

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 18th, 2025—May Crowning

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — Rosary& May Crowning—Colfax
10:00 am—Sunday Mass — St, John

Tuesday, May 20th, 2025

8:00 am—Daily Mass — Colfax
7:00 pm— Parish Council Mtg—Colfax

Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

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

Thursday, May 22nd, 2025

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

Friday, May 23rd, 2025

8:00 am—Daily Mass — Colfax

Saturday, May 24th, 2025

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

Sunday, May 25th, 2025

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
10:00 am—Sunday Mass — St, John

Mass Intentions:

Tue. May 20 8:00 am — ☩ John J. McNerny requested by P. Simmons
Wed. May 21 8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller
Thur. May 22 8:00 am — ☩ Michael Brodie requested by B. & C. Lothspeich
Fri. May 23 8:00 am — ☩ Rudy Mundy requested by M. & G. Parrish
Sat. May 24 5:00 pm — LaCrosse: ☩ John Burke requested by L. Hiller
5:00 pm — ☩ Stephan Small requested by B. & C. Lothspeich
Sun. May 25 8:00 am — ☩ Jim Bruya requested by M. & G. Parrish
10:00 am — St. John: ☩ John J. McNerny requested by P. Simmons

Lectors:

Saturday, May 24th, 5:00 pm - Terri Parker, Sunday May 25th 8:00 am - Heidi Danaher

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St. Patrick Parish

WITH MISSION TO: ST. JOSEPH
PARISH, LACROSSE

May 18th, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings

The 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 / Psalm 145 / Revelation 21:1-5a /
John 13:31-33a,34-35

Responsorial Psalm 145

**I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God.**

Donate online

Please feel free to set up a one-time 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,

During the Easter season, the liturgy brings us closer to the resurrected Jesus and makes us realize that we are always united to him and he is united to us. He gives the invitation to all of us to enter into true discipleship but in the context of the community. Our life receives full meaning when we are able to give ourselves to the service of others and find meaning in that service. Our true living comes by opening ourselves to God and to the world by becoming persons open to doing his will. The theme that dominates the readings of today is love and service.

The First Reading tells us about the early missionary journeys of Paul and Barnabas. They went through all hardships and misunderstandings while communicating the message and vision of Jesus to all. At the same time to those who were already Christians they gave support and encouragement to persevere in their Christian convictions. Luke tells us of the praiseworthy service of love that the Christians had for each other in the name of Jesus. Paul and Barnabas continued in their mission as they went from town to town, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. The Apostles instructed the new community with the words of consolation that through many persecutions they must enter the kingdom of God. With prayer and fasting, they entrusted themselves to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

The Second Reading helps us to understand the purpose of the progressive development of the spiritual wonders of God within the Church. John sees the holy city of Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Here he has a vision of new heaven and new earth. In his vision, John sees the picture of the end time, indicated in this newness. It is the glorious arrival of the long-awaited “salvation and the power and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of His Messiah.” God the Father began to accomplish this in Christ’s death and resurrection. The imagery presented is one of the brides which are the Church. The presence of the bridegroom, Jesus himself is a sign of joy. Hence in that context, every tear will be wiped away and all sadness removed. All evil, all pain, worry and anxiety will come to an end. Joy will pervade the whole universe.

The Gospel of last week spoke of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the need of hearing His voice and following Him. Today’s Gospel is the next step towards our spiritual growth as we are called to reflect on our service of love in the Lord Jesus. The passage begins with the emphasizing words of Jesus: “Now the Son of Man is glorified.” The designation of “now” is important because it signifies that the hour Jesus has been referring to throughout the first half of the Gospel has arrived. Past present and the future are redefined in the light of the arrival of the hour. The word “Son of man” refers to Jesus as he is deliberately moving towards his final end which is the crucifixion. The word “glorify” is used five times in the first two lines. It leads us strongly to understand the glorification that will take place in Jesus in his revelation and the saving act.

The theme of departure and return are important for the Gospel. Departing is not a negative move on the part of Jesus. He has prepared his disciples for this moment and it will be the fulfillment of his mission. Jesus must return to his Father but the disciples must stay and continue the work Jesus has given them. The way they are to continue the work of Jesus during his absence is by observing the new commandment he has given them. The command is that they must love one another. The criterion for this love is the way Jesus has loved them.

He is an example for his followers and they ought to imitate him all the time. Part of the purpose of his washing of the feet was to demonstrate to the disciples the extent of his love for them. First of all, he loves them as an equal and secondly this love is demonstrated in service. The ultimate service will be his total self-giving on the cross.

To this Jesus adds, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have a love for one another.” A disciple is one who is learning or has learnt from a master or teacher or one who follows the teachings prescribed by a master or teacher. Scripture records that the disciples followed Jesus during his public ministry and received instruction from Him regarding the Good News of salvation and the fullness of revelation. The disciples spent three intense years with Jesus being formed by their divine master. Now by shining in love towards one another, all will come to know that we Christians are the disciples of Jesus.

