Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Colfax

Sunday, November 15, 2026
The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Website: www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com

Our Staff

Rev. Louis Hammond, Pastor, hammondl@diodav.org (563-200-4424)
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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

Prayers Needed For

Diane Wood
Carol Swift
David Shepley, son of Deloris Shepley
Dody Braun
George Ernst
Bruce and Mary Jo Stephenson,
Michael John Nelson
JoAnn Bessler, sister of Karen Van Dusseldorp
Betty Werner, Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother
Jaden Overton
Melanie & Chuck Overton, Cousin of Jackie George
Anthony Toigo, Friend of Gordon Jones
Kristen Yoakum daughter of Lori Yoakum
Vicki Wheatcraft



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Mass Schedule

Sunday, 11:00 AM and Thursday, 11:30
Confessions, Sacred Heart, Newton, 3:30, Saturday

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

Immaculate Conception currently offers Faith Formation classes for children ages 15 months - 6 years, as well as First Communion and Confirmation preparation. We plan to expand our program in the near future. Religious Education classes for other ages are held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newton. Contact Rachel Manley at mrs.manley@gmail.com for more information or to register.

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, November 22
Servers: Irma Bell, Natalie Owens
Reader: Scott Spry
Greeters: Shelbee Stier, Karen VanDusseldorp
EMHC: Linda Barnum, Sharon Jones

Sunday, November 29
Servers: Titus Loraditch, Justice Loraditch
Reader: Felicity Loraditch
Greeters: Liz and Dave Birkenholtz
EMHC: Joann Carrothers Claire Williams

Church EVENTS

Sunday, November 15	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass at 11:00 AM (Jeannette Weldon)
	Rosary recited, 10:40 AM
Thursday, November 19	Mass, 11:30 AM (Dan Newton)
	Finance Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
Friday, November 20	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 AM
Sunday, November 22	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Mass at 11:00 (Darrell Holder)
Sunday, November 29	The First Sunday of Advent, mass at 11:00 AM (Vocations)



Weekly Collection 11/08/2026

Envelope ***$2,140.00***
Auto ***$213.20***
Offertory ***$30.25***
Food Bank ***$5.00***
Archdiocese of the Military ***110.00***

Knights of Columbus Council 2663
Holiday Community Bingo Events 2026

November 21st

from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
in the McCann Center



Turkeys, Hams, Prizes & Fun!

OUR FAITH Our Future
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2026

Support OUR MISSION

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 $15,516.00 towards our goal of $17,276.00. We are now 89.21% toward our parish goal. There have been 31 gifts with an average of $500.00

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.

MARRIED COUPLES - WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend which is February 12-14 in Dubuque, IA. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! For more information call Greg and Denise at 563 -920-9419 or register at wwme.org.

Online Giving THROUGH VANCO FAITH

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).

Immaculate Conception
Profit and Loss
July-October, 2026

	Total
Income	
Total for 41010 Ordinary Income	$38,068.06
Total for 41030 Auxiliary Income	$705.00
Total for 41070 Investments & Bequest	$110.00
Total Income	$38,883.06
Expenses	
Total for 51100 Administration Expense	$28,385.21
Total for 51400 Faith Formation Expense	$875.44
Total for 51500 Social Action Expense	$100.00
Total for 51600 Liturgy Expense	$2,781.67
Total Expenses	$32,142.32
Net Operating Income	$6,740.74

SURVEY IS LIVE

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is live!

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The first step in this process is to assess our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Immaculate Conception.

Take the DMI survey today. https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/d053aa (copy address and paste in browser)

- Your input helps strengthen our parish.
- Results help leadership prepare for the future.
- A report of the findings will be shared in January

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located on the table in the gathering space. To submit the completed paper survey, please place it in a sealed envelope and drop it off with Shelly at the rectory or at the parish or place it in the collection basket marked " Survey". The more paper copies we turn in, the longer it will be before we have results. So, we are encouraging you to please complete it online if possible. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me.

At Immaculate Conception, we are blessed in so many ways. Together, we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship.

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.



The Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate prayerfully and generously. Thank you.

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!



Coats and Winter Gear Wanted

If you have any new or gently used coats or winter gear (boots, snow pants, hats, gloves, mittens for babies, children and adults) that you would like to donate, the Social Action Commission will have a drop box available for them in the gathering space. The clothing will be donated 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 have any questions, please call Tracy Spry at (515) 971-2292.



The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faithful Stewardship

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." -MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us through stewardship to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. If the abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Davenport at 563-349-5002 or vac@diodav.org.



November Birthdays

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

Members of Immaculate Conception

Thank you for your donation of $650.00 to Ruth Harbor Ministries. Your gift helps give our moms a chance to rewrite their story. One such mom recently arrived at Ruth Harbor with two bags and a baby on the way. She had nowhere else to go and no one to call, but she did have a referral to a house in Des Moines where she heard she and her baby would be safe.

The skepticism she initially had quickly faded as she settled into the rhythms of the home. When her son was born, it was into a home, not a crisis. She was in a room that was hers, surrounded by women who were rooting for her. Even during bouts of postpartum depression, her team encouraged her. She now gets to watch her son grow and develop and build a life she once thought impossible.

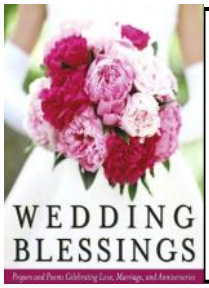
Her story isn't finished, and that's the point. Some days are hard. Some weeks feel like two steps forward and one step back. But she's not alone anymore, and she knows it. She's still writing her story, one day at a time, with the help of a community that refuses to give up on her.

Your investment in Ruth Harbor made this chapter possible. The next chapter is being written right now. Thank you for your generosity, which is helping to write that chapter.

Sincerely,
Chris Eller
Executive Director
Ruth Harbor Ministries

Prayer for Fr. Hammond

Heavenly Father, I place Father Louis into your hands today. Please watch over him as he travels, and keep him safe from all harm. Surround him with your angels to guard every mile of the way, whether by road, air, or sea. Grant him alertness, clear weather, and a smooth journey. Calm any anxious thoughts, and bring him safely to his destination and back home again. Make the process of getting his visa renewed go smoothly and quickly. In Jesus name. Amen



November Wedding Anniversaries

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