

Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

**Sunday, April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

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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.



Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Greeters: Sitzmann Family
Servers: Rylan Edgington
Aubrey Edgington
Readers: Giovanna Rodriguez
Ed Parker
Gift Bearers: Edgington Family
EMHC: Claire Williams
Linda Barnum

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Greeters: Irma Bell
Shelbee Steir
Servers: Sharon Jones
Readers: Brad Hagarty
Linda Barnum
Gift Bearers: Birkenholtz Family
EMHC: Joann Carrothers



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
Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother
Karen Van Dusseldorp's Mother-in-Law

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Bookkeeper, Lisa Bussan's Mother

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 7, 2024—APRIL 13, 2024

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

ACTS 4:32-35; 1 JOHN 5:1-6; JOHN 20:19-31

- 9:00 AM (PRO POPULO)

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

THE ANNUNCIATION, TRANSFERRED

ISAIAH 7:10-14, 8:10; HEBREW 10:4-10; LUKE 1:26-38

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

EASTER WEEKDAY

ACTS 4:32-37; JOHN 3:7B-15

- 8:00 AM, (+RICHARD ERICKSON)

Wednesday, APRIL 10, 2024

EASTER WEEKDAY

ACTS 5:17-26; JOHN 3:16-21

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

MEMORIAL; ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

ACTS 5:27-33; JOHN 3:31-364

- 8:00 AM (+SARA CAMBAGE BY GORDON AND SHARON JONES)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

EASTER WEEKDAY

ACTS 5:34-42; JOHN 6:1-15

- 8:00 AM (MICHAEL J. HOLMES BY MARY HOLMES)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

EASTER WEEKDAY

ACTS 6:1-7; JOHN 6:16-21

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 JOHN 2:1-5A; JOHN 6:22-29

- 9:00 AM (PRO POPULO)



Charlene Montgomery, 74, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2024. She was born on June 14, 1949, the daughter of Theodore and Alberta Strange.

Charlene worked for KVI, which became Marsh McLennan and retired from there after more than 20 years of faithful service. She loved bowling, crafting, quilting, baking and camping. But above all else, she treasured time spent with her family and friends.

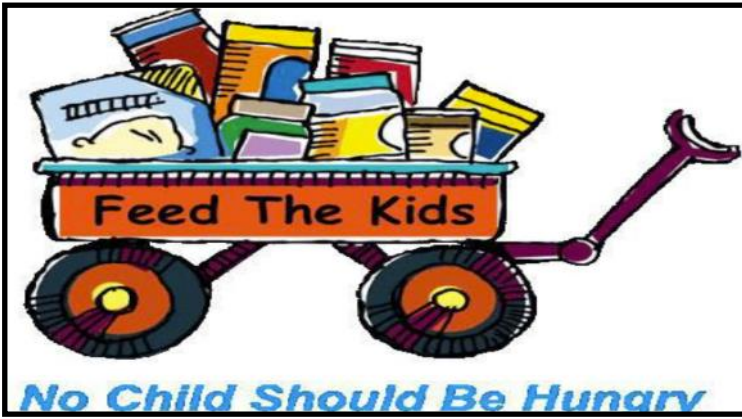
Charlene is survived by her children, Theresa Reiter, David Kinney, Lisa (Robb) Bussan, and Rebecca (William) Matzdorff; grandchildren, Jonathan (Abigail) Montgomery, Daniel Reiter, Michael Reiter, Mackenzie Bussan, Savanna Reiter, Mark Bussan and 3 great grandchildren, as well as other loving family and friends.

Family will greet guests on Sunday, April 7, 2024 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens, 121 NW 60th Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Following visitation there will be a funeral service at 2:00 p.m., at the funeral home.

A private family burial will take place at Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, Iowa along side her husband, Michael at a later date. Condolences may be expressed online at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.

Leadership Team	Elected Members	Commission Chairs
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WOMEN 0-100 YRS.:
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

May Breakfast
Theme: Road Trip to Iowa Adventure

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

Immaculate Conception Church
305 E. Howard St., Colfax, IA 50054

Fellowship, food, friends, and fun!
Bring the special girls and women in your life!

Sign up today! Remember: the event is free!
For more information, call Joann at 641-781-9210.

