

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 27, 2024

7:40 am — Recite the Rosary — Colfax  
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax  
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John  
12:30 pm — St. Joseph Comm Potluck—LaCrosse

Monday, October 28, 2024

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax  
7:00 pm — St. Joseph Women’s Bible Study — LAX

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

No Daily Mass — Colfax  
9:00 am — Women’s Bible Study Colfax

Thursday, October 31, 2024

8:00 am to 4:00 pm — Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 1, 2024—Hoy Day of Obligation

8:00 am — All Saints Day Mass — Colfax  
6:15 pm — All Saints Day Mass — Colfax

7:00 pm — RE All Saints Party after Mass—Colfax

Saturday, November 2, 2024

8:00 am — All Souls Mass — Colfax  
No Vigil Mass — LaCrosse  
4:00 pm — Adoration & Reconciliation — Colfax  
4:30 pm — Recite the Rosary — Colfax  
5:00 pm — Vigil Mass — Colfax

Sunday, November 3, 2024

7:40 am — Recite the Rosary — Colfax  
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax  
9:00 am — Religious Education—Colfax  
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John  
5:00 pm — K. of C. Founders Day Dinner — Colfax

For the Month of November 2024:

5:00 pm — Saturday Vigil Mass — Colfax  
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax  
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John  
• No Weekday Mass in Colfax or St. John  
• No Saturday Vigil Mass in Lacrosse

Mass Intentions:

Mon. Oct . 28	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ John McInerney requested by P. Simmons
Tue. Oct. 29	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ Anna Lee Morris requested by J & D Repp
Wed. Oct. 30	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass 5:00 pm — St. John — No Daily Mass
Thur. Oct . 31	8:00 am — Colfax — No Daily Mass
Fri. Nov. 1	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ Richard Felber requested by D. McDonald 6:15 pm — Colfax — ☩ Steve&Phyllis Schreck requested by Stephanie&Monica
Sat. Nov. 2	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ All Our Dearly Departed 3:00 pm — LaCrosse — No Vigil Mass 5:00 pm — Colfax— Craig Bruya requested by J. & L. Bruya
Sun. Nov. 3	8:00 am — Colfax — ☩ Florence Sherfey requested by the Sherfey family

Lectors:

Saturday, November 2, 5:00 pm — Terry Parker / Sunday, November 3, 8:00 am — Ginny Parrish

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October 27th, 2024  
The Thirtieth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Sunday | The 30th  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9 / Psalm 126  
Hebrews 5:1-6 / Mark 10:46-52

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

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Patrick Parish. Please scan this QR  
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS — COLFAX  
Tuesdays & Fridays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ADORATION SCHEDULE — COLFAX  
Thursday after 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM

SACRAMENTS  
Call the Parish Office to prepare for the sacraments of  
baptism, wedding, first communion and  
confirmation.

LOCATIONS  
St. Patrick Parish — 1018 S. Main St. Colfax, WA 99111  
St. Joseph Parish—2nd & Star Lacrosse, WA 99143  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help —325 W. Liberty  
St. John, WA 99171

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
Saturday Vigil — Colfax at 5:00 PM  
Sunday — Colfax at 8:00 AM  
Sunday — St. John at 10:00 AM  
  
DAILY MASS — COLFAX  
No Daily Mass at this time  
  
RECONCILIATION  
4:00 to 4:45 pm Saturday before Mass &  
By appointment, contact Office 397-3921



## Reflection

### ✚ Sunday Reflection:

Friends, our readings for this Sunday focus mainly on the overflowing mercy and kindness of God. The first reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, highlights God's tender love for His chosen people, the remnants of Israel. Those who were captives in Babylonian exile are now to return to their homeland with great rejoicing, and the returnees would include not only the healthy, but the blind, the lame, and the vulnerable. In the Gospel, we see a fulfillment of this prophecy through the healing of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. In other words, God's merciful action of *"delivering His people, bringing them back, gathering them, consoling them, guiding and leading them"* is fully realized through Jesus' ministry.

The healing of Bartimaeus offers us much to reflect on as disciples of Jesus. First, it reveals to us the power of persistent prayer. Although it may take some time, persistent prayer always finds its reward. Bartimaeus knew that the heart of Christ was open to all and full of compassion. He knew that his prayer would be heard, if only he persisted in offering it. So he cried out even the more, "Son of David have pity on me". If he had not kept calling persistently on our Lord, chances are He might have continued on his Journey, but because of his persistence, Jesus stopped and answered his plea.

Secondly, the Gospel points out that those who followed Jesus were the ones who rebuked Bartimaeus trying to silence him. This is a caution to us all to never be so exclusive and restrictive towards others especially when they show their thirst for the mercy and forgiveness of God. Anytime, we think that others because of their ugly past experiences have no right to call out for God's mercy and forgiveness, we become obstacles to that mercy and to the encounter that Jesus desires to have with all who seek out for Him in sincerity of heart.

