 09-25-2022, 8:00 a.m.: Travis Frei



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