

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Colfax

Sunday, March 8, 2026
The Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Website: www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com

Our Staff

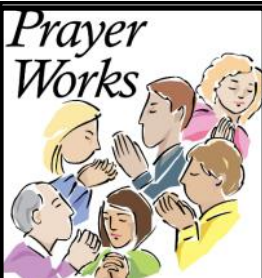
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Prayer Chain

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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Parish E-Mail: imcolfax@msn.com

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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, March 15, 2026

Servers: Irma Bell, Natalie Owens

Reader: Sharon Jones

Greeters: Liz and Dave Birkenholtz

EMHC: Karen VanDusseldorp, Susan Heggen

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Servers: Natalie Owens, Sharon Jones

Reader: Brad Hagarty

Greeters: Joann Carrothers, Phil Webb

EMHC: Linda Barnum, Irma Bell

Church EVENTS

Sunday, March 8	Second Sunday of Lent, Mass 11:00 AM (Rose Self)
Wednesday, March 11	Confirmation in Iowa City
Thursday, March 12	Communal Reconciliation, 6:30 PM Mass 11:30 AM (Michael J Holmes)
Sunday, March 15	Liturgy Committee Meeting, 1:15 PM Third Sunday of Lent. Mass 11:00 AM (Vocations)
Tuesday, March 17	Social Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM
Wednesday, March 18	Holy Hour for Peace, 6:00 PM
Sunday, March 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mass, 11:00 AM Reception for Confirmation youth, 12:00 AM

Have you subscribed to the Catholic Messenger?

Confirmation

Three of our young people are being confirmed in Iowa City March 8th - Aubrey Edgington, Charlee Mosher, and Karlee Simpson. We want to celebrate this important milestone with them. There will be a reception to honor them immediately following Mass next Sunday, March 15th.



Online Giving
THROUGH
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Weekly Collection 3/1/2026

Envelope.....	\$1760.00
Auto.....	\$542.00
Offertory.....	\$81.00
Food Bank.....	\$5.00

Communal Reconciliation Service



Wednesday, March 11

6:30 PM

(two priests will be available)

Called by Name

All the parishes of the Diocese of Davenport are participating in Called by Name, a program of vocations awareness that begins this weekend.

- This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.
- Perhaps you know a man or woman (sophomore in high school and older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest, sister, or brother.
- Please recommend this person by filling out the response card found in church. Place the completed card in the box on the table in the gathering space.

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

Join Us For a Little Irish Food and Fellowship!

You are Invited to

MULLIGAN STEW

SUN., MARCH 22ND

12:00-1:30 P.M.
Immaculate Conception Church
302 E. Howard St., Colfax

Meal Includes:
Stew, Salad, Soda Bread, Drink, & Dessert

Cost: Freewill Offering

To-Go Containers Available

For more information,
call Karen at (315) 669-0529

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. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.



Nourishing Futures in Guatemala

In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.



Help Needed for Mulligan Stew Lunch

This annual event is actually a church wide project that needs lots of helpers. Please consider working, donating food or both. There are sign up sheets in the gathering space. And finally, please come for wonderful food and fellowship. It's always a good time.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will visit IMCC again this year leaving lots of candy filled eggs for the children. However, he needs a little help. He has plenty of eggs but donations of individually wrapped candy would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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).



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.



<u>March Birthdays</u>			
Olivia Bell	4	Kyle Wood	18
Grace Brown	5	Miguel Miranda	27
Adrik Osterhause	9	Joe Dvorak	28
Peggy Dvorak	15	Vince Sitzman	30
Santo Miranda	18	Rose Manley	31
James Webb	18		

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!



Third Sunday of Lent

God-Centered Stewards

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we as His Stewards become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."



March Wedding Anniversaries

Mike and Shelly Wood 9