

Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Third 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

Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

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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 MARCH 3, 2024—MARCH 9, 2024

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*)

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

MEMORIAL: ST. CASIMIR

2 KINGS 5:1-15B; LUKE 4:24-30

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

LENTEN WEEKDAY (3)

DANIEL 3:25, 34-43; MATTHEW 18:21-35

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

Wednesday, MARCH 6, 2024

LENTEN WEEKDAY (3)

DEUTERONOMY 4:1, 5-9; MATTHEW 3:17-19

- 8:00 AM (+*NORBERT AND BETTY JENN*)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

MEMORIAL: SS PERPETUA AND FELICITY

JEREMIAH 7:23-28; LUKE 11:14-23

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

MEMORIAL: ST. JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

HOSEA 14:2-10; MARK 12:28-34

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

MEMORIAL: ST. FRANCIS OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

HOSEA 6:1-6; LUKE 18:9-14

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024, LAETARE SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23 ; EPHESIANS 2:4-10; JOHN 3:14-21

CHURCH CALENDAR

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 NO 5TH, 6TH, 7TH GRADE RE
Thursday, March 7	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Altar and Rosary, 6:30 PM
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
Tuesday, March 12	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Liturgy Committee 2:00 PM K of C Meeting in Newton, 7PM
Wednesday, March 13	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Religious Ed, 6:15 PM
Thursday, March 14	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM
Friday, March 15	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM
Sunday, March 17	5th Sunday of Lent, 9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 19	Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Social Action Comm. 6:30 PM



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Tom Wilson (3)

1st Term, 1st Year
Marcia Grimm (2)
Giovanna Rodriguez (2)

1st Term, 1st Year,
David Birkenholtz

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Altar & Rosary
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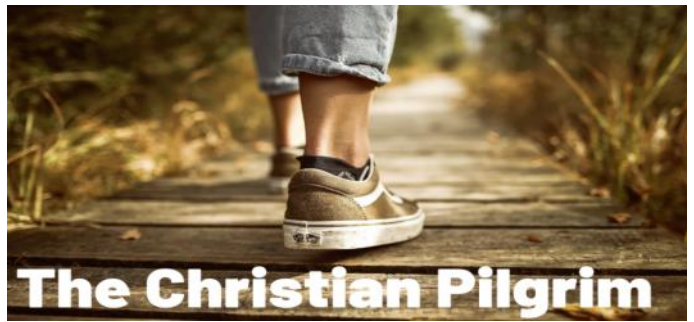
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THROUGH
VANCO
FAITH





Pilgrimage to France

with Fr. Marty Goetz

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

September 30-October 11, 2024



For More Information contact:
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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	\$ 13,112
Funds avail.	\$ 0



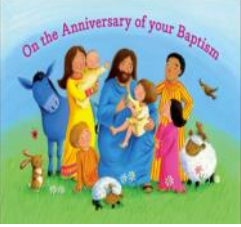


March Wedding Anniversaries
 Mike and Shelly Wood 3/9
 Keegan and Lindsey Porter 3/19

March Birthdays
 Olivia Bell 3/4
 Grace Brown 3/5
 Aidrik Osterhaus 3/9
 Brooke Dross 3/11
 Alexis Dross 3/11
 Chloe Muck 3/12
 Arianna Sitzmann 3/12
 Peggy Dvorak 3/15
 Santo Miranda (3/18
 James Webb 3/18
 Kyle Wood 3/18
 Bill Hill 3/21
 Miguel Miranda 3/27
 Joe Dvorak 3/28
 Vince Sitzmann 3/30

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.

March Baptismal Birthdays
 Rylan Edgington 3/01
 Iris Osterhaus 3/21
 Aidrik Osterhaus 3/21
 Olivia Bell 3/22



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 service, but we will have expanded hours/days for individual reconciliation.

Immaculate Conception Confessions



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.

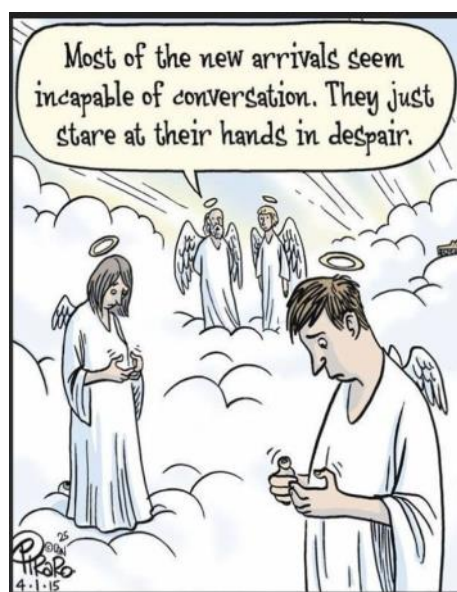
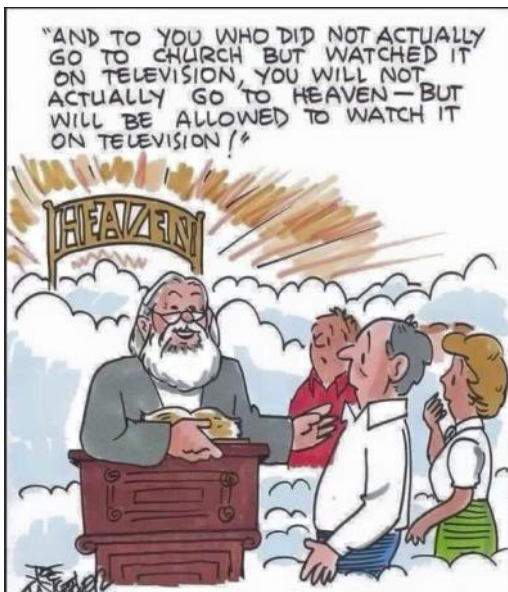
We can make a difference!



We had so many rice bowl boxes left after Mass last week I was afraid that not everyone had a chance to get one, so this week I will put in the bulletin. That way everyone gets one for sure.



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 you didn't even know you had!

Answer, YES, when asked!