

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, All Souls' Day

7:35 am — The Rosary is recited — Colfax  
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax  
9:00 am — **No** Religious Education  
9:30 am — Cemetery Blessing — Colfax  
**11:00 am** — Sunday Mass — St. John  
12:30 pm — Cemetery Blessing — St. John  
5:00 pm — Columbus Day Social — Colfax  
5:30 pm — Columbus Day Dinner — Colfax

Tuesday, November 4th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

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

Thursday, November 6th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax  
8:30 am to 6:00 pm — Adoration — Colfax  
5:00 pm — 5:45 pm — Reconciliation — Colfax

Friday, November 7th, 2025:

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Saturday, November 8th 2025

4:30 pm — The Rosary is recited — Colfax  
5:00 pm — Vigil Mass — Colfax

Sunday, November 9th, 2025

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax  
9:00 am — Religious Education — Colfax  
**10:00 am** — Sunday Mass — St. John

Mass Intentions:

<b>Tue. Nov. 04</b>	8:00 am — † John J. McInerny requested by P. Simmons
<b>Wed. Nov. 05</b>	8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller
<b>Thur. Nov. 06</b>	8:00 am — † John Burke requested by L. Hiller
<b>Fri. Nov. 07</b>	8:00 am — † Richard Orr requested by M. & C. Murphy
<b>Sat. Nov. 08</b>	5:00 pm — † Don McClintock requested by E. McClintock
<b>Sun. Nov. 09</b>	8:00 am — † Jim Bruya requested by M. & R. Johnson 10:00 am — St. John: † Lottie Crider requested by Parishioners

Lectors

Saturday, November 8th, 5:00 pm — Chris Thompson

Sunday, November 9th, 8:00 am — Youth Lector

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November 2nd, 2025  
All Souls' Day

Scripture Readings

All Souls' Day

Wisdom 3:1-9 / Psalm 23

Romans 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40

Responsorial Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.

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feel free to set up a one-time  
or recurring donation to St.  
Patrick Parish. Please scan this  
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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 — 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 5:45 pm Thursdays—Colfax  
Or by appointment, contact (509) 397-3921

## Reflection

### Dear Friends in Christ,

The responsorial line in this week’s psalm is one of the most known in all of Christianity: *Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.* This refrain from Psalm 23 speaks to my heart during these chaotic and unstable times. When it seems as though all of humanity is walking through many valleys of darkness, it is not an exaggeration to ask questions like, “What is going to become of us?” And the holy souls that we celebrate on this auspicious day would concur.

Our first reading from the book of Wisdom declares, “The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.” The book of Romans offers, “just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life.” These teachings assure me that the promise of resurrection is mine too. Indeed, it is a promise for us all. Our gospel reading from John contains a line that we often sing at Catholic funerals: “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

Notice what that is like to make this promise even more personal for us. As we move forward in this uncertain world working for change, what would it feel like if we could keep this anthem close to our heart? We can even say it as a prayer for strength, especially when we are feeling defeated. Many of us are called to stay very awake right now and engage in acts of advocacy to make some kind of difference in this world. We can be both people of action and people of contemplation. We must feel empowered to fight on for a better world with greater confidence knowing that this world is not where it ends. For not even death can hold down the just. That is a promise to hold close to our hearts on this day when we celebrate the holy souls who have gone before us, living in the promise of their resurrection.

**The church teaches us that there are specific things we can do that actually help the people who have died:**

**The Holy Mass offered for them** – This is the most powerful thing we can do. When a priest offers Mass for a particular person who has died, the infinite value of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is applied to that soul in a special way. You can request Masses for your loved ones at most parishes.

**Prayer and the Rosary** – Simply talking to God about the people you’ve lost, asking Him to be merciful to them and bring them to heaven. The

Rosary is especially powerful because Mary, as the Mother of God, has incredible influence with her Son.

**Acts of charity done in their name** – When you help poor people, visit sick people, or do other works of mercy specifically as a tribute to someone who has died, it somehow benefits their soul. It’s like making a donation to their spiritual account.

