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Immaculate Conception of Colfax



**JANUARY
24, 2016
THE THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**



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Luke 4:18-19

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Mass Schedule

Sundays..... 11:00 AM
Wednesday..... 9:00 AM, (Communion Service)
followed by coffee

Baptisms and Weddings

For information concerning baptism and weddings or to schedule a baptism or wedding, please contact Dc. Joe. Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance.

Religious Education

Preschool..... Sunday during mass
k-8 Wednesday evenings, 6:30 PM
High School Wednesday evenings, 6:30 PM
Please call the office (674-3711) to register your child

Bulletin Available on Line

Remember if you are unable to attend services for any reason but want to remain aware of what is going on, the bulletin and a calendar of events is always available at our website: www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org.

Announcements for Bulletin

If you have something you need published in the bulletin, please get the information to Deacon Joe no later than Thursday (the sooner the better). You may email (best) to imcolfax@msn.com or you may bring a copy to the office (good—if no one is there leave in the mailbox by the office door) or give a copy to Deacon Joe (somewhat risky). Thanks for your help with this.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Kay Hardie)
second collection for National Disasters

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE

- 6:30 PM—Holy Hour of adoration and Prayer for Life

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Weekday (3); *Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee
- 6:30 PM—K thru 8 Faith Formation
- 6:30 PM—High school youth meeting
- 7:00 PM—Eucharistic Adoration with the Faith Formation Students

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

- 6:00 PM—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM—Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Weekday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Weekday



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SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 8
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday:

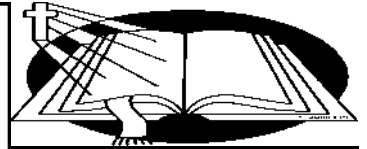
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17
Ps 89:4-5, 27-30
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Ps 132:1-5, 11-14
Mk 4:21-25



Friday

2 Sm 11:1-2a, 5-10a
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Ps 51:12-17
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13
Lk 4:21-30

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Jan. 25—Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer for Life
- Jan. 28—Liturgy Committee meeting
- Jan. 28—Parish Council Meeting
- Feb. 6—Knights of Columbus Dinner and Basket Auction



Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer for Life

Monday, January 25, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Please join us and spend an hour in front of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist as we pray that all life will be cherished as precious gift from God.

Eucharistic Adoration with the Faith Formation Students

This Wednesday, January 27, the Faith Formation classes will go upstairs and 7:00 PM and participate in Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is a long held tradition of the church and we want the students to at least have been exposed to it. **All members of the parish are welcome to join us.** Parents, we urge you to join us so you can talk about the experience with your children afterwards.

Special One-time Collection in