The season of Easter reminds us of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is the celebration of new life that has come to us through our Risen Lord. Resurrection is the sign of God’s love for humanity when he gives his Son again with greater love. John has clearly given us the teaching that God loved the world and sent his Son to save us which is his gratuitous love. But man rejected the God-Man and killed him. But God raised him up and gave him back to us out of greater love. That is the Resurrection. It is the extension of the love of God. Love is to wish each other well. If our love runs deep it includes affection and service as is explained in the gospel of today. Love is the union of minds and hearts and wills. Love is compassion, support, healing, missionary and serviceable. Today’s psalm tells us that love is gracious, merciful, slow to anger and rich in abounding mercy. Above all God’s love is kindness, compassion, sacrificing and reaches out to all.

Today Jesus calls us to love like his, a love of service. He calls us to love like our heavenly Father who is benevolent and who shows no partiality. He calls us to love as he loved, meaning to be filled with love for one another. The disciple of Christ is not primarily an individual person but an inter-person. He is always at the service of the other. Hence Jesus gives us the new commandment to love other people he has loved us. The divine command is to love God with our whole heart and soul and so on; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus has added a new element in telling us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us. His love was the sacrificial love where he gave his life for us. The disciples are now called upon to build the faith of others and we see how marvelous the living faith of the early Church was.

We are the disciples of Jesus and his true followers. But to fulfill this call we certainly have to pass through real tests as Jesus did to his apostles. The word that Jesus uses is love or charity. This involves loving a person sincerely and with one’s heart and does not just remain at giving things or monetary help. It is a service of the heart which Jesus did. He who truly loves his neighbor must be concerned with those things relating to the purpose of one’s life and earning his eternal salvation. The Love of Christ in the Church is received as a precious gift. It also needs to be demonstrated in accordance with Christ’s command to love one another. Love will be the mark of the community left behind after Christ has departed. He promises the gift of the Spirit, but that is a gift of empowerment to fulfill his mission on earth.

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

Events Around the Parish

✚ World Church Collection May 24/25: The Collection for the Catholic Church in the United States provides a way to build up the Church in rural and isolated regions of our country. This one collection takes the place of six that would otherwise be held at various times throughout the year. The Diocese of Spokane receives grants from both the Catholic Home Missions and Black and Native American Missions. Please use the envelopes that you received in the mail or take one of the envelopes found in the vestibule of our Church, to make your contribution to the Catholic Church in the United States. You can also donate online at: dioceseofspokane.org/ccus.

✚ Homebound Ministry Help needed: This is a very important ministry that brings the Holy Eucharist to our Parishioners who are unable to get to Mass. If you could spare two hours on a Friday morning to assist our fellow parishioners, it would be a blessing to them and to you as well. If you are only available as a substitute, that would be helpful as well. Please reach out to the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

✚ Steubenville NW 2025 Signup: Steubenville NW will be held in Spokane on **Fri. July 11th thru Sun. July 13th** this year. Students of high school age are encouraged to sign up. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in your young adult attending. St. Patrick Parish will be covering the room and board and half of the registration for each attendee.

✚ Middle School Camp: “Known & Loved” is the theme for this year’s Diocese of Spokane Middle School Camp. It will be held **Sun. August 10th thru Fri. August 15th** and is open for current 6th-8th grade students. St. Patrick Parish will be covering the room and board and half of the registration for each attendee. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in your young adult attending.

Upcoming Events:

- May 21 — 9:00 am — Women’s Bible Study — Colfax
- June 20th & 21st — Men’s RV Retreat — Colfax
- July 11th to 13th — Steubenville NW — Spokane
- August 10th to 15th — Diocese Middle School Camp — Idaho



✚ PREPARES PRAYER: Sign up sheets are still in the vestibule for anyone interested in distributing diapers, we still have lots of spots to fill. Any questions, please contact Valerie Higginson. High priority needs: **Pull Ups in size 4t/5t and Baby wipes.** Palouse Care Net recently dropped off some baby bottles for an annual fundraiser. Please bring a bottle home with you to save some money that can be donated to this agency. Palouse Care Net is one of the many agencies the Prepares program has been able to help recently through a large donation of diapers.

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

May 18 — Lois Doty

May 25 — Martin & Linda Marler

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

May 18 — Tim & Heidi Danaher

May 25 — Martin & Linda Marler

If you can assist with providing rides to Fr. Jey and/or Bill, contact the Parish Office.

✚ April 2025 Collections & Expenses:

Colfax: Revenues: \$ 12,250* Expenses: \$ 14,062*

** Boiler Donations and Expenses not included*

St. John: Revenues: \$ 1,709 Expenses: \$ 1,,234

Lacrosse: Revenues: \$ 351 Expenses: \$ 1,100

