

# Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

Sunday, December 14, 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent

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

## Our Staff

**Rev. William Reynolds**, Administrator,  
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**Deacon Joe Dvorak**, Deacon, Business Manager  
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**Brad Hagarty, Sharon Jones**, Lay Directors

**Pam Brown**, Office Manager, [imcolfax@msn.com](mailto:imcolfax@msn.com) (515-674-3711)

**Peggy Dvorak**, Organist/Director of Music

**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

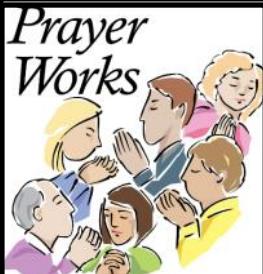
**Buildings and Grounds Committee**, Karen Van

Dusseldorf, 515.669.0529

**Altar & Rosary Society**, Tracy Spry, 515.971.2292

## 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)



**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 Dusseldorf

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

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

**Michelle McGill**

**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

**Shelbee Stier**, Irma Bell's Grand-daughter

## Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

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## Mass Schedule

**Sunday 11:00 AM**

**Thursday, 11:30**

## 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).

## Liturgical Ministers

### Sunday, February 21, 2025

Greeters: Joann Carrothers, Linda Barnum

Servers: Natalie Owens, Irma Bell

Reader: Brad Hagarty

EMHC: Susan Heggen, Marcia Grimm

### Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Greeters: Phil Webb Family

Servers: Irma Bell, Sharon Jones, Natalie Owens

Reader: Linda Barnum

EMHC: Karen VanDusseldorf, Claire Williams

# Church EVENTS

Sunday, December 14      The Third Sunday of Advent. Mass 11:00 AM (Francis & LuAnn Milburn)  
 Communal Reconciliation at Sacred Heart, 2:00 PM

Tuesday, December 16      Social Action Committee Meeting, 6:30

Wednesday, December 17      Decorating for Christmas, 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 18      Mass 11:30 AM (Sharon Padgett)  
 Memorial Mass for Fr. Marty, 6:30 PM, Sacred Heart

Sunday, December 21      Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at 11:00 (Patty Daft)  
 Finish decorating for Christmas after mass, lunch will be served

Wednesday, December 24      Christmas Eve mass, 6:30 PM  
 Mass at Sacred Heart, 4:00 PM

Thursday, December 25      Christmas mass at Sacred Heart, 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 28      Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, 11:00 mass

Wednesday, December 31      Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, mass at 5:30 PM

Thursday, January 1      Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, mass at 9:00 AM, Sacred Heart



## Weekly Collection 12/07/2025

<i>Envelope</i> .....	<b>\$3040.00</b>
<i>Auto</i> .....	<b>\$1303.20</b>
<i>Offertory</i> .....	<b>\$12.00</b>
<i>Food Pantry</i> .....	<b>\$55.00</b>
<i>Campaign for Human Development</i> .....	<b>\$50.00</b>
<i>Deacon's Fund</i> .....	<b>\$15.00</b>
<i>Diocesan Works of Charity</i> .....	<b>\$50.00</b>
<i>All Saints</i> .....	<b>\$50.00</b>
<i>All Souls</i> .....	<b>\$50.00</b>
<i>Christmas</i> .....	<b>\$1000.00</b>
<i>Deacon's Fund</i> .....	<b>\$100.00</b>
<i>Immaculate Conception</i> .....	<b>\$50.00</b>

### **Christmas Schedule**

#### **Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24**

Mass at Sacred Heart—4:00 PM  
 Mass at Immaculate Conception—6:30 PM

#### **Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25**

Mass at Sacred Heart—9:00 AM

#### **Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Wednesday, December 31**

Mass at Immaculate Conception—5:30 PM

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## **Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

Today, Sunday, December 14, is the national collection for retired religious. Please be generous to those who have given a lifetime.



