Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Colfax

Sunday, November 22, 2026
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Parish Website: www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.com

Our Staff

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Our Organization Chairs

Pastoral Council, Natalie Owens, 720.939.2294
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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 29
Servers: Titus Loraditch, Justice Loraditch
Reader: Felicity Loraditch
Greeters: Liz and Dave Birkenholtz
EMHC: Joann Carrothers, Claire Williams

Sunday, December 6
Servers: Leo Manley, Fulton Manley
Reader: Brad Hagarty
Greeters: Mary Dell and Ed Flattery
EMHC: Linda Barnum, Marcia Grimm

Church EVENTS

Sunday, November 22	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Mass at 11:00 (Darrell Holder)
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving, No Mass
Sunday, November 29	The First Sunday of Advent, mass at 11:00 AM (Vocations)
Monday, November 30	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:00 PM
	Dead Theologians Society, Youth Group, 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 3	Mass, 11:30 AM (Abe Manley and his vocational journey)
	Altar & Rosary Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
Friday, December 4	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:00 AM
Sunday, December 6	Second Sunday of Advent, Mass 11:00 AM (Jim and Betty Clarke)

OUR FAITH Our Future
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2026

Support OUR MISSION

Almost There

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 $17266.00 towards our goal of $17,276.00. We are now 99.94 toward our parish goal. There have been 34 gifts with an average of $507.82

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.

Any gifts above our goal will be returned to the parish.

Christmas Adopt-A-Family

The Trees with the ornaments for Adopt-A-Family are in the gathering space. Please take an ornament, obtain the gift, and return it by the due date. Thank you for your support of this important project.

Online Giving THROUGH VANCO FAITH



Weekly Collection 11/15/2026

Envelope	*$6,411.67*
Auto	*$313.49*
Offertory	*$52.00*
Food Bank	*$5.00*
Archdiocese of the Military	*$50.00*
Deacon Fund	*$15.00*

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.

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

Income	
Total for 41010 Ordinary Income	$38,188.26
Total for 41030 Auxiliary Income	$705.00
Total for 41070 Investments & Bequest	$110.00
Total Income	$39,003.26
Expenses	
51100 Administration Expense	
Total for 51100 Administration Expense	$25,370.26
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	$29,127.37
Net Income	$9,875.89

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

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit **www.usccb.org/nationalcollections** and click "How to Give" under "Resources."







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.



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Faithful Generosity

"…whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real stewardship generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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

Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

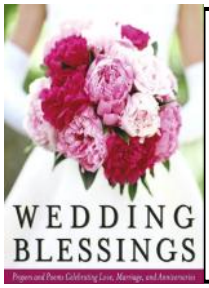
O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.

— Samuel F. Pugh



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