

Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Parish Website: www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com

Our Staff

Rev. William Reynolds, Administrator,
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Brad Hagarty, Sharon Jones, Lay Directors

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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

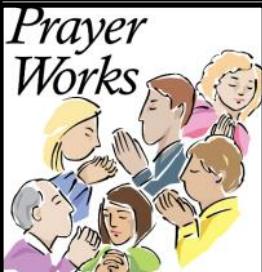
Buildings and Grounds Committee, Karen Van

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, 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 7, 2025

Greeters:

Servers:

Reader:

EMHC:

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Greeters:

Servers:

Reader:

EMHC:

Church EVENTS

Sunday, November 30	First Sunday of Advent, Mass 11:00 AM (Living and Deceased of the Tomlonovic Family)
Wednesday, December 3	Finance Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
Thursday, December 4	Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
	Mass 11:30 AM (Michael J Holmes)
	Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
Sunday, December 7	Second Sunday of Advent, Mass, 11:00 AM (Sara Cambage)
Monday, December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 5:30 PM (mass at Sacred Heart at 12:10 PM
	Reception following to celebrate our feast day
	Advent Mission (Sacred Heart), 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 9	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 2:30 PM
Saturday, December 13	Cookie Walk, 9:00 AM
Sunday, December 14	The Third Sunday of Advent. Mass 11:00 AM
	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

Altar & Rosary Christmas Party Thursday, Dec. 4

Altar & Rosary Meeting Dec. 4 will primarily be a fun evening for any and all ladies of the parish. Start time is 6:30 in the church basement. We'll have a potluck so bring a food item to share if you can. If you can't bring a food dish please don't let that stop you from coming. There is always plenty of food. We'll have a white elephant gift exchange which is always a lot of fun. So wrap up some fun or crazy thing for that. Hope to see lots of the ladies for an evening of fun and fellowship.



Online Giving
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Weekly Collection 11/09/2025

Envelope.....	\$665.20
Auto	\$191.76
Offertory.....	\$74.00
Food Pantry	\$5.00
Memorial (Meta Hill)	\$360.00



Profit and Loss Immaculate Conception

July 1-October 31, 2025

Distribution account	Total
Income	
Total for 41010 Ordinary Income	\$34,681.39
Total for 41030 Auxiliary Income	\$3,246.00
Total for Income	\$37,927.39
Expenses	
Total for 51100 Administration Expense	\$36,212.02
Total for 51600 Liturgy Expense	\$2,135.39
Total for Expenses	\$38,347.41
Net Operating Income	-\$420.02

Parish Council Elections

Thank you to all who agreed to participate in the Parish Council election. Those selected are Bernie Sitzmann, Michelle Holmes, David Birkenholtz, and Tim Loraditch. Thank you and welcome aboard.

Our next meeting is December 3 at 6:30 in the parish hall (basement).

Other members include Fr. Reynolds, Dc. Joe (ex-officio) Tracy Spry (A&R), Karen VanDusseldorp (building & grounds), Brad Hagarty (finance council), Mary Dell Flattery (social action), Sharon Jones (Liturgy) and Abe Manley (youth rep.).

Thank you

The PCM Elementary and Middle School Students want to thank everyone who donated winter coats, hats and gloves for us to wear. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will help us keep warm and safe during the cold, winter season.

Blessings,
PCM Students, Teachers and Staff.

Thank you

The PCM Food Pantry would like to thank you for your generous support. Our donation allows us to purchase eggs, milk, & personal care products that we may not receive as donations.

We have been able to purchase meat from the Iowa Food Bank for an increased number of families using the food pantry.

We really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
The PCM Food Pantry



Update on Fr. Marty

Mail goes to:
502 W Mt. Pleasant St
West Burlington, IA 52655



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!

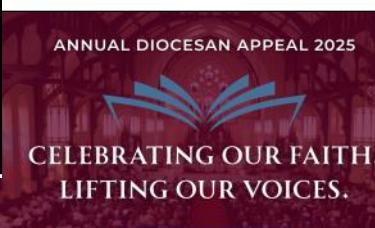
We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

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) 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 \$14,056.00

towards our goal of \$17,679.00. We are now 79.51 toward our parish goal. There have been a total of 25 gifts (either pledged or paid). The average gift is \$562.24

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.

November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

Stewards Readiness

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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.

Save the dates!

There will be an Advent Mission presented by Mike Skinner at Sacred heart Church

on December 8th and 9th.

Please join us at 7 pm both Monday and Tuesday for an inspirational program designed for the season of advent.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the McCann Center

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!



Adopt-A-Family

Thank you to all who took an ornament and are willing to donate a gift. This so important for those who need help. Note: do not wrap the gifts. Please have them retuned to the church by Thursday, December 11. If you have questions, contact Mary Dell.

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

There will not be a communal reconciliation at Immaculate Conception



November Birthdays

Irma Bell	8	Eleanor Lind	19
John Dross	12	Michael Birkenholtz	23
Charlee Mosher	14	Alondra Miranda	23
Kathryn Wikert	18	Sara Westphal	23
		Chris Maurer	29



November Wedding Anniversaries

Eric & Natalie Owens	7
Nathan & Kelly Mosher	14
David & Mary Smith	17
Jerry & Rita Krueger	23