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First Sunday of Lent

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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



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

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Peggy Lester, sister of Tracey Wilson, Cancer
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Michelle Rebelsky, friend and former parishioner of Fr. Ron, Cancer
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Michael John Holmes, husband of Michelle Holmes, Cancer
Charlene Montgomery, mother of Lisa Bussan, suffering a fall
Michael John Nelson
Terry Hilker, husband of Lori Colister Hilker
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JoAnn Bessler, sister of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer
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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.

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 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, February 25, 2024, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Dave and Liz Birkenholtz

Servers: Ryan Braun
Delilah Miranda

Readers: Brad Hagarty
Linda Barnum

Gift Bearers: Ed and Mary Dell Flattery

EMHC: Susan Heggen
Karen VanDusseldorp

UPCOMING EVENTS



MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 18 2024—FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GENESIS 9:8-15; 1 PETER 3:18-22; MARK 1:12-15

- 9:00AM (+*PRO POPULO*)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

LENTEN WEEKDAY (1)

LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 11-18; MATTHEW 25:31-46

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

LENTEN WEEKDAY (1)

ISAIAH 55:10-11; MATTHEW 6:7-15

- 8:00 AM (+*NORBERT AND BETTY JENN BY TIM AND TRACY WILSON*)

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

MEMORIAL: ST. PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND DOTC

JONAH 3:1-10; LUKE 11:29-32

- 8:00 AM (+*CINDY DITMER BY CHRISTY DAMON*)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 NO MASS

FEAST: THE CHAIR OF THE APOSTLE PETER

1 PETER 5:1-4; MATTHEW 16:13-19

- 8:00 AM (+*MAGGIE CLARK, BY MARY JO HOSTETTER*)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 NO MASS

MEMORIAL: ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

EZEKIEL 18:21-28; MATTHEW 5:20-26

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

DEUTERONOMY 26:16-19; MATTHEW 5:43-48

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GENESIS 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18; ROMANS 8:31B-34; MARK 9:2-10



Sunday, Feb. 18	First Sunday of Lent, 9:00 AM
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Social Action, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 21	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Religious Ed, 6:15 PM
Thursday, Feb. 22	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Pastoral Council, 6:00 PM
Friday, Feb. 23	NO Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Adoration & Benediction 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM Soup Supper following Stations
Sunday, Feb. 25	Second Sunday of Lent, 9:00 AM
Tuesday, Feb. 27	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM
Wednesday, Feb. 28	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Religious Ed. 6:15 PM
Thursday, Feb. 29	LEAP YEAR DAY! Daily Mass: 8:00 AM
Friday, March 1	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Adoration & Benediction 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM Soup Supper following Stations
Sunday, March 3	Third Sunday of Lent, 9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 5	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM
Wednesday, March 6	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Religious Ed. 6:15 PM
Thursday, March 7	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM



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		Sharon Jones

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THROUGH
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Pilgrimage to France

with Fr. Marty Goetz

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

September 30-October 11, 2024



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The Colfax-Mingo Food Pantry could use your help!
Client numbers are up.

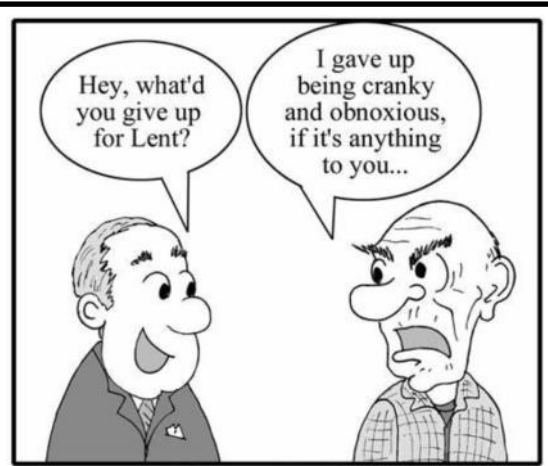
Please bring your donations of food and personal items and place them in the container in the gathering space.

