

# Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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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 imcolfax@msn.com, 2) Email Fr. Ron at hodgesr@diodav.org, or 3) Call the parish



**Diane Wood**  
**Carol Swift**  
**David Shepley**, son of Deloris Shepley, Cancer  
**Raegan Lester**: niece of Tracey Wilson, Cancer  
**Leland Braun**: husband of Dody Braun, Good Health  
**George Ernst**

**Jamie Coady**, cousin of Fr. Ron, cancer  
**Peggy Lester**, sister of Tracey Wilson, Cancer  
**Bruce (Dementia) and Mary Jo (Continued Health) Stephenson**,  
**Michelle Rebelsky**, friend and former parishioner of Fr. Ron, Cancer  
**Matt Bell**, son of Irma Bell, Recovery from Infection  
**Michael John Holmes**, husband of Michelle Holmes, Cancer  
**Michael John Nelson**  
**Terry Hilker**, husband of Lori Colister Hilker  
**David McDowell**, former parishioner of Fr. Ron, lymphoma  
**JoAnn Bessler**, sister of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer  
**Jen Scheetz**, cousin of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer  
**Suzie Hansen**, former parishioner of Fr. Ron, colon cancer  
**Baby Grace Parker**, newborn granddaughter of Ed and Kathleen Parker  
**Betty Werner**, Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother  
**Mary Ellen VanDusseldorp**, Karen VanDusseldorp's Mother-in-Law

## **Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax**

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515.674.3711

Parish E-Mail: imcolfax@msn.com

Parish Website: immaculateconceptioncolfax.org

Parish Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Colfax

## Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM

**NO MASS ON MONDAY**

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 AM

Confessions by appointment, call 515-674-3711

## 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. 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.org](http://www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org) and on our Facebook page. A

## 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, May 5, 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Greeters:** Karen VD, Linda Barnum

**Servers:** Irma Bell

**Readers:** Sharon Jones

Giovanna Rodriguez

**Gift Bearers:** Flattery Family

**EMHC:** Claire Williams

Joann Carrothers






  
**WOMEN 0-100 YRS.:**  
 YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
**May Breakfast**  
*Theme: Road Trip to Iowa Adventure*



**Sat, May 4th**  
10:00 a.m.



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## The Christian Pilgrim

*Pilgrimage to France*

**with Fr. Marty Goetz**

*Including Lourdes, Lisieux, Normandy Beaches, and Mont-Saint Michel, and Paris*

**September 30-October 11, 2024**



For More Information contact:  
Ceci Triska

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Phone-979-543-8575





### Landscaping Project Update

Our project will begin this spring, exact date TBD.

Have you had an opportunity to support the project? If not, there's still time.

Please put our contribution in an envelope marked "Landscaping Project" or use the Capital Improvement envelope in your packet. Just put it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your support.



# IN LOVING Memory

### April Wedding Anniversaries

David and Mary  
May 4/20

### April Baptismal Birthdays

Casey Leiker 4/13  
Beau Webb 4/20  
Kyle Wood 4/27

### April Birthdays

Kelly Mosher 4/2  
Karlee Simpson 4/2  
Jean Chapman 4/4  
Eli Osterhaus 4/5  
Logan Aller 4/12  
Mackensie Brown 4/19  
Kristen Yoakum 4/22  
Zachery Yoakum 4/22  
Ashley Osterhaus 4/23  
Lindsey Porter 4/26  
Macie Porter 4/27  
Mary May 4/30  
Dave Shepley 4/30

In recent months, parishioners have asked what may be done, for the parish, in the way of memorial gifts given in memory of loved ones. After some thought we've composed a list of idea.

1. Due to some deaths and canceled pledges fulfilling our capital campaign pledges is going to fall \$3,200 short. A gift to decrease or eliminate that shortfall could be given.
2. A gift could be given toward the completion of the landscaping project.
3. Our holy water bucket and aspergillum need to be replaced.
4. We have a number of candlesticks and candelabra that need to be replated.
5. Our white cope and humeral veil need to be replaced. A good deal of the color of the applique is gone and the stains around the neckline no longer come out.

As much as we need funds to operate the parish we need people to fill the needed liturgical roles in the liturgy.

- We have 3 altar servers that serve most of the time. Two of them are over 70.
- We have 6 readers
- We have 5 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- We need 19 ministers each Mass not counting the priest, deacon, and choir.

We need your help. We don't really have the luxury of "retiring" from ministry. S T R E T C H yourself. It's entirely possible you find a gift or talent you didn't even know you had!

## **We Need Liturgical Ministers, please help!**

### Note Regarding the July 1 Transitions

Hi everyone. Hey, there has been, understandably, conversations about what will happen when I leave and when Fr. Goetz arrives. Hopefully, to put your minds at ease, I want to let you know that there have been no decisions made about anything at this point. When decisions are made, the pastoral council will be part of the conversations. So, for now, relax and be patient and enjoy the spring. Fr. Ron

Future items:

1. Installation of a hearing loop system might be useful as our parish continues to age
2. At some point we will need to look at the stabilization of our stained glass windows.
3. It would be nice to have an automated bell ringing system like the Baptists have.

These are just some things we've thought about as a starting place. If you are interested in providing a memorial for a loved one and have other ideas, please speak to Fr. Ron.

