

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th, 2025

7:00 am—Reconciliation — Colfax
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
No Religious Education — Colfax
10:00 am—Sunday Mass — St, John

Tuesday, April 29th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

8:00 am— Daily Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — Women’s Bible Study—Colfax

Thursday, May 1st, 2025

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

Friday, May 2nd, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

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

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — Religious Education — Colfax
11:00 am—Sunday Mass — St, John

Mass Intentions:

Tue. Apr. 29	8:00 am — ✠ F. Arockiam requested by St. Patrick Parish
Wed. Apr. 30	8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller
Thur. May 01	8:00 am — ✠ Florence Sherfey requested by the Sherfey Family
Fri. May 02	8:00 am — ✠ Steve Small requested by B. & C. Lothspeich
Sat. May 03	5:00 pm — LaCrosse: ✠ John Burke requested by L. Hiller 5:00 pm — ✠ Roger Pennell requested by M. & G. Parrish
Sun. May 04	8:00 am — ✠ Kay Branch requested by D. McDonald 11:00 am — St. John: ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory requested A. Carlson

Lectors:

Saturday, May 3rd, 5:00 pm Chris Thompson, Sunday May 4th 8:00 am Robyn Johnson

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& OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH, ST. JOHN

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April 27th, 2025 Divine Mercy Sunday

Scripture Readings

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16 / Psalm 118 / Revelation 1:9-11a,
12-13,17-19 / John 20:19-31

Responsorial Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Donate online

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or recurring donation to St. Patrick
Parish. Please scan this QR Code to
your phone or pc for billing
information.



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,

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the Vatican. Divine Mercy Sunday can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. The feast focuses the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world. In his revelations to St. Faustina Jesus expressed His desire to celebrate this special feast. He says that the Feast of Mercy emerged from his very depths of tenderness and mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of his Mercy. Jesus says that the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened and let no soul fear to draw near to him.

In the first Reading, we have Luke’s account of the Apostles and their witness to Jesus proclaim that the Apostles are ready to carry forward the work of Jesus Christ. They continue the healing ministry of the master as they work signs and wonders in his name. Furthermore, they do it in the place where Jesus himself had worked, in the area around the Jerusalem Temple. Immediately after the resurrection of Jesus, they became persons totally transformed. People in Jerusalem too once they saw their work held them in high esteem. The result of their work was that the community increased in numbers. People also believed in the power of the Apostles and brought the sick and infirm so that they could touch them or even their shadow falls on them.

The second reading of today inspires us with still greater love and gratitude to the Risen Savior, who has earned for us a new life of glory and happiness beyond the grave, provided we remain faithful to our Christian faith during our earthly life. This reading taken from the Book of Revelation speaks of the visions of John who comes as the consoler to the suffering church of Jerusalem. Here the author tells the community that Jesus will ultimately conquer all universes and come out victorious. He shares with them his pains and sufferings as of one who has experienced them. He now gives them the symbolic description of Christ in glory.

Today’s gospel begins with the first action of Jesus after his resurrection as he appears to his disciples. The setting is very important here. There in an atmosphere of surprise, fear, and wonder, unable to see and visualize the presence of Jesus as he suddenly appears before them. It was Easter Sunday, two days after the death of Jesus. The disciples were inside the house, with the doors firmly locked, because they were terrified that, as companions of Jesus, they too would be liable for arrest and punishment. The words of assurance that had been given to them earlier were all forgotten. Their fear was suddenly shattered by the unexpected appearance of Jesus in their midst. The very fact that he could be present in spite of the locked doors indicated that he was not the same person as they had encountered earlier but he was present to them in a new way. He calmed their fear with the immediate gift of peace. “Peace with you!” was his first greeting. It was the normal Jewish greeting of “Shalom”. But, coming from Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to this group of frightened people, it had special meaning.

The second action of Jesus was the commissioning of the disciples through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus continued to speak to them and teach them as he did at the Last Supper. Repeating his greeting of peace, he proceeded to give them their mission. He commissioned the disciples to continue the same work in the world that Jesus had been doing. There was no critical word of any sort regarding their failure to stand by him during his final moments. Jesus empowered the disciples to

carry on his mission by breathing on them the Holy Spirit. In a sense, this is the new creation, similar to that what God did at the first creation. The breath of life, reminiscent of God breathing on the dust of the earth and creating human life in the first man or as Prophet Ezekiel says in the parable of the valley of dry bones. With this new creation, he was sending them out just as the Father had sent him on a mission. For them, this mission was an essential part of their discipleship. Now on they are called upon to live like Jesus and draw others to share their personal experience of knowing and loving Jesus and being loved by him. An aspect of the gift of the Holy Spirit was the power of the disciples to forgive sins. In John, sin refers primarily to blindness to the revelations of God in Jesus. The disciples were to continue the struggles of Jesus to overcome this blindness by showing the world the true light of salvation.