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9. _____	19. _____
10. _____	20. _____



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

email ceci.triska@gmail.com

Phone-979-543-8575

St. Joseph University Parish

Please return your Rice Bowls by Sunday, 4/7. A basket will be by the font.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



Thank-you to our confirmation class and their families for the delicious soup supper they hosted prior to our Tenebrae Service. It was well done and tasty!

St. Patrick Church - Ottumwa Presents:

Liturgical Sewing Workshop

Sat. April 13, 9:00am - 3:00pm

\$10 registration fee includes lunch & all necessary sewing materials.

Registration due April 6, fee paid at door.

Come learn how to use your talents & creativity to beautify our parishes & glorify the Lord!



For questions or to register, please call

Mary Perry: 641-208-6028 or

Mary Bright Hingst: 641-654-1160

222 N. Ward Street, Ottumwa, IA 52501

Liturgical Sewing Workshop: St. Patrick - Ottumwa

Looking for a way to beautify your parish? Want to express your creativity in a spiritual way? Have sewing talents you want to share with others?

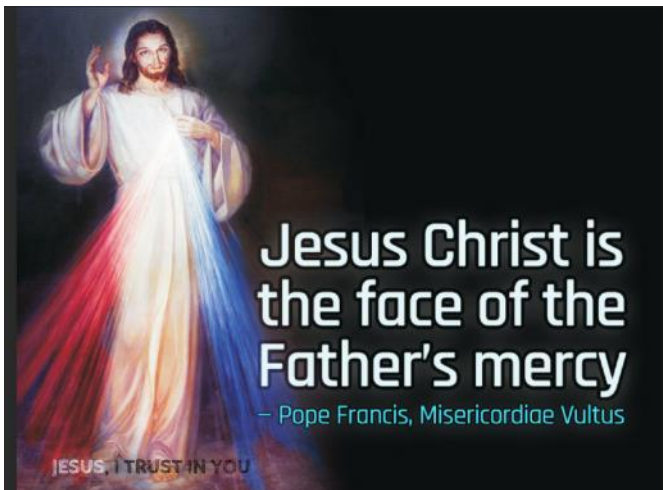
Then check out the Liturgical Sewing Workshop on

Saturday, April 13 at St. Patrick Catholic Church (222 N. Ward Street, Ottumwa, IA 52501) from 9:00am—3:00pm!

At this workshop, you will learn about the different kinds of church linens/decorations and the basic principles of liturgical design (materials, colors, techniques, etc.) To help you learn, we will also be making one of the most simple, but most important, of all church linens: the purificator.

Lunch and all necessary sewing materials will be provided, for a \$10 registration fee.

If you have questions or want to register for the workshop, please call Mary Perry at 641-208-6028 or Mary Bright Hingst at 641-954-1160. Registration is due by April 6 and all fees can be paid at the door.



**Divine Mercy Sunday
Celebrations
Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Ottumwa Deanery Celebration
St. Mary, Centerville
1:30-3:00 PM
Adoration, Prayers, and Confessions

St. Mary, Sigourney
2:00 PM Adoration and Confessions
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



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.



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



Appreciation Dinner

Good afternoon all Newton and Colfax Knights of Columbus members #2663. The Sacred Heart Stewardship committee is putting on an Appreciation Dinner for all of us Knights on April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in McCann Center. The stewardship commission and students will serve us dinner. This is a great time to get together, get to know our fellow knights and remember why we are here: to serve the Lord. They need an RSVP by April 10th. Please let Michelle Miller know if you will be attending. Please bring your wife or girlfriend.

We hope to fill the center that night. Casual dress. Let us know if you have any questions. Michelle's RSVP address is shcstewardship@gmail.com. Questions can be left there as well.

Upcoming Meeting

This is your friendly reminder that we will be having our next Knights of Columbus meeting April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in McCann Center. Tanner Richards is the KofC Insurance Agent assigned to our council and area. He will be at the meeting if you would like to talk to him during or after the meeting is concluded. His contact information is tanner.richards@kofc.org and his phone number is 319-651-5184.

Come to the meeting and hear about the success of our recent fish fries. Even if you cannot make the meetings regularly, we would love to see you there and get input into other projects we have for the upcoming year. The success of our Knight's council is all dependent on the strength of our entire membership. Come help to spread God's word. Even if you can only work on one project all year long, you will be part of our overall success. Remember, your kids and grandkids are invited to help with all projects, and this is a chance for all of us to spread His word with our family.

