

St. Patrick Catholic Parish – Colfax

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Masses: Colfax: Saturday 5:30p.m.; Sunday 8:30a.m. LaCrosse: Sunday 11:00a.m.

Confessions: Colfax–Tuesday 6:00-6:30 p.m., Saturday a.m. 9:00-9:30a.m., Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m.
LaCrosse – After Mass and anytime by appointment

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**September 13th 2020, The
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Mass Intention: Requested By:

- 15 Sep: Tuesday John J. McInerney - Patricia Simmons
- 16 Sep: Wednesday Shirley Zorb – Joanne & Terry Eng
- 17 Sep: Thursday Shirley Zorb – Joanne & Terry Eng
- 18 Sep: Friday Joe Dahmen – Travis Frei
- 19 Sep: Saturday: Joe Dahmen – Travis Frei
- 20 Sep: Sunday: Colfax 8:30 a.m. For our Parishioners
LaCrosse 11:00 a.m. For our Parishioners



Lector: Saturday 19th 5:30p.m.
Virgil Crampton
Lector: Sunday 20th 8:30 a.m.
Travis Frei

There will be no Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers due to the Coronavirus. Thank you for your understanding and pray for all impacted by the virus.

Stewardship Quote: *“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” –ROMANS 14:8.* This is the essence of **Stewardship** – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

16 September: No Women’s Bible Study at the Courtyard till the fall.

17 September: Eucharistic Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass to 6:00 p.m.

Pray with Pope Francis in his Monthly intention for September – Respect for the planet’s resources: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Masks at Mass:

Due to the continued COVID Crisis, the Bishop requests as an act of charity to our fellow Parishioners, everyone wear a mask during Mass. We request that you bring your own mask, however, a mask will be available in the vestibule if you forget yours. Thank you all for your support during these challenging times. Let us all take time to pray that we and those around us are blessed with good health.

We must forgive one another: Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer requests, please contact Dianne Appel at 397-3220 or by email at appelquilter@outlook.com. If you would like to become part of the prayer chain, contact Dianne.