

# Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Parish Website: [www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com](http://www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com)

## Our Staff

**Reverend Martin Goetz**, Pastor, [Goetzm@diodav.org](mailto:Goetzm@diodav.org)  
**Deacon Joe Dvorak**, Deacon, Business Manager  
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**Becky Carter**, Custodial Staff

## Our Organization Chairs

**Pastoral Council**, Tom Wilson, 720.939.2294  
**Administration & Finance Council**, Brad Hagarty  
**Faith Formation**

**Liturgy**, Sharon Jones, 515.975.8580

**Social Action**, Tracy Spry, 515.971.2292

**Buildings and Grounds Committee**,

Karen Van Dusseldorp, 515.669.0529

**Altar & Rosary Society**, Peggy Dvorak, 515.490.6886

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain or if you have something you'd like us to pray for you can:

1) Email Deacon Joe at [DvorakJ@diodav.org](mailto:DvorakJ@diodav.org), 2) Email or Call the parish office at 515-674-3711; [imcolfax@msn.com](mailto:imcolfax@msn.com)

## Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

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Parish Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Colfax

## Mass Schedule

**Sunday 11:00 AM**

## Confessions & Adoration

**Thursday at 4:15-5:15 PM**

**(Postponed until further notice)**

## Baptisms and Weddings

For information concerning or to schedule a baptism or wedding contact the parish office. Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance.

## Religious Education

Religious Education Classes are held September through May at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newton. If you have questions please contact the parish Office at 515-674-3711.

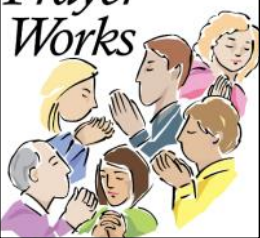
## Bulletin Available Online

The bulletin and a calendar of events is available at our website: [www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com](http://www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com) and on our Facebook page.

## Announcements for Bulletin

If you have something for the bulletin, email the information to the office by noon on Thursday. [imcolfax@msn.com](mailto:imcolfax@msn.com).

## *Prayer Works*



**Diane Wood**

**Carol Swift**

**David Shepley**, son of Deloris Shepley

**Raegan Lester**: niece of Tracey Wilson

**Leland Braun**: and **Dody Braun**

**George Ernst**

**Peggy Lester**, sister of Tracey Wilson

**Bruce and Mary Jo Stephenson**,

**Michael John Holmes**, husband of

Michelle Holmes

**Michael John Nelson**

**JoAnn Bessler**, sister of Karen Van Dusseldorp

**Betty Werner**, Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother

**Mary Ellen Van Dusseldorp**, Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother-in-Law

**Michelle McGill**

**Meta Hill**

**Jaden Overton**

**Melanie & Chuck Overton**, Cousin of Jackie George

**Michael Harrington**, son of Monte and Lisa Harrington and friends **Dominic Kerkes** and **Nathan Willies** (all being deployed to the Middle East.)

**Michael Birkenholtz** (deployed to the Middle East)

**Anthony Toigo**, Friend of Gordon Jones

## **Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**Greeters**: Sitzmann Family

**Servers**: Leo Manley, Abe Manley

**Reader**: Sharon Jones

**EMHC**: Irma Bell, Susan Heggen

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**Greeters**: Liz and Dave Birkenholtz

**Servers**: Irma Bell, Sharon Jones

**Reader**: Linda Barnum

**EMHC**: Karen Van Dusseldorp, Claire Williams



## Mass Schedule

### MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 17—AUGUST 24, 2025

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

##### THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JER 38:4-6, 8-10, HEB 12:1-4, LK 12:49-53

- 11:00 AM (PEGGY LESTER)

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

WEEKDAY (20)

JGS 2:11-19, MT 19:16-22

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

WEEKDAY, ST. JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

JGS 6:11-24A, MT 19:23-30

#### Wednesday, AUGUST 20, 2025

ST. BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

JGS 6:11-24A, MT 20:1-16

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

ST. PIUS X, POPE

JGS 11:29-39A, MT 22:1-14

- DAILY MASS, 11:00 AM (LISA HARRINGTON, BIRTHDAY)

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

RU 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16, 22, MT 22:34-40

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

WEEKDAY, SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

RU 2:1-3, 8-11,; 4:13-17, MT 23:1-12

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

##### THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 66:18-21, HEB 12:5-7, 11-13, LK 13:22-30

- 11:00 AM (BUD & PAULA WILSON)

## Church EVENTS

Sunday, August 17,	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass at 11:00 AM
Tuesday, August 19	Social Action Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM
Thursday, August 21	Daily Mass, 11:30 AM
Sunday, August 24	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass at 11:00 AM
Thursday, August 28	Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM
	Parish Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
Sunday, August 31	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass at 11:00 AM



### Weekly Collection 07/27/2025

Envelope..... \$1,115.00

Auto..... \$148.20

Offertory..... \$43.40

### **Mass—Thursday, August 21, 11:30 AM**

**Fr. Reynolds will offer daily mass on Thursday, August 21, at 11:30 AM. He has agreed to begin offering daily masses for us as his schedule permits.**

### **Celebration at Holy Cross**

We are excited to invite you to join us for a special celebration as Holy Cross celebrates its 150th anniversary. Let us come together to honor our past, cherish the present, and embrace the future. The celebration will take place on Sunday, September 14th at 12:00 noon. A digital presentation, Mass, and a catered meal will take place. All are welcome.