If you prefer to offer a monetary donation, please put them in the collection basket or send checks payable to the Colfax-Mingo Food Pantry at P.O. Box 33,

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE:
Come along Nov. 4-14, 2024, to some of the most beautiful sites in all of France. We'll visit the holy Shrine of Lourdes, the home of St. Martin of Tours, the grand Chartres Cathedral, the monastery of Mont St. Michel, Normandy Beach along with both an American Cemetery and a German Cemetery, the home of St. Therese the Little Flower in Lisieux and the wonderful city of Paris! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email fdanguenther@gmail.com Fr. Guenther has been leading these pilgrimages for over 25 years!

The Catholic Messenger

As reported elsewhere in this publication, The Catholic Messenger annual subscription drive is underway. We have recently made our second \$1,800+ payment, for a total of over \$3,600. It has been the policy of our diocesan bishops to mandate that all households in the diocese receive a copy of the Messenger, regardless if they subscribe to the paper or not. The parish is responsible for the tab. We would ask that you use the envelope in your packet, or envelopes or your own envelope to mail your subscription to The Catholic Messenger, thus offsetting what the parish must pay.





February Birthdays
 Camilla Schlosser 4
 Jena Teed 5
 Shelbee Stier 6
 Aiden Heggen 8
 Sarah Porter 8
 Brian Aller 12
 Thomas Grimm 13
 Chuck Henkenius 13
 Mary George 14
 Allison Birkenholtz 18
 Katie Henkenius 19
 Tracy Wilson 21
 Alex Teed 27
 Tim Wilson 27
 Richard Kollasch 28

February Wedding Anniversaries
 Bruce and Mary Jo Stephenson 2/11
 Richard and Karen Kollasch 2/14

February Baptismal Birthdays
 Brandon Dille 2/2
 Kaylee Westphal 2/2
 Kevin Parker 2/6
 Sidney Shaver 2/6
 Kaden Dalton 2/12
 Konner Dalton 2/12
 Charlee Mosher 2/14
 Easton Webb 2/15
 Aiden Muck 2/16



Recently, there have been some issues with withdrawals made by ACH in the accounts of our weekly contributors. We believe these issues are now resolved. This did not affect our monthly givers. If you notice problems please let the office know.

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Newton parish gives back 'for the many blessings God gives us.'

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THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER
 Dec. 21, 2023

ARE YOU PREPARING FOR LENT? Because it's Here!



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.

Lenten Reconciliation Service



Ottumwa Deanery Communal Penance Services

Feb. 25 St. Mary, Albia, 4pm
 Mar. 3 St. Patrick, Brooklyn, 3 pm
 Mar. 3 St. Mary, Grinnell, 6:30 pm
 Mar. 10 Sacred Heart, Melcher, 2 pm
 Mar. 10 St. Anthony, Knoxville, 4 pm
 Mar. 11 St. Mary, Pella, 6:30 pm
 Mar. 17 Sacred Heart, Newton, 2 pm
 Mar. 19 St. Mary, Oskaloosa, 6:30 pm

Immaculate Conception, Colfax, will not have a communal penance, but will have expanded hours/days for individual reconciliation. Schedule to follow.



Our Lenten Calendar

Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday
 8 AM, 6:30 PM
 Feb. 16 5 PM Adoration
5:30 PM Stations
Soup Supper
 Feb. 18 1st Sunday, Lent
 Feb. 23 5 PM Adoration
5:30 PM Stations
Soup Supper
 Feb. 25 2nd Sunday, Lent
 March 1 5 PM Adoration
5:30 PM Stations



The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus
 Are Havin' Fish Frys!

Every Friday during Lent!

Immaculate Conception folks, remember that since our council closed last year, our memberships were transferred to the Newton Council. We should support our new council by offerin' our help and eatin' their fish! Here's a note from their financial secretary. Let's help out!

