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Masses: Colfax: Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m. / St. John: Sunday 10:00 a.m.
LaCrosse: Saturday 3:00 p.m. - beginning September 23rd.
Confessions: Colfax – Thursdays & Fridays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. & by request beginning September 29th
St. John & LaCrosse – by request
If you can't make these times, please contact the Parish Office to schedule a time for confession.

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September 24, 2023 - The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Upcoming Events:

- 23 Sep: Saturday – 3:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass at St. Joseph – Lacrosse
- 23 Sep: Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick – Colfax
- 23 Sep: Saturday – 6:00 p.m. – Adult Catechists meeting – Colfax
- 24 Sep: Sunday – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick in Colfax & 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. John
- 24 Sep: Sunday – 6:00 p.m. – Adult Trivia Night – Colfax
- 26 Sep: Tuesday – 5:30 p.m. – Daily Mass – Colfax
- 27 Sep: Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass – Colfax
- 27 Sep: Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study resumes
- 27 Sep: Wednesday – 5:00 p.m. – Confessions & 5:30 p.m. Mass – St. John resume
- 28 Sep: Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – Daily Mass – Colfax
- 28 Sep: Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration – Colfax
- 29 Sep: Friday – 8:00 a.m. – Daily Mass – Colfax
- 30 Sep: Saturday – 3:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass at St. Joseph – Lacrosse
- 30 Sep: Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick – Colfax
- 01 Oct: Sunday – 8:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. John – **One time Mass change**
- 01 Oct: Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Religious Education Program begins – Colfax
- 01 Oct: Sunday – 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick in Colfax – **One time Mass change**
- 01 Oct: Sunday - 12:00 Noon – Fall Parish Picnic at St. Patrick – Colfax

✠ **Adult Trivia Night!!!:** All adults of our Tri-Parish community are invited to attend an evening of fun and fellowship this Sunday, Sept. 24th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Parish Hall. A short informational meeting will take place prior to trivia. Dinner will be provided. Come join us and see what our families and students will be learning this year!

✠ **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA):** The Diocese has begun the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign for 2023 and you should have received information at your home. The theme for the ACA this year is “Source and Summit”. Your donations fund the presence of the Catholic Church in Eastern Washington. Your generosity continues the mission of encountering, living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please support the ACA Appeal for 2023. God Bless you for your support. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church for your contributions, or you can contribute online at [Annual Catholic Appeal | Catholic Diocese of Spokane | Spokane, WA](#)

✠ **Sunday Reflection:** Friends, in our gospel today, Jesus tells a very unnerving, disturbing, and confounding parable. He said a landowner went out to hire workers for his field; he did so by hiring some, first thing in the morning and then others at different times during the day. Then he pays each the same wage. This parable offers us a lot to reflect on. First and foremost, one may question, why does the vineyard owner have to make multiple trips to hire these laborers? Couldn't he have done it just in one trip in the morning? Why should those who have worked only an hour be paid the same as those who have slaved in the hot sun all day? Is the landowner really being fair? The multiple trips that the vineyard owner makes point us to the importance of the harvest. The workers that were hired first thing in the morning must not have been enough to finish the harvest. The owner needed more people to bring in the ripe harvest so as to avoid moving from a bumper crop to a lost crop. This is a reminder to all of us disciples of Christ that the harvest of ministry is just as time sensitive. The Lord requires all our hands on deck to bring more people to him. The multiple trips of hiring workers is also an indicator of how much the Lord desires that everyone be given a place in the Kingdom. This second interpretation thus shifts from the importance of the harvest to the necessity of inclusion and involvement in the work of the Gospel. It should be a cause for greater joy that no matter who we are, out of his immense love and mercy, the Lord invites us all to work in his vineyard. It is the greatest privilege imaginable to participate in the Lord's work of saving the world. Therefore, it is not our place to be fussing about rewards, or spending our lifetime spying and worrying and comparing ourselves to others on who is better qualified. We are all laborers in God's vineyard; the church, the family or society and we are all called to do work for his kingdom. Only that some get the calling early in life and some get the calling at their end stage in life. The one thing, which really matters, is that we heed to that call. Our God is merciful, very compassionate and all loving. As the First reading indicated, His thoughts are not our thoughts, and neither are his ways our ways. He is willing to receive those who will come to him at any time. *“Those who call upon him in truth”*. Early in their lives or even at the 11th hour. Let us pray for God's grace not to complain or to grumble about what God does and how He does things in our lives or for others. And also, to imitate him in being generous, merciful, and compassionate to those we encounter.

✠ **Priesthood Sunday September 24th:** Today is Priesthood Sunday, we ask you to remember in prayer all our priests and those seeking the vocation of the priesthood. May God grant them the courage and strength to carry on this important vocation.

✠ **Religious Education:** Religious Education: Parent & Student classes K-12 begin again next Sunday, October 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Academy. Registration forms are located in the vestibule at St. Patrick, Colfax. Welcome Back!

☞ **Parish Picnic:** Mark your calendars – The Fall Parish Picnic will be Sunday, October 1, 2023 at St. Patrick following the 11:00 a.m. Mass (Note special Mass time). This is our kickoff for the religious education program year. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule of the church. Please plan to join us for lunch and fun and games for the kids. We will be having a corn bag toss, tug of war, sackcloth races, bible charades, etc.


☞ **Change of Confession times at Colfax:** To accommodate the change in Mass schedule at Lacrosse confessions at Colfax will be moved from Saturdays to Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Confession during Thursday Adoration 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. is still available. You can also contact the parish office to a schedule a time with Father.

