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Second 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

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
Charlene Montgomery, mother of Lisa Bussan, suffering a fall
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

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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, March 3, 2024, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Lind Family
Servers: Irma Bell
Delilah Miranda
Readers: Joann Carrothers
Ed Parker
Gift Bearers: Dave and Liz Birkenholtz
EMHC: Claire Williams
Sharon Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 25 2024—MARCH 2, 2024

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 GEN 22:1-2,9A,10-13,15-18; RM 8:31B-34; MARK 9:2-10
 • 9:00AM (+*PRO POPULO*)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
LENTEN WEEKDAY (2)
 DANIEL 9:4B-10; LUKE 6:36-38

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024
MEMORIAL: ST. GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT, DOTC
 ISAIAH 1:10, 16-20; MATTHEW 23:1-12
 • 8:00 AM (+*NORBERT AND BETTY JENN BY TIM AND TRACY WILSON*)

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 28, 2024
LENTEN WEEKDAY (2)
 JEREMIAH 18:18-20; MATTHEW 20:17-28
 • 8:00 AM (+*GUNTHER WRONKA, K. GANNON*)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
LENTEN WEEKDAY (2)
 JEREMIAH 17:5-10; LUKE 16:19-31
 • 8:00 AM (+*MAGGIE CLARK, BY MARY JO HOSTETTER*)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024
LENTEN WEEKDAY (2)
 GEN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A; MATT 21:33-43, 45-46
 • 8:00 AM (*MICHAEL J. HOLMES, BY MARY HOLMES*)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 2024
LENTEN WEEKDAY (2)
 MICAH 7:14-15, 18-20; LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 EX 20:1-17; 1 COR 1:22-25; JN 2:13-25
 • 9:00AM (+*PRO POPULO*)



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 Confessions, 6:00-7:30 PM 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 Confessions, 6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed. 6:15 PM
Thursday, March 7	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM
Friday, March 8	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Adoration & Benediction 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM Soup Supper following Stations
Saturday, March 9	Confessions, 9:00-11:00 AM
Sunday, March 10	LATARE SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Lent, 9:0 AM
Monday, March 11-Friday March 15	SPRING BREAK NO RELIGIOUS ED



Leadership Team	Elected Members	Commission Chairs
Tom Wilson President	<u>1st Term, 1st Year,</u> Natalie Owen (3) Tom Wilson (3)	<u>Altar & Rosary</u> Peggy Dvorak
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		<u>Social Action</u> Technology Liturgy Sharon Jones

Online Giving
THROUGH
VANCO
FAITH





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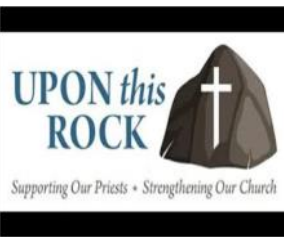
The Colfax-Mingo Food Pantry could use your help!
Client numbers are up.

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

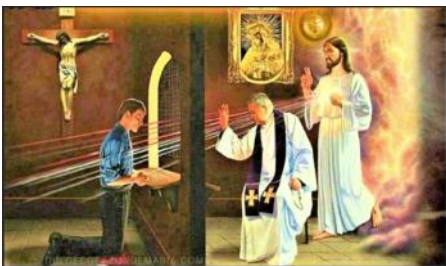
If you prefer to offer a monetary donation, please put them in the collection basket or send checks payable to the Colfax-Mingo Food Pantry at P.O. Box 33, Colfax,

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	
Invoice	\$1,895
Paid	\$1,895
Collected to date	\$ 300
Unpaid Subscriptions	\$1,595



Goal	\$172,026
Pledged	\$ 92,078
Pledges pd	\$ 65,560
Parish share	\$ 13,112
Funds drawn	\$ 0
Funds avail.	\$ 13,112



"He's a bit of a perfectionist..."



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

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

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.

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



Join Us For a Little Irish Food and Fellowship!

You are Invited to

MULLIGAN STEW

Sat., March 16th

5:00-7:00 P.M.

Immaculate Conception Church
 305 E. Howard St., Colfax

Meal Includes:
 Stew, Salad, Soda Bread, Drink, & Dessert

Cost: Free Will Offering

To Go Containers Available

For more information, call Karen at 315 669 0329



The Easter Bunny is planning to visit us again and leave a lot of eggs for the kids. The egg hunt will be right after Mass on Easter Sunday morning. However, Easter Bunny needs a bit of help. Donations of candy (must be individually wrapped) would be appreciated. There is a big basket in the gathering space to put them in. We'll need the candy donations by Sunday, March 17.

Help Needed For Our Annual PARISH Mulligan Stew Dinner!

What Do We Need?	Salads	Men to help	Set up
	Soda Bread	Youth to help	Clean up
	Desserts	Women 2 help	Bus tables
		Eaters	Dishes

We need the whole parish to help. Yes, that means you! Sign up in the gathering space. Thanks in advance!

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.



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.



