

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Colfax

Sunday, February 22, 2026
The First Sunday of Lent

Parish Website: www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com

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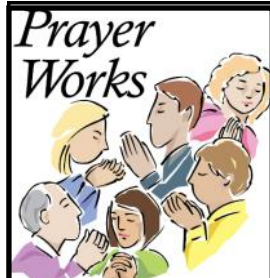
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Prayer Chain

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
Leland Braun

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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, March 1, 2026

Servers: Justice Loraditch, Titus Loraditch

Reader: Tim Loraditch

Greeters: Sitzmann Family

EMHC: Marcia Grimm, Susan Heggen

Wednesday, March 8, 2026

Servers: Abe Manley, Leo Manley

Reader: Scott Spry

Greeters: Mary Dell and Ed Flattery

EMHC: Linda Barnum, Claire Williams

Church EVENTS

Sunday, February 22	First Sunday of Lent, mass 11:00 AM (Darrell Holder)
Wednesday, February 25	Holy Hour of Adoration for Peace, 6:00 PM
Thursday, February 26	Mass 11:30 AM (Michael J Holmes) Finance Council Meeting and Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
Sunday, March 1	Second Sunday of Lent, mass 11:00 AM (Sara Cambage) Coffee and donuts following mass
Wednesday, March 4	Holy Hour for Peace and Justice 6:00 PM
Thursday, March 5	Mass, 11:30 AM (Monte Harrington, Birthday) Alter & Rosary Society Meeting, 6:30 PM
Sunday, March 8	Second Sunday of Lent, Mass 11:00 AM (Rose Self) Confirmation in Iowa City



Weekly Collection 2/15/2026

Envelope.....	\$1,571.67
Auto.....	\$293.49
Offertory.....	\$57.00
Catholic Messenger.....	\$30.00
Deacon's Fund.....	\$20.00
Food Bank.....	\$10.00
Newman Center.....	\$10.00

Marguerite Ritzinger Scholarship

Applications for the Marguerite Ritzinger Scholarship of the Diocese of Davenport are being accepted now through February 27, 2026. Catholic individuals who plan to attend a college or university next fall may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. Nontraditional students may apply for the scholarships. The award is named for the late Marguerite Ritzinger, a Sigourney native, who left \$388,770 to the diocese to help with scholarships for seminarians and students attending colleges or universities.

Applications must include an essay, copy of a high school or college transcript and two reference letters. All items must be sent together with the application form, which is available on the diocesan website at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/finance-library>.

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Profit and Loss	
Immaculate Conception	
July 1, 2025-January 31, 2026	
Distribution account	Total
Income	
Total for Income	\$78,939.64
Gross Profit	\$78,939.64
Expenses	
51100 Administration Expense	
Total for 51100 Administration Expense	\$49,929.95
Total for 51600 Liturgy Expense	\$4,403.27
Total for Expenses	\$54,333.22
Net Operating Income	\$24,606.42

The Catholic Messenger offers perspective on issues

For a perspective on issues affecting Catholics today, read The Catholic Messenger. Gain insights on spirituality from Father Ron Rolheiser and our local diocesan and other lay Catholics, clergy and women religious. Be inspired by stories of faith from throughout our diocese. Subscribe to The Catholic

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Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



Communal Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 PM

(two priests will be available)

(Sacred Heart: Sunday March 1, 2:00 PM)

FISH FRY Dinner
Friday's
Feb 20 & 27
March 6, 13, 20 & 27
Serving from 5-6:30 pm
Sacred Heart Church, McCann Center
1115 S 8th Ave E, Newton

Fried OR Baked Fish
Includes baked potato,
Sides and beverage Price: \$12.50
Ages 10 & under: FREE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

Holy Hour for Peace and Justice

Bishop Walsh has asked every parish to have several Holy Hours for Peace and Justice during Lent. As Bishop Walsh states in his letter, "*Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has recommended that our dioceses offer a Holy Hour for Peace and Justice. In light of the extraordinary political upheaval and tension currently fracturing our communities, our families, and even the body of the Church itself, I believe this is not just a recommendation, but a spiritual necessity.*

We find ourselves in a moment where it is increasingly difficult to discern what is true. Our daily lives are inundated with ideological narratives and political theater that often obscure the Gospel. This atmosphere of division breeds mistrust and distance between us."

We will have four Holy Hours for Peace and Justice on February 25 and March 4, 18, and 25, at 6:00 PM.



Lent: A Time of Preparation

CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

We are still in need of liturgical ministers. Please prayerfully consider whether you should minister to your church as a lector (reader), greeter, or server (any age).

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

Called by Name. Next week we will begin the Bishop’s program: Called by Name. Bishop is asking us to pray but also nominate people who we believe might have a calling to the priesthood or concentrated religious life. More next week.

Bishop would like every parish to have a vocations committee. If you would be willing to serve on this committee, please tell Dc. Joe. So far we have two members, Rachel Manley Geneveve Loraditch

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.

Spending time with God’s Holy Word—Scripture

One of the best ways to observe the Holy Season of Lent is by spending more time in prayer with God’s Holy Word—Scripture. A couple of suggestions.

In the gathering space, you will find “The Word Among Us”. This small pamphlet has the daily readings, a daily reflection, as well as several good articles.

Go to the Bishop’s web site, www.uscbb, click on daily readings and the readings of the day will come along with a daily reflection. This is a great way to spend time with scripture.

**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.



First Sunday of Lent

Stewardship Service

“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent living Stewardship and letting go of the other “gods” we have put before God.



<u>February Birthdays</u>	Alex Teed	27	
Shelbee Stier	4	Tim Wilson	27
Thomas Grimm	13		
Tracey Wilson	21		
Marites Smith	25		



February Wedding Anniversaries
Bruce and Mary Jo Stephenson