

Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

Sunday, December 28, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Website: www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com

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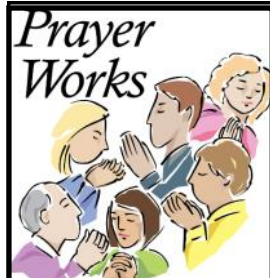
Social Action, Tracy Spry, 515.971.2292

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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 Dusseldorp

Betty Werner, Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother

Mary Ellen Van Dusseldorp, Karen Van Dusseldorp'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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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, January 4, 2026

Servers: Abe Manley, Leo Manley

Reader: Brad Hagarty

Greeters: Shelbee Stier, Karen VanDusseldorp

EMHC: Linda Barnum, Susan Heggen

Wednesday, January 11 2026

Servers: Natalie Owens, Sharon Jones

Reader: Linda Barnum

Greeters: Mary Dell and Ed Flattery

EMHC: Claire Williams, Irma Bell

Church EVENTS

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 (Mike Bell)
Thursday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, mass at 9:00 AM, <u>Sacred Heart</u>
Sunday, January 4	The Epiphany of the Lord, mass at 11:00 AM (Rose Self)
Thursday, January 8	Mass at 11:30 AM
Sunday, January 11	The Baptism of the Lord, mass at 11:00 AM
Tuesday, January 13	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 2:30 PM
Sunday, January 18	The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, mass at 1100 AM



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

\$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.



Weekly Collection 12/21/2025

Envelope.....	\$5,930.00
Auto	\$100.68
Offertory.....	\$77.00
Poinsettias.....	\$10.00
Deacon's Fund	\$95.00
Immaculate Conception	\$40.00
Retired Religious	\$50.00
Christmas	\$50.00



The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Thursday, January 1

This a holy day of obligation. All are obligated to attend mass.

Immaculate Conception: Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 31.

Sacred Heart, Newton, Holy Day mass at 9:00 AM on Thursday, January 1

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

Poinsettia Memorials

Imma Bell & family	Mike Bell
	Darrell Holder
	Jeanette Weldon
	Brent Palmer
	Bonnie Fagg
Ed & Mary Dell Flattery & family	Thor & Dorothy Nicodemus
	Ed & Helen Flattery
	Bernie and Larry Flattery, Elaine Warrick
Gordon & Sharon Jones	Sara Cambage
	Rose Self
The Tim and Tracy Wilson Family	Norbert & Betty Jern
	Bud and Paula Wilson
	Francis Wilson
	Samuel Blocklinger
	Peggy Lester
	Shane Suchting
	The families of the Jern, Ries, Wilson, and Fori families
Karen Van Dusseldorp	Werner and Van Dusseldorp families
Mary May	Gene and Mary Hegge
	Norma Potter
	Jo Ann Jorgensen
Kathleen Garmon	Bill Garmon
	Bill and Eileen Kennedy
	Leo and Teresa Garmon
Brenda Garmon	Mike and Josiah (Poe) Garmon
Joni Dille	Elmer and Muriel Bell
	Eddie and Jo Ann Hodgson
Scott and Tracy Spry	Viola and Arthur Becker
	Frank and Rose Gies
	Scott Goetz
Mike and Mary Holmes and family	Lewis and Blanche Myers
	John and Alberta Holmes
Tom and Marcia Grimm	
Elsie Ross	



Father Reynolds is sending Christmas blessings and wishes for a new year filled with hope, love and joy to all members of the parish.

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.

Winter Clothing Drive



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.



Stipend for Mass Intentions Is Now \$10.00

For some time, the stipend for mass intentions has been \$5.00. The Bishop and the diocese has decided to raise it to \$10.00 at the beginning of the year, January 1. Any mass intentions that have already been requested will be honored.

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.

On 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.



*"The deeper that sorrow carves into your being,
the more joy you can contain." – Kahlil Gibran.*

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.

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.

Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped make our
Christmas celebration so very special. Thank you to
Fr. John for a wonderful mass. Thank you to all who
worked so hard decorating the church. Thank you to
the Liturgical Ministers who ministered to us (lectors,
greeters, servers, and Eucharistic Ministers). Thank
you to the choir and cantors who gave use such
beautiful music. And thank you to all who attended
our Christmas Eve mass, your presence to pray with us
was appreciated.

Thank you to all who contributed to Adopt –A-
Family and the winter coat drive.

Happy Birthday!			
December Birthdays			
Thomas Kern	14	Michael Miranda	29
Eric Osterhaus	18	Robb Bussan	31
Sharon Mindham	25		
Jason Braun	28		



December Wedding Anniversaries

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