Our Lenten Calendar

Feb. 25 2nd Sunday, Lent
 Feb. 28 6-7:30 Confessions
 March 1 6 PM Adoration
 6:30 PM Stations
 Soup Supper
 March 3 3rd Sunday, Lent
 March 6 6-7:30 Confessions
 March 8 6 PM Adoration
 6:30 PM Stations
 Soup Supper
 March 9 9-11AM Confessions
 March 10 4th Sunday, Lent
 March 15 6 PM Adoration
 6:30 PM Stations
 Soup Supper
 March 17 5th Sunday, Lent
 March 20 6-7:30 Confessions
 March 22 6 PM Adoration
 6:30 PM Stations
 Soup Supper
 March 23 1-3 PM Confessions

Holy Week

Palm Sunday
 March 24 9:00 AM
Tenebrae
 March 27 7 PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper
 March 28 6:30 PM
Good Friday Service
 March 29 6:30 PM
Easter Vigil
 March 30 8:30 PM
Easter Sunday
 March 31 9:00 AM

Go 2 Confession

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 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.

One of our Lenten obligations is almsgiving. Regardless how little we have, there is always someone with less. We might not see them, and we might not know them (or we might, without knowing their situation) but they deserve the same as we do. Please help our brothers and sisters by participating in CRS's Operation Rice Bowl. Let's fill all our boxes by the end of Lent.

We can make a difference!



Operation Rice Bowl boxes will be distributed this weekend after Mass. Please take your Rice Bowl and fill it for the poor and underprivileged around the world.



**We Need
Liturgical Ministers**

Below is a month end snap shop of our financial situation. As you can see we are looking good in our general checking account, HOWEVER, this is after year end giving and Christmas gifts to the parish.

As time goes on we will exhaust our checking balance, especially when summer arrives and our income decreases drastically but our expenses don't.

Please continue to support the parish financially as you can. I appreciate your generosity and parish support.

	General Checking	Mass Stipends	Deacons' Fund
Beginning Balance	40,713	339	115
Deposits	6,927	243	290
Fees	5	0	0
Disbursements	12,839	0	0
Ending Balance	34,796	582	405

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!

Answer, YES, when asked!

Pastoral Council Meeting

February 22, 2024

Abridged Copy. Contact Marcia Grimm, PC Secretary for a complete copy.

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

Opening prayer by Giovanna Rodriguez

OLD BUSINESS

Echo Effect: President Tom Wilson asked for feedback on progress so far.

Father's mic: The headset requires batteries. Regular or rechargeable batteries TBD

High School Council Members: Discussion and ideas to participate in meetings.

Landscaping: Father spoke to diocese. A check for down payment will be coming.

Parish Constitution: Father tweaked existing document and distributed copies. We are to review before the next meeting. Commissions should review their particular responsibilities.

Flock Notes: Carry over to next meeting (Welcoming & Belonging Committee) Short text with link to every parishioner, inactive and less active. This will be discussed Feb. 24th.

NEW BUSINESS

Blessing: In order to engage parishioners, Tom suggested Father Ron and Deacon Joe might offer to bless homes, farms, and property (land, gardens, vehicles, RV's, boats, etc.) A notice could be put on FB encouraging the blessing of properties and people should request this blessing. All parishioners will eventually be contacted. The blessing of their homes could be incorporated with this.

The Miraculous Medal: Is known to have been buried in the four corners of property because of associated powerful intercession and protections.

Parish Website: Giovanni suggested things to enhance the website and will work on it.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Worship & Spirituality: Sharon reported the first Adoration/Stations of the Cross and soup supper was a success. The Pascal Candle has been received. Altar and Rosary has scheduled Saturday, March 23rd as a church cleaning day from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the table in the Gathering Space. **Karen will bring food if more than 10 people sign up and show up!!!** Holy Week – Altar servers are needed; a couple servers will be resigning. Committee talked about flowers for Mothers Day.

Social Action: Time and Talent survey. Food Pantry provided 13 families which includes 49 people. We talked about having Greeters hand out Rice Bowls. Tracy's Faith Formation class will be creating and sending out Easter Cards to shut-ins. Forty coats and 2 vests were sent to St. Vincent de Paul.

Building & Grounds: Kevin Wright will be doing sheetrock restoration in church /rectory

Altar and Rosary: Annual Mulligan Stew supper is Saturday, March 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We scheduled the church cleaning for March 23rd Next meeting is March 7 at 6:30.

Pastor's Report: Landscaping – 20% of the actual Capital Campaign Paid Pledges (\$13,112) will go toward landscaping.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. (No meeting in March due to Holy Week and other conflicts).

Meeting Adjourned with Father Ron's Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Grimm, Secretary

HOW DID YOU DO?

What biblical event does the time of Lent represent?

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) Kings 19:8)

Which feast day always comes during Lent?

A. Annunciation
C. St. Joseph's

How is ash for Ash Wednesday made?

A. By burning palms used during previous Palm Sunday

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

D. Ashes

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

D. Chocolate bunnies

Which is the first day of Lent?

A. Ash Wednesday

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

C. Take the money you would have spent on food, and give it to the poor

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?

B. After sunset

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?

D. A 25 year old with no known health issues

What is the original meaning of Lent?

B. Spring

Which is the last Sunday of Lent?

C. Palm Sunday

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

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?

C. People were expected to start Lent by going to Confession