Lent is here, so that means the KofC fish fries are here as well. We will be setting up McCann Center this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. This entails taking out all tables and chairs so that we will be ready to serve dinner Friday. The more people that we get there Thursday night, the sooner we get done. If you have a few minutes, please stop by and help.

If you would like to help with the fish fry on Friday, just stop on by between 4:00 and 4:30. We will find you a spot on our food line. Whether it is frying up fish in the garage, serving meals at the kitchen counter or cleaning up afterwards, this will be a great time to show your stewardship for our parish. If you cannot make it that early, stop by after 5 and we can always use helpers washing dishes and cleaning up the center when we are done. We will be doing this every Friday until easter.

Thanks, and God Bless,
 Jeff Hoebelheinrich
 Financial Secretary
 Feel free to call me at 641-521-3439 if you ever have any questions about the Knights.



♥ "Eat whatever you want for Lent. The sacrifice is not in the stomach, but in the heart. They refrain from eating meat, but don't talk to their siblings or relatives, don't visit their parents or bother to attend to them. They Don't share food with the needy, they forbid children to see their father, forbid grandparents to see their grandchildren, criticize other people's lives, beat their wife, etc.. A good barbeque or beef stew won't make you a bad person, just like a fish fillet won't turn you into a saint. Better seek to have a deeper relationship with God through better treatment of others 🙏 Let's be less arrogant and more humble at heart. ♥ 🛤 Pope Francis 🛤

Can you pass this week's Lenten Quiz? No Google Help!

Answers will be in next Sunday's bulletin

What biblical event does the time of Lent represent?

- A. The forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18)
- B. Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-2, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-2)
- C. The forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)

Which is the first day of Lent?

- A. Ash Wednesday
- B. Valentine's Day
- C. Shrove Tuesday
- D. Maundy Thursday

What is the original meaning of Lent?

- A. Autumn
- B. Spring
- C. Fast
- D. Penance

Which is the last Sunday of Lent?

- A. Easter Sunday
- B. Whit Sunday
- C. Palm Sunday
- D. Pentecost Sunday

Which feast day always comes during Lent?

- A. Annunciation
- B. Assumption
- C. St. Joseph's Feast
- D. Presentation

How is ash for Ash Wednesday made?

- A. By burning palms used during previous Palm Sunday
- B. By burning logs
- C. By burning books
- D. By burning clothes

The object of Lenten fasting is not only to discipline oneself. In ancient times, one was expected to do which of the following?

- A. Get more physical exercise
- B. Ask your neighbors to return things they borrowed
- C. Take the money you would have spent on food, and give it to the poor
- D. Do seasonal cleaning at your house

Lent is known to be 40 days long even though from Ash Wednesday to the last Saturday of the season it is 46 days. Why?

- A. Sundays are not included
- B. Mondays are not included
- C. Counting error
- D. Saturdays are not included

On the first Wednesday of Lent, Catholics attend services and have something placed on their foreheads. What is this?

- A. Oil
- B. Salt
- C. Water
- D. Ashes

The last day of Lent is Holy Saturday. In the Catholic Church, the policy is that the Easter Vigil Mass should begin at a particular time. What is that?

- A. Before sunset
- B. After sunset
- C. When the moon is visible
- D. When any star other than the Sun is visible

Among children, which of the following is a snack often given as a gift to celebrate the end of the Lenten restrictions?

- A. Radishes
- B. Crosses made out of palm fronds
- C. Cauliflower
- D. Chocolate bunnies

Most churches that observe Lent allow certain exceptions to the fasting standards. They may be allowed to eat more of certain types of foods. Which of these people would *not* qualify?

- A. A person with doctor's orders for their diet
- B. Someone who is injured or ill
- C. A five-year-old
- D. A 25 year old with no known health issues

The day before the start of Lent, called Mardi Gras, is a day to do things not allowed during Lent. It can also be called Shrove Tuesday. Why is that?

- A. People could not eat onions
- B. People had to have their sheep sheared
- C. People were expected to start Lent by going to Confession