

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 16th, 2025

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — **No** Religious Education — Colfax
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

Monday, March 17th, 2025

8:00 am — St. Patrick’s Day Mass — Colfax

Tuesday, March 18th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — Women’s Bible Study — Colfax
5:30 pm — St. Joseph’s Day Mass—LaCrosse

Thursday, March 20th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax
8:30 am — Reconciliation — Colfax
8:30am to 6:00pm — Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 20th, 2025 (Continued)

5:00pm to 6:00pm — Reconciliation — Colfax

Friday, March 21st, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax
5:30 pm — Stations of the Cross & Mass Colfax
6:30 pm — Lenten Soup Supper — Colfax

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

4:30 pm — Rosary recited — Colfax
4:30 pm to 4:50 pm — Reconciliation — Colfax
5:00 pm — Vigil Mass — LaCrosse
5:00 pm — Vigil Mass — Colfax

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — Prepares Ministry Meeting — Colfax
9:00 am — **No** Religious Education — Colfax
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

Mass Intentions:

Mon. March 17 8:00 am — † Dick & Marge McCully requested by G. & L. Hall
Tue. March 18 8:00 am — † John J. McInerny requested by P. Simmons
Wed. March 19 8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller
5:30 pm — LaCrosse: † John Burke requested by L. Hiller
Thur. March 20 8:00 am — † Florence Sherfey requested by the Sherfey Family
Fri. March 21 5:30 pm — † Sandy Adams requested by M. & G. Parrish
Sat. March 22 5:00 pm — LaCrosse: † John Burke requested by L. Hiller
5:00 pm — Heidi Lothspeich requested by B. & C. Lothspeich
Sun. March 23 8:00 am — † Jim Bruya requested by Knights of Columbus
10:00 am — St. John: † Phyllis Schreck requested by B. Becker

Lectors:

Saturday, March 22nd, 5:00 pm — Cheryl Lothspeich / Sunday, March 23rd, 8:00 am —Steve Appel

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& OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH, ST. JOHN

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March 16th, 2025

The Second Sunday of

Scripture Readings

Sunday | The Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 / Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1 / Luke 9:28b-36

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light
and my salvation

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time or recurring donation to St.
Patrick Parish. Please scan this



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 — LaCrosse at 5:00 PM
Saturday Vigil — Colfax at 5:00 PM
Sunday — Colfax at 8:00 AM
Sunday — St. John at 11:00 AM-1st Sunday of month
10:00 AM all other Sundays

DAILY MASS — COLFAX

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 AM — Colfax

RECONCILIATION

4:30 pm to 4:50 pm Saturdays before Mass—Colfax
8:30 am after Thursday Daily Mass—Colfax
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Thursdays—Colfax
Or by appointment, contact (509) 397-3921

Reflection

Dear Friends in Christ,

God's call is personal and at the same time very demanding. It is an invitation to enter into his holiness with an attitude of faith and total trust in the Divine. We encounter a God who speaks to us, and we are called upon to listen and respond to him. During Lent, Jesus invites us to convert ourselves and become like him as he prepared himself for the mission of his Father. As we now enter the Second Week of Lent, our task is to continue to examine our hearts and change ourselves in order to be worthy of his glorious paschal mystery. We are called to continue to examine our hearts and to repent in order to prepare ourselves for the glorious resurrection of Christ. God tells us that our thoughts are not like his thoughts and our ways are not akin to those of his choice. As human beings, we do not like change, and we resist any change as much as we can. However, change is a part of our life and we cannot just depend on our past glory and achievements. We know that we are pilgrims on a journey to a more permanent dwelling place, a place of total union with our God of Truth and Love.

The First Reading of today marks a significant stage in Abraham's journey of faith. Though still struggling with doubt, Abraham is led to make sufficient progress and has been asked to leave his homeland and to go and live in a strange place. If he did so, he was promised a great future for his family and descendants. Without any further guarantees, Abraham sets out. His readiness to put his trust in God's word became legendary in the tradition of Israel and is echoed again in the New Testament. "Abraham put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified," that is, putting him right with God. At this time, Abraham had no children and he expresses this to the Lord. Although ready to do what God asked of him, Abraham asked for some confirmation. God had assured him of a great dynasty as numerous as the stars of heaven. He shows it to Abraham through the bond or a covenant. God tells him to make an offering of some animals and to cut the animals in half, putting one half on each side. Typically, a covenant partner would walk between the two portions to show his loyalty and building of the new bond.

In the Second Reading taken from the Letter to the Philippians, we heard Paul telling the new Christians that our citizenship is in Heaven, that is, the goal and destination of our life is to be one with God. There is no other goal available to us. He explains that from heaven (i.e. from God) comes the Savior we are waiting for, the Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. At the same time, we do not belong to this world because Christ died for us so that we may be made righteous through Him. Through His death on the cross as the sacrificial Lamb, we qualify to inherit the salvation and we are indebted to Him for the gifts of righteousness, salvation, and eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

In today's Gospel reading, we have the story of the transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain. Luke explains that just before the transfiguration, Peter, in the name of his fellow disciples, had made the dramatic acknowledgment that Jesus, their teacher, was the Messiah, the Christ, the Savior King expected by Israel. Having confirmed Peter in his mission as the "rock" and foundation upon which he would build his Church, Jesus begins to instruct them about what it will mean to be companions of the Messiah. Now to strengthen them in their faith Jesus takes Peter, John, and James up on a mountain, Mount Tabor in Galilee. Jesus certainly could have taken with him the twelve apostles,

and invited them all to contemplate his glory in the Mystery of his Transfiguration. But he did not do so. For he wanted to give us a sign: that of divine election. What the Mystery of the Transfiguration realizes in Jesus is the glorification of human nature, elevated by God to the most profound intimacy, in limitless charity, with divine nature itself.