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# A Church that Listens

I hope you remember the Synodal Process that His Holiness, Pope Francis inaugurated in 2021. As a diocese and a Church we are still working on addressing what was heard.

In our diocese three initiatives were identified when all of the discussions were synthesized.. The initiatives identified were 1) Welcoming and Belonging, 2) Youth and Family Engagement, and 3) Church teaching

Parishes have been focusing on Welcoming and Belonging initiatives during the past year. This year we will focus on Youth and Family Engagement initiatives. We are looking for 2 people to head up the coordination of our activities. Last year, Sharon Jones and Kathleen Parker coordinated our welcoming and belonging activities.

**From the Diocese:**

This June, we will gather to commence our second year in our synodal process, focusing on youth and family engagement. The diocesan-wide Synodal Summit will be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2024, at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City**. Once again, we ask that each parish and school identify three representatives from their community to participate. Cluster parishes may want to collaborate and share representa-

# Pastoral Council Meeting

## April 25, 2024

**Attendees:** Tom Wilson, Natalie Owen, Karen Van Dusseldorp, Peggy Dvorak, Deacon Joe Dvorak, Sharon Jones, Father Ron Hodges, Dave Birkenholtz, Brad Hagarty, Mary Dell Flattery, Giovanna Rodriguez, Marcia Grimm.

Opening prayer by President, Tom Wilson

**AGENDA:** Brad Hagarty made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Peggy Dvorak. Motion approved.

Father Marty Goetz was invited to attend but was ill and will plan to attend the May meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Father's mic: Batteries have been obtained, works well.

High School Council Members: Father spoke with Delilah Miranda. She agreed to join.

Landscaping: Garden Gate will call us one week before start.

Parish Constitution: Father Ron will send out for review.

Flock Notes: Keep on the Agenda.

Welcoming & Belonging Committee: Didn't meet.

Parish Website: Giovanna prepared a video presentation on the work she's done so far. All agreed it looks very nice. Committee Chairs are to get information to Giovanna by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

All Committee Reports will be sent to Tom Wilson 4 or 5 days ahead of the Council meeting so he can forward them for review with the Agenda.

Worship & Spirituality: No meeting.

Social Action: No meeting.

Building & Grounds: Karen said the water heater had been installed April 24<sup>th</sup>. May 16 Midwest Foundation will fix the sunken area of the front entrance walk.

Altar & Rosary: The Women's May Breakfast is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Four local churches were invited and will participate.

**NEXT MEETING:** will be Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with Marcia Grimm's closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Grimm, Secretary

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 28, 2024—MAY 4, 2024

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 9:26-31; 1 JOHN 3:18-24; JOHN 15:1-8

- 9:00 AM (*PRO POPULO*)

### MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

#### MEMORIAL: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOTC

ACTS 14:5-18; JOHN 14:21-26

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

#### EASTER WEEKDAY (5)

ACTS 14:19-28; JOHN 14:27-31A

- 8:00 AM, (+*RICHARD ERICKSON BY LINDA ERICKSON*)

### Wednesday, MAY 1, 2024

#### MEMORIAL: ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

ACTS 15:1-6; JOHN 15:9-11

- 8:00 AM (+*TIMOTHY SHEAFF BY THE MANLEY FAMILY*)

### THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

NO MASS

#### MEMORIAL: ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOTC

ACTS 15:7-21; JOHN 15:9-11

### FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

NO MASS

#### FEAST: SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8; JOHN 14:6-14

### SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

#### EASTER WEEKDAY (5)

ACTS 16:1-10; JOHN 15:18-21

### SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 10:25-26; 1 JOHN 4:7-10; JOHN 15:9-17

- 9:00 AM

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28	5th Sunday of Easter, 9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 30	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 1	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Thursday, May 2	NO DAILY MASS Altar and Rosary Meeting, 6:30 PM
Friday, May 3	NO DAILY MASS
Saturday, May 4	Women's Breakfast
Sunday, May 5	6th Sunday of Easter, 9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
Tuesday, May 7	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 8	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Thursday, May 9	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Friday, May 10	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Sunday, May 12	Ascension of the Lord 9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 14	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM Liturgy Commission, 2:00 PM
Wednesday, May 15	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Thursday, May 16	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Friday, May 17	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM
Sunday, May 19	Pentecost, 9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 21	Daily Mass, 8:00 AM Social Action, 6:30 PM



## CHURCH COUNCIL

Leadership Team	Elected Members	Commission Chairs
Tom Wilson President	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Term, 1<sup>st</sup> Year,</u> Natalie Owens (3) Tom Wilson (3)	<u>Altar &amp; Rosary</u> Peggy Dvorak
Natalie Owen Vice President	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Term, 1<sup>st</sup> Year</u> Marcia Grimm (2) Giovanna Rodriguez (2)	<u>Buildings &amp; Grounds</u> Karen VanDusseldorp
Marcia Grimm Secretary	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Term, 1<sup>st</sup> Year</u> David Birkenholtz (1)	<u>Faith Formation</u> <u>Finance Council</u> Brad Hagarty
<b>Ex-Officio</b> Fr. Ron Hodges Deacon Joe Dvorak	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Term, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year</u> Mary Dell Flattery	<u>Social Action</u> Tracy Spry <u>Technology</u> <u>Liturgy</u> Sharon Jones <u>Youth Representative</u> Delilah Miranda

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