**Penance freely chosen as a gift of love** – This means voluntarily giving up something you enjoy or doing something difficult as a sacrifice offered for a particular person who has died. It might be skipping dessert, praying extra prayers, or doing an unpleasant chore with love.

*While we are working to help our departed loved ones, there are things that help us deal with grief and live faithfully.*

**Live in grace today** – This means staying close to God through prayer, the sacraments, and trying to avoid serious sin. When we’re in a state of grace, we’re prepared to die at any moment and we’re better able to help others.

**Forgive debts quickly** – Don’t hold grudges or stay angry at people. Life is short and uncertain. Forgive others fast and ask for forgiveness when you need it. Don’t let the sun go down on your anger.

**Keep the end in view and walk with Christ** – Remember that this life is temporary and we’re all heading toward eternity. Let that reality shape how we have to live.

*The three main things today we should do:*

**First, name your departed loved ones by name and commend them to Jesus.** Don’t just think, “I pray for all my dead relatives.” Actually say their names out loud and say, “Jesus, keep them. Have mercy on [name]. Bring [name] safely to heaven.” Make it personal and specific.

**Second, attend Mass or have a Mass offered for the souls who are most forgotten.** Some people die with no one left to pray for them. Their families have all died too, or they were estranged from everyone who might remember them. These forgotten souls especially need our prayers.

**Third, do one hidden sacrifice for a particular soul.** Pick someone specific who has died and do something difficult as a gift for them. Maybe give up your favorite snack today, say extra prayers, or do a chore you’ve been avoiding. Offer it quietly for that person’s soul.

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

## Events Around the Parish

**All Saints Day:** November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints Day. 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.

**All Souls Day Mass:** Why do Catholics celebrate All Souls’ Day? The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. The latter includes the saints in Heaven and the faithful souls being purified in Purgatory. Just as on November 1st we honor those who are with God, on November 2nd Catholics celebrate a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Also known as All Souls’ Day, on this day we honor them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them since they are being purified before entering the All Holy Presence of God. As Revelation 21:27 says of the Heavenly Jerusalem, “... nothing unclean shall enter in.”

**Knights—Columbus Day Dinner :** Please join the Knights of Columbus this Sunday, November 2, for the Columbus Day Dinner. The evening will start at 5:00 pm with a social hour and a roast beef dinner will be served starting at 5:30 pm. All parishioners are invited with special emphasis for Knights and spouses, Knights’ widows, and adult members of our Parish.

**Annual Catholic Appeal:** The Catholic Appeal for 2025 continues. The theme this year is “Together in Faith”. **The goal for Colfax is \$28,058, and we have received 99% of that goal in pledges. St. John’s goal is \$4,924 and we have received 88%, The goal for LaCrosse is \$1,562 and we have received 185%.** Any funds contributed over the goal are returned back to the Parish in the future. Your generosity is a sign of your commitment to this Diocese and it’s mission. Please help us achieve our goals for Colfax and St. John, God bless you all.



**Prepares News:** Thank you for your generous donations of baby wipes and other essential baby items that were donated to PREPARES throughout October.

>Diapers (all sizes) and winter coats (children sizes up to 7) will be available every **Tuesday** in November from 9:00-noon.

>On Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00pm Mass PREPARES will host a diaper bundling social! Wine, cheese, and fellowship, all are welcome.

**Special Prayers for the souls of our parishioners who have passed to their eternal reward this past year:**

- Jim Bruya
- Paul Heglar
- Norma Becker
- Bill Rodgers
- Lottie Crider

**Prayers for Lottie Crider:** Funeral Mass and burial for Lottie Crider of St. John will be Tuesday November 4th. The Mass is only for family, but we ask you all to pray for the soul of our departed friend. May her soul rest in peace, and her memory be a blessing to us all.

**Names Read at 8:00 AM Sunday Mass:** The names of our dearly departed Knights of Columbus and our deceased loved ones will be read at the 8:00 am Mass today, along with the names recorded in the books of Prayers on the altar.

**Join Fr. Jey at the Cemetery on Sunday:** Fr. Jey will bless the cemeteries in Colfax and St. John on Sunday, November 2nd after each Mass. 9:30 am in Colfax and 12:30 pm in St. John. Please join him in continuing the prayers for our beloved deceased.