☞ **PREPARES Program:** October is Respect Life month! This is a grand opportunity for our Parish to relaunch this beautiful program. Please consider giving your time and support so that PREPARES can once again take root and flourish. Here are some ways you can help the PREPARES Program at St. Patrick Parish reestablish a presence supporting families in our community and surrounding area: help organize diaper inventory; fill diaper bags for distribution days; donate diapers during the month of October; help distribute diapers to other agencies; request a diaper bag for a neighbor or relative who just had a baby and deliver it to their door! To volunteer, contact Val Higginson 509-288-0020 or Carey Murphy 509-397-3921

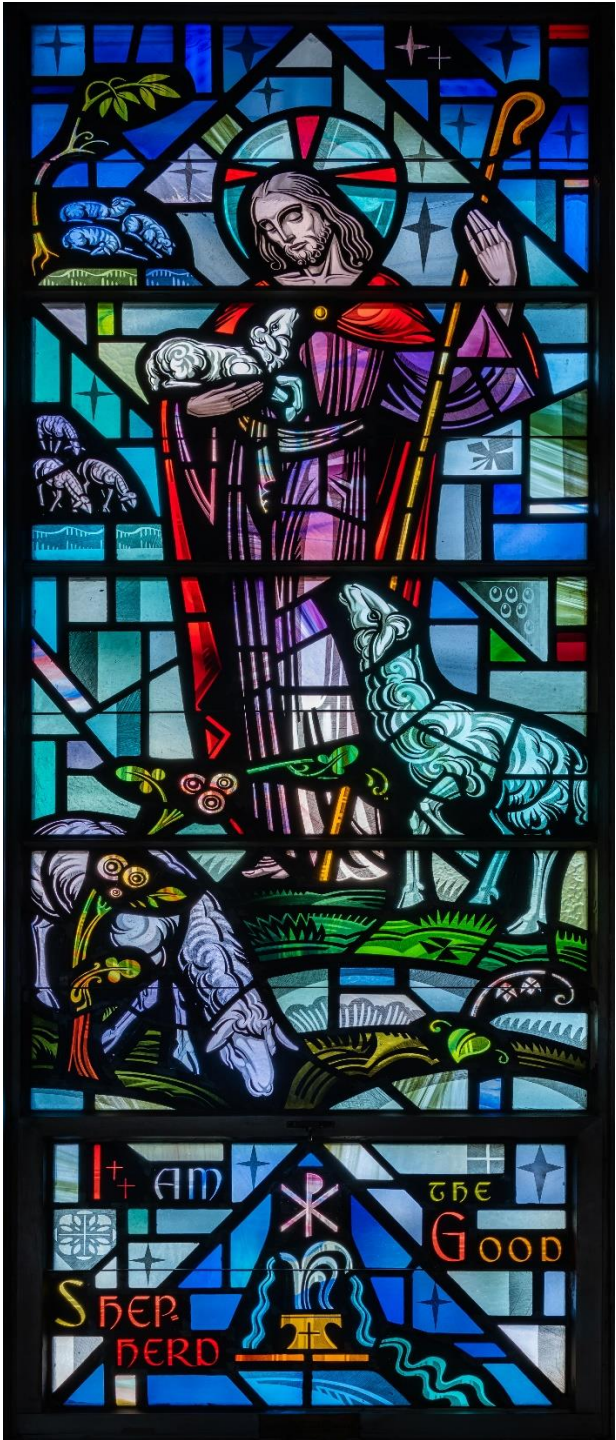
☞ **Catechism Corner - Conditions for receiving Confirmation:** 1) Proper preparation: *Preparation* for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - His actions, His gifts, and His biddings - in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end, catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community. The latter bears special responsibility for the preparation of confirmands (CCC #1309). 2) To receive Confirmation, one must be in a state of grace. One should receive the sacrament of Penance in order to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. More intense prayer should prepare one to receive the strength and graces of the Holy Spirit with docility and readiness to act (CCC #1310). 3) Candidates for Confirmation, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. To emphasize the unity of Baptism and Confirmation, it is appropriate that the Confirmation sponsor be one of the Baptismal godparents (CCC #1311).

☞ **Financial Corner – Month of August 2023 – Collections & Expenses:**

St. Patrick – Colfax:	Revenues: \$16,461.05	Expenses: \$14,593.04
Our Lady of Perpetual Help–St. John:	Revenues: \$1,586.00	Expenses: \$1,148.57
St. Joseph – Lacrosse:	Revenues: \$1,178.00	Expenses: \$1,043.55

Mass Intention: 26 Sept: Tue: ☞ John J. McNerny – P. Simmons 27 Sept: Wed: ☞ Heidi Dowling – T. & H. Danaher 27 Sept: Wed: St. John: ☞ Jerry Schmick – M. & R. Johnson 28 Sept: Thur: ☞ Sharon McKeirnan – D. McDonald 29 Sept: Fri: ☞ Heidi Dowling – The Lustig Family 30 Sept: Sat: LaCrosse: ☞ John Burke – L. Hiller 30 Sept: Sat: Dick & Helen Appel – D. & H. Appel 01 Oct: Sun: Missa Pro Populo 01 Oct: Sun: St. John: ☞ Micala Siler – M. & L. Siler	Requested By: 
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Lectors: Sat. 09-30-2023, 5:00 p.m.: Carey Murphy / Sun. 10-01-2023, 8:00 a.m.: Linda Marler



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