### **Profit and Loss**

#### **Immaculate Conception**

**July 1-31, 2025**

Distribution account	Total
Income	
Total for Income	\$6,251.11
Expenses	
Total for 51100 Administration Expense	\$11,012.31
Total for 51600 Liturgy Expense	\$380.25
Total for Expenses	\$11,392.56
Net Operating Income	-\$5,141.45
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Net Other Income	0.00
Net Income	-\$5,141.45

Online Giving  
THROUGH

**VANCO**  
FAITH





Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's wonderful to be home. I want to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. I will keep you all updated as to any change in my condition.

Wishing you a great & blessed week. Please know of my love and prayers for you—please pray for me! .

#iwontbackdown

#onlyyoucandoitbutnotalone

### Quotes from this week's saints

“Place your mind before the mirror of eternity! Place your soul in the brilliance of glory! And transform your entire being into the image of the Godhead Itself through contemplation.”

“Let us pray to God for one another, for by carrying each other's burden of charity in this way we will easily fulfill the law of Christ.”

### Clare of Assisi

“The most deadly poison of our time is indifference.”

"No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it. The real conflict is the inner conflict. Beyond armies of occupation and the hecatombs [e.g. the sacrifice of many victims] of extermination camps, there are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and love. And what use are the victories on the battlefield if we ourselves are defeated in our innermost personal selves?"

### St. Maximilian Kolbe



### Toddler Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Immaculate Conception is excited to offer once again, an opportunity for the youngest in our parish family to experience the love of the Good Shepherd. Immaculate Conception will offer a religious education option for children ages 18 months to 3 years starting in October through the end of the school year, on Friday mornings from 9 to 10:30. We invite all young children of the parish, grandchildren, neighbors, or any of those seeking to know Him more. There is no cost to attend, and it is a drop-off program.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is based on the methods of Maria Montessori and founded on the two pillars of scripture and liturgy. It offers the child their own space, called an atrium, to encounter God. Here all the materials and furniture

are just their size.

Rachel Manley will be the lead catechist. She has been through all four levels of CGS formation which includes 90 hours of formation specifically to work with children ages 0-3. Rachel is a formation leader, leading courses for adults to serve children ages 3-6, has served in atria across the Des Moines area for eleven years, and also holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in elementary education.

Registration can be found here: <https://forms.gle/xWZ6ddzbkUmWT3vn9>

A video with more information on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can be found here: <https://youtu.be/hfg9RfBk-fY?si=vQRkvh0yOyncTjLo>

Please contact Rachel Manley with any questions at [mrs.manley@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.manley@gmail.com)





The Immaculate Conception Social Action Committee is sponsoring a school supply drive again this year. Every year, there is a long list of supplies that each student is expected to bring to class in order to participate fully in their lessons and activities; however, this can be a large financial burden for some families. We want to help collect

some of the needed supplies so they can be distributed by the schools to those who are in need.

We will be dividing whatever comes in between the local schools. A contribution of anything listed will be appreciated; however, we've selected items that are common to both lists and many classes that you may choose from.

One of the best ways to stop the cycle of poverty is through education. The proper supplies help students attain that education. **Please place donations in the gathering space by August 10th.** Thanks for your help!

- 24 ct. Crayola crayons
- #2 pencils, plain yellow
- Pink beveled erasers
- Blunt 5" Fiskars scissors
- Sharp 5" Fiskars scissors
- Pens – red and/or blue
- Paper – wide rule
- Notebooks
- 160 ct. boxes of Kleenex
- Small Elmer's glue sticks
- Pocket only folders
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Pencil Sharpeners



## MARRIED COUPLES.

Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next weekend is September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information call Denise and Greg at (563) 920-9419 or visit wwme.org.



### August Birthdays

Heidi Benson	1	Stephanie Dross	13
Kathy Williams	2	Terri Rosonke	13
Mark Bussan	2	David Westphal	13
Jodi Bell	2	David Birkenholtz	14
Kenneth Schlosser	2	Vicki Wheatcraft	14
Kate Schlosser	2	Dane Owens	7
Livi Wood	10	Nathan Mosher	22
Owen Osterhaus	11	Brennan Parker	22
Elsie Ross	12	Clint Lind	26
		Dominic Villarreal	26



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## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship Truth

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."* LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance through Stewardship for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

## Thank you to Lisa Busson and Welcome to Pam Brown

Lisa Busson has served as our office manager for the past five years. She has resigned due to time constraints. Thank you Lisa for all you did and good luck in the future.

Pam Brown has been hired to as the office manager and we welcome to the office.

Pam will generally be in the office on Tuesday and Fridays from 8:30 to 12:30 as her schedule allows.



*To have the ability to develop authentic friendships in life is beautiful. Without a doubt, friendship is one of the most wonderful gifts that God has given us.*



### August Wedding Anniversaries

Dave & Marianne Wharf	8th
Robert & Joni Dille	11th
Thomas and Marcia Grim	14th
Clint and Jayme Lind	21st
Eric and Ashley Osterhaus	29th
Marites and Craig Smith	30th
Jeffrey & Mindy Shaver	31st