### **Poinsettia Memorial**

If you would like to donate to the poinsettia fund in memory of a loved one, there are envelopes in the gathering space

### **Profit and Loss**

#### **Immaculate Conception**

**July 1-November 30, 2025**

<b>Distribution account</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Total for 41010 Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$42,914.48</b>
<b>Total for 41030 Auxiliary Income</b>	<b>\$3,286.00</b>
<b>Total for 41070 Investments &amp; Bequest</b>	<b>\$360.00</b>
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$46,560.48</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Total for 51100 Administration Expense</b>	<b>\$38,253.62</b>
<b>Total for 51600 Liturgy Expense</b>	<b>\$2,729.47</b>
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,983.09</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$5,577.39</b>

*Online Giving*  
 THROUGH

**VANCO**  
 FAITH



**Memorial Mass for Fr. Marty**  
**Thursday, December 18, 6:30**  
**Sacred Heart, Newton**  
**Reception to follow**



Dear Tracy

Thank you so much to you and your team for putting on the Baking for Babies fundraiser. The funds you raised will go a long way toward helping our moms feel stable, safe, and at home this holiday season. We are so grateful for your partnership.

Blessings,

The Ruth Harbor Team



If you have any new or gently used coats or winter gear (boots, snow pants, hats, gloves, mittens) that you would like to donate, the Social

Action Committee will have a drop box in the gathering space. Clothing will be donated to those in need in our community and to St. Vincent de Paul in Des Moines to assist their clients and their mission work helping the poor. Thanks for sharing the gift of warmth with others! If you know someone in need of warm clothing or you have any questions, please call Tracy Spry at (515) 971-2292.

**U.S. Bishops Issue a “Special Message” on Immigration from Plenary Assembly in Baltimore**

The bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops.

*To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!*

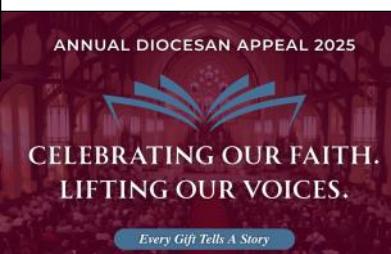
*We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.*

*We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.*

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)*

*May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.*

For more information, go to the Bishop's web site ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org)) and look under "Latest News".



**Thank you** for your generous response to Bishop Walsh's request for support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We have received pledges in the amount of \$14,406.00

towards our goal of \$17,679.00. We are now 81.49 toward our parish goal. There have been a total of 25 gifts (either pledged or paid). The average gift is \$514.50. We are \$3,273.00 short of goal.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so this week using the envelope, QR code, or the Diocese's online giving option.

**Communal Reconciliation  
Service  
Sacred Heart Church,  
Newton  
Sunday, December 14, 2:00  
PM**

There will not be a communal reconciliation at Immaculate Conception



“The reality is that you will grieve forever. You will not ‘get over’ the loss of a loved one; you’ll learn to live with it. You will heal and you will rebuild yourself around the loss you have suffered. You will be whole again, but you will never be the same. Nor should you be the same, nor would you want to.”

— Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

**Prayer for Vocations  
Diocese of Davenport  
Vocations Prayer**

Almighty God, you created us to share in your Divine Life.

Pour out your Spirit on our Diocese That we may be a fruitful church.

Bless us: With zealous priests and deacons; With prayerful religious sisters and brothers; With faithful married couples; With loving persons who live for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Grant us discerning hearts, To love you more deeply And to serve as Jesus served, In whose name we pray.

Amen.

Mary, model for all vocations, pray for us!

**2026 Calendars**

Thank you to Coburn Funeral Home for providing us with the 2026 Catholic Calendar. They are available in the gathering space.



**Liturgical Ministers Needed**

Have you considered ministering to our parish as a liturgical minister? You could serve as an altar server (any age), lector, or greeter. The liturgy committee would train you. There is no work more important than our liturgy.

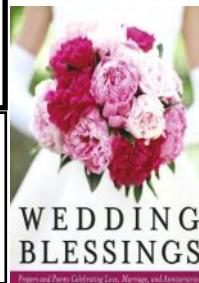


December Birthdays

Thomas Kern	14
Eric Osterhaus	18
Sharon Mindham	25
Jason Braun	28

Michael Miranda  
Robb Bussan

29  
31



December Wedding Anniversaries

Gordon & Sharon Jones	11
Dcn Joe and & Peggy Dvorak	26
Bob and Heidi Benson	31