In response, *"Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.'"* Significant here is that Jesus doesn't go to Bartimaeus nor does He directly call him. It is the very people who tried to silence the blind man that Jesus orders to call him. It is they that give him encouragement, *"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."* The lesson for us here is that Jesus wants to work with us and through us to bring others to Him but not to discourage them from coming to Him. Also, this gives us an opportunity to think and be grateful to the so many people or things and events that have led us to Jesus. These could be parents, family, friends, teachers, priests, retreats, books, TV programs, or movies.

On hearing that Jesus was calling him, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak, jumped up, and went to the Lord. Now it is very important to note that the cloak was the most versatile item of Palestinian clothing at the time. It was protection against the rapid and frequent temperature changes, insulation against the harsh Judean winds, and at night it doubled as a blanket. For us today, the cloak can be all those things that we wrongly depend on for happiness, or the things we tend to idolize. These could be things like; athletic ability, wealth, good education, success, or popularity. Following Christ, obeying his commandments and teachings, means putting these other things – good and valuable though they may be – into second place and trusting that friendship with God alone is the real source of the fulfillment we must yearn for. It is in putting these things aside that our eyes are truly opened to life's real meaning and direction, truth and goodness. Christ is calling on you today, what are you leaving behind to follow Him freely?

## Events Around the Parish

✚ Mass Schedule: Fr. David Kruse from Spokane will celebrate Mass for us this Sunday, October 27th at 8:00 am in Colfax and 10:00 am in St. John. Next weekend, Saturday, November 2, Fr. Theo will celebrate Saturday Vigil Mass at Colfax at 5:00 pm, and Fr. David Kruse will celebrate Mass on Sunday, November 3rd in Colfax and St. John. If all goes according to plan, Fr. J will be celebrating Mass for us beginning the weekend of November 9th. **Please thank our priests** for their time and energy dedicated to our Parish communities. **Fr. Theo will celebrate daily Mass this Monday, 10-28 and Tuesday, 10-29.**

✚ All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation: Remember: Friday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 AM and 6:15 PM in Colfax with Fr. Theo as the celebrant. The Church celebrates all the Saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God.

✚ Annual Catholic Appeal: The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2024 continues. The theme this year is "Small Things with Great Love". As of October 17th, St. John and LaCrosse have met their 2024 Goals. The goal for Colfax is \$24,719 of which we have received **90%, with \$2,554 remaining to be pledged.** We are all aware of the benefits the ACA provides for our Diocese and all its ministries. Please help us meet our goal for 2024 before Fr. J. arrives !

✚ Volunteers needed for assisting in transport for Fr. J: Fr. J will be arriving soon from India. He will need transportation to and from the parishes for Masses and other activities while his paperwork is processing. If you would like to volunteer in helping our new priest with transportation, please reach out to the parish office at 509-397-3921. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please continue your prayers for Fr. J for a safe journey to the United States.

### ✚ PREPARES Ministry News:

The Prepares Ministry was initiated by the Catholic Bishops of Washington State in 2014. This month Prepares celebrates 10 years of helping families across the state of WA. Thank You to our own Tri-Parish Community of Volunteers, donors, and Supporters who have helped to revive this ministry. The heart of every ministry is prayer. Please pray this month for the families we serve and for the volunteers that give their time to this life affirming ministry. If you are interested in learning more about Prepares. Inquiries can be made to Valerie Higginson at [valeriehigginson@cceasternwa.org](mailto:valeriehigginson@cceasternwa.org) or visit [preparesforlife.org](http://preparesforlife.org)



✚ Walk for Life NW: The Walk for Life Northwest is this Sunday, October 27th! Please join us for the 11 AM Mass for Life at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes in Spokane, followed by the Walk for Life at Rotary Fountain in Riverfront Park at 12:30 pm. Benediction and Walk will begin at 1:00 PM. Parishes, schools and Catholic organizations are encouraged to bring banners, posters, family and friends. This is an important time in our Church and our nation. Please come and show your support for Life!

### Upcoming Events:

- Oct 30 — Women's Bible Study 9:00am Colfax
- **Nov 1 – Solemnity of All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation** — Mass at 8:00 AM & 6:15 PM —Colfax
- Nov 1 — Religious Ed. Party at Parish Hall after 6:15 PM Mass — Colfax
- Nov 2 — All Souls Day—Mass 8:00 AM Colfax
- Nov 3 — Religious Ed. Classes at 9:00 AM
- Nov 3 — Knights of Columbus Founders Day Social and Dinner 5:00 pm — Colfax