The final event in this passage centers on the encounter of Thomas with the Lord. This is in reality a story of faith. When Jesus appeared to the disciples for the first time on Easter Sunday evening, only ten disciples were present. One of the disciples, Thomas, was not present among them on this occasion. The reason of his absence is not important, but his encounter with the Risen Jesus is. When they narrated the appearance of Jesus he refused to believe that the Lord was raised from the dead and had visited them. He wanted to see with his own eyes some irrefutable proof of his presence. Thomas personally wanted to encounter Jesus in order to believe in his resurrection. For his refusal to believe Thomas is often accused as a doubter. It is right that we ask the question at this juncture, whether Thomas was really a doubtful person or whether the other disciples were the persons who lacked faith. At the outset, it seems as if Thomas was really a man of true faith. When they told him that Jesus had risen and had appeared to them he was surprised that they could still remain in hiding. He felt if they had really seen him they would have been really shouting that Jesus is living.

Thomas needed the real proof of the wounds nails on his hands and feet and the wound in Jesus’ side to believe in the Risen Lord. The disciples knowing Thomas very well as a man of determination, left him alone. They did not make any attempt to correct him. They left him alone to search for himself the truth about Jesus. During the next appearance, Jesus gave them all the gift of peace. Then he called Thomas forward and showed himself. The reaction of Thomas was the expression of the words of Faith which we repeat so often, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus called Thomas and asked him to believe in him. Ironically, too, it is an act of faith not merely for Thomas but for us all. It was not Thomas who was doubtful and without faith. But Jesus accepted Thomas and his faith and added something more: “Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

It was eight days after Easter: it is the octave of the Resurrection. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Thomas is the sign of this divine mercy, which is unequalled, immense, overflowing, and unspeakable. Thomas saw the Lord and he needed to see him to believe in his resurrection. We, today, in the year 2025 have not seen the risen Jesus, and yet we believe in him. In any event, Jesus is in Heaven: we have no choice but to believe without seeing. Yet Thomas is the sign of the mercy of God which makes us similar to him. This is because we can see the Lord Jesus without seeing him. This looks like a paradox. What enables us to see the Lord are our baptism and our Eucharist. We see him as one who out of Mercy has risen for us. Let us experience and witness His Mercy.

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

Events Around the Parish

✚ Divine Mercy Sunday : The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.” When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina’s visions, already popular in many communities. Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate Reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

✚ Fundraiser for A New Church Boiler: Our goal is to raise \$37,000 by July, so the boiler can be replaced during the summer. To date we have collected \$34,204 which is 92% of our goal. Please help us reach our goal. Thank you!!

Upcoming Events:

- April 29 — 7:00 pm—Parish Finance Council Mtg —Colfax
- April 30 — 9:00 am—Women’s Bible Study — Colfax
- May 4 — 9:00 am —Religious Ed. Classes Resume — Colfax
- May 9 — 9:00 am — Mothers Group Meeting—Colfax
- May 13 — 7:00 pm — Parish Council Mtg — Colfax
- May 15 — 7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus Mtg — Colfax



✚ PREPARES PRAYER: Prepares News: So far this month we have been able to help 22 families with 852 diapers. These numbers reflect a combined count from direct calls requesting diapers and those diapers given out at the Colfax Food Pantry. Starting Tuesday, May 13th St. Patrick’s will be a second distribution site once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9am to 12noon. Providing diapers and essential needs to families through St. Patrick Parish fits the vision that the Bishops of Washington State had in 2014; to implement the Prepares ministry in every Catholic Parish. We will continue partnering with the Colfax food pantry every 4th Tuesday of the month. There will be sign up sheets for both distribution sites in the vestibule for anyone who would like to volunteer.

✚ March 2025 Collections & Expenses:

Colfax: Revenues: \$ 32,865* Expenses: \$ 13,397
**\$21,265 of revenues for March was fundraising*
St. John: Revenues: \$ 1,837 Expenses: \$ 1,477
Lacrosse: Revenues: \$ 266 Expenses: \$ 2,893

✚ Calendar for Bill Rogers Ride to 8:00 am Mass:

May 4 — Kim Williams
May 11 — Drivers Needed
May 18 — Lois Doty
May 25 — Martin & Linda Marler

✚ Calendar for Fr. Jey’s Ride to St. John:

May 4 — Terry Parker(Note: Mass at 11:00 am)
May 11 — Terry Parker
May 18 — Tim & Heidi Danaher
May 25 — Martin & Linda Marler
If you can assist with providing rides to Fr. Jey and/or Bill, please contact the Parish Office.