It was out of the abundance of his divine love that God gave the glimpse of his future glory of Christ in his risen humanity to the three disciples at that memorable occasion. Christ is also shown with two of his faithful servants, Moses and Elijah, also in glory. God understands the human weaknesses and he wanted to strengthen them in their faith as they would be scandalized with the sufferings and cross. Hence, three of Jesus' most intimate disciples are brought to "the mountain". We do not know which mountain but, in general, mountains in Scripture are holy places, places where God is especially felt to be present. While they were on the mountain, the appearance of the face of Jesus changed and His clothing became dazzling white. As we heard, that event did not pass unnoticed. Peter and the other two disciples witnessed the glory of the Lord Jesus.

Luke tells us that Jesus prayed. Now, Jesus did not pray as if he had to ask his Father for some power he did not have: Jesus is both God and Man, and he is the Almighty. Thus, if Jesus prayed, and he did do so, it was to give us an example to follow, it was to be the sign of humanity glorified by the Father, in the Spirit. Thus, when Jesus prays with the three apostles Peter, John, and James, he does so in order to tell us, by way of a sign, that only a few men (or women) respond to the call of God. He desires the salvation of all the men and women he created in his Love. This is true, and it will always remain true until the end of the world. For this is our daily Transfiguration: Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ!

Through the Mystery of his Transfiguration in the presence of Moses and Elijah, Jesus wanted to show his apostles, ahead of time, the Glory of his Resurrection. They would thus be better able to undergo the trial of the Cross and the Passion of their Master. We, too, can receive within us the risen Jesus in order to be better able to carry our daily cross. Jesus was accompanied by Moses and Elijah; two pillars of the Hebrew Testament, representing the Law and the Prophets, the whole Jewish tradition. The disciples, however, still do not fully understand what is happening; they were "heavy with sleep" but just managed to keep awake. Then there was the cloud around them. The cloud in the Biblical sense symbolizes the presence of God, and this cloud covered them with a shadow, and "the disciples were afraid". This was not very realistic. They recognized the cloud immediately as the close presence of God himself. Then they heard God speak from the cloud: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." They are being told to remember the words Jesus just told them about the Messiah, who would be rejected, suffer and die shamefully. If they could not understand and accept those words, they would not know the real Jesus. To be his disciples they had to listen to him intently.

Listening is an art. Listening is something essential in our life. Sometimes we do not listen to the other. Often our conversations can turn into monologues if we are not attentive to the other. Jesus calls us to be attentive and listen to him, the words of eternal life. God tells them that Jesus is to be listened to and obeyed. The transfiguration mystery of Jesus defies all explanations. It is what we generally term a mystery. It is an encounter with the divine that is briefly experienced in the context of prayer.

May God Bless us... Fr. J. Jeyabalan HGN (Jey)

Events Around the Parish

Stations of the Cross, Mass & Soup Sup-

per: Please join us this Lenten Season for Stations of the Cross which will be held each Friday during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm followed immediately by Mass. Join us for a soup supper following Mass. There will be **no 8:00 am** Daily Mass on these Fridays. Please join us for this beautiful and reflective Lenten tradition.

Mothers Group Lenten Mini-Retreat:

A Lenten Mini-Retreat will be on held on Thursday, March 27th beginning with 8:00 am Mass and concluding around 11:30 with lunch prepared by Fr. Jey. The morning will also include a Lenten Reflection, Adoration, Confession, opportunity for small group for discussion and Stations of the Cross. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule after Saturday and Sunday Masses to help Father Jey plan the meal. All women welcome.

Calendar for Fr. Jey's Ride to St. John:

March 23 — Linda & Martin Marler

March 30 — Tim & Heidi Danaher

April 6 — Drivers Needed (Note: Mass is at 11:00 AM)

April 13 — **NO** Drivers Needed—Mass only at St. Pat.

April 20 — Drivers Needed

April 27— Drivers Needed

Family Information & Parish Survey Let-

ters: Please turn in your Family Information and Parish Survey letters to help us update our church records and know how to move forward with church projects. You can return them in the envelope provided or drop them in the collection basket. Your input is very valuable!!

Parishioner Transport To & From Mass:

Bill Rogers, who lives at The Courtyard, would like to attend Sunday Mass at St. Patrick on a regular basis. If you can assist in this ministry, please contact the Parish office.

Hospitality:

We need a volunteer for Sunday Donuts! A person to pick up and set up donuts on the 5th Sundays of the month. There are four, 5th Sundays until the end of the year starting with this month, Sunday March 30th. If you would like to help with this special ministry, please contact the Parish office.



PREPARES NEWS:

23rd after 8:00 am Mass

Prepares Ministry will have a brainstorming session, updated information, and Q&A regarding this life affirming ministry. Anyone who has volunteered, donated, or supported this ministry in any way or thinking about volunteering and would like to know more, is encouraged to attend. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm, all are welcome!

Fundraiser for A New Church Boiler:

We are campaigning to raise funds to replace the boiler, which will cost \$35,000. Our goal is to raise these funds by July, so it can be replaced during the summer. To date we have collected \$22,525 which is 64% of the goal. You can make a contribution anytime by placing an envelope in the collection basket & marking it "furnace" or bringing your donation to the Parish Office. Please help us reach our goal. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 17 — 8:00 am St. Patrick Feast Day Mass — Colfax
- Mar 19 — 9:00 am Women's Bible Study — Colfax
- Mar 19 — 5:30 pm St. Joseph Feast Day Mass — LAX
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Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier.

Be the living expression of God's kindness.—

Saint Mother Teresa