

Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

Sunday, December 14, 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Website: www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com

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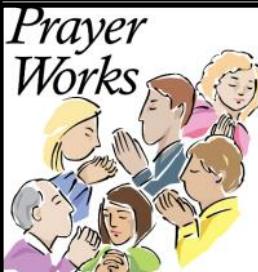
Buildings and Grounds Committee, Karen Van

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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, 2) Email or Call the parish office at 515-674-3711; 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

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Parish Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Colfax

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 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.

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, February 24, 2025

Greeters: Phil Webb Family

Servers: Irma Bell, Sharon Jones, Natalie Owens

Reader: Linda Barnum

EMHC: Karen VanDusseldorf, Claire Williams

Wednesday, December 28, 2025

Greeters: Mary Dell and Ed Flattery

Servers: Abe Manley, Leo Manley

Reader: Scott Spry

EMHC: Joann Carrothers, Marcia Grimm

Church EVENTS

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 (Sara Cambage)
Thursday, December 25	Mass at Sacred Heart, 4:00 PM Christmas mass at Sacred Heart, 9:00 AM
Sunday, December 28	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, 11:00 mass (Michael J Holmes)
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
Sunday, January 4	The Epiphany of the Lord, mass at 11:00 AM
Thursday, January 8	Mass at 11:30 AM
Sunday, January 11	The Baptism of the Lord, mass at 11:00 AM



Weekly Collection 12/07/2025

Envelope.....	\$720.00
Auto.....	\$293.00
Offertory.....	\$120.00
Poinsettias.....	\$485.00
Votive Candles	\$3.25

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

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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2025



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH.
LIFTING OUR VOICES.

Every Gift Tells A Story

\$17,679.00. We are now 85.19 toward our parish goal. There have been a total of 29 gifts (either pledged or paid). The average gift is \$522.62. We are \$2,523.00 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.

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 \$15,156.00 towards our goal of

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. Memorials must be in by Sunday, Dec. 21.



Profit and Loss

Immaculate Conception

July 1-November 30, 2025

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

Online Giving
THROUGH

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FAITH



Pray for Vocations

It is important that we pray for vocations. As Fr. Reynolds stated earlier, we have lost four priests unexpectedly since July 1—one was called to be a bishop, one joined an order, and two died (including our Fr. Marty).

Immediately after mass on the first Sunday of every month, we will recite the diocesan prayer for vocations. We are asking everyone to stay for a few minutes and join our parish prayer for vocations. Then you can go and have coffee and donuts.

Bishop would like every parish to have a vocations committee. If you would be willing to serve on this committee, please tell Dc. Joe.

One the table in the gathering space, I have placed a card for each of our nine seminarians. Consider taking a card, “adopting” that seminarian, and praying for him daily.

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) and look under “Latest News”.

Decorating for Christmas

Immediately after mass on this Sunday, December 21, we will finish decorating for Christmas. Lunch will be served. Please stay and help if you can.

Father Reynolds will be away during Christmas serving as a chaplain on a cruise ship. This was arranged in April with Father Marty’s approval. He will be back for the holyday Masses on December 31 and January 1. Father John Haugen will cover the Masses while Father Reynolds is away.



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.





“Losses (death and non-death) across a lifespan are a standard part of being human and that the sharing of vulnerable, lived experiences can empower and strengthen our capacity to find connection and meaning.” — Natasha P. Trujillo, Ph.D., therapist, psychologist and author



Picture from Father Mart's Funeral

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	29
Robb Bussan	31

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.



December Wedding Anniversaries

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