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DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
INTERNSHIP

ARE YOU CATHOLIC?

INTERESTED IN FIGHTING POVERTY?

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

- Provides grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of empowered poor persons who are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities.
- Works to increase Catholics' awareness of poverty in the U.S., educates about Catholic social tradition, and builds bridges between poor and non-poor communities.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2024
[CCHD Intern Application Form 2024-2025](#)

Who? Any U.S. Catholic with an interest in solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic Social Teaching. Spanish-speaking preferred but not required.

What? Intern will work with one local CCHD funded group: Quad Cities Interfaith, Davenport, Center for Worker Justice, Iowa City, Escucha Mi Voz, Iowa City. Tasks will vary but may include: parish education, training and outreach, letter and article writing, research, and developing relationships with community organizations and the Hispanic Community. The internship is 16-20 flexible hours per week for 24 weeks during the school year paid at \$17/hr.

When? 2024/2025 school year. Intern must be able to attend the National CCHD training in DC **May 29-May 31, 2024**. (all expenses paid)

Where to apply? <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/cchd-internship-opportunities>

2023/2024 INTERN

Julissa Govea, is the 2023/2024 CCHD intern. She is a student at the University of Iowa, majoring in Political Science. Julissa is fluent in Spanish, she will be working with the [Center for Worker Justice of Easter Iowa](#). She helps in the department of wage theft and has participated in successfully resolved wage theft cases.

For more information contact: Deacon Kent Ferris Tel 563-888-4211
Email: ferris@davenportdiocese.org OR querrero@davenportdiocese.org

Mail your Application to:
Diocese of Davenport 780 West Central Park, Davenport IA 52804-1901

IN LOVING Memory

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.

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.

We Need Liturgical Ministers, please help!

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 your didn't even know you had!

Answer, YES, when asked!

*St. Mary's Catholic Church, Centerville and
St. Patrick's, Melrose are pleased to present*

In Concert
**Steve Angrisano
and
Francesca La Rosa**



3pm, Sunday, April 21, 2024

*Simon Estes Auditorium
Centerville*

*An afternoon of music, faith sharing and
entertainment for Youth and Family. All are invited.
Visit: stmaryscenterville.org for more information.*

Tickets: \$10 each

*For Tickets:
visit: stmaryscenterville.org*

call: St. Mary's, 641-437-1984

or scan the QR code



Group ticket available - Call St. Mary's



Announcement

Per the Priest Personnel Board of the Diocese of Davenport, I am being relieved as pastor of Immaculate Conception, Colfax, and being assigned as parish administrator to St. Mary Parish, Centerville, and St. Patrick, Melrose, effective Monday, July 1, 2024.

The Congregation of the Precious Blood Fathers are being recalled from the diocese. They have been staffing five parishes in southern Iowa for about 70 years, so, there is quite a lot of shifting around this summer to cover their departure and to cover the regular retirements that happen each year. A complete list of transfers will be printed in the Catholic Messenger next week, April 11.

Fr. Marty Goetz, while remaining pastor of Sacred Heart, Newton, will be assigned parish administrator of Immaculate Conception, Colfax. There will be several details that will need to be worked out over the next few months including, Mass times, possibility of combining religious education programs, and others.

Transfers always come as a shock to everyone, no less for me when I was informed of the transfer. Please pray for an uneventful transition and for the blessing and success of the clergy who are facing moves this summer.

Easter Blessings!
Fr. Ron

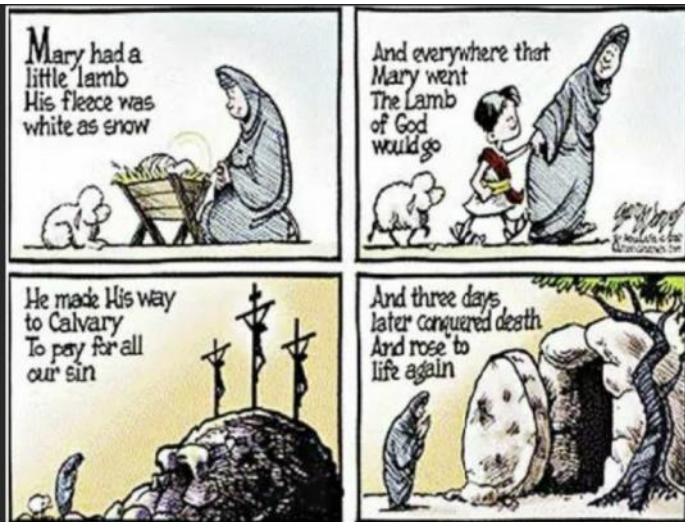


Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Altar & Rosary Society

Palm Sunday. Sharon Jones hiding behind the Fan Palm



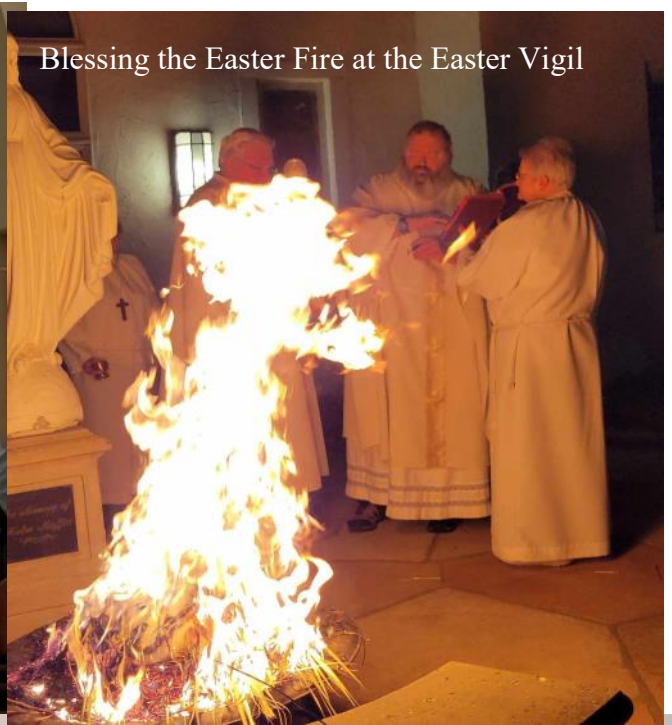
Again, a huge thank-you to all of the ministers—servers, readers, decorators, planners, singers, musicians, cantors, Easter bunnies, and everyone who worked to make Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter such a wonderful experience! It takes many, many hands to make our liturgies flow smoothly. And thank-you to our parishioners who were at church celebrating with us. All this goes together to make Church



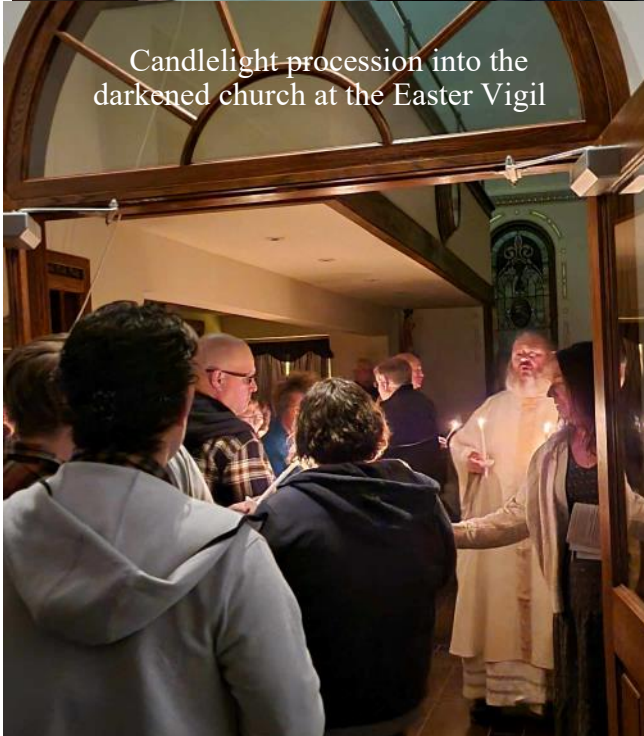
Tenebrae Service



Blessing the Easter Fire at the Easter Vigil



Candlelight procession into the darkened church at the Easter Vigil



Proclamation of God's Word at the Easter Vigil



A photo from the choir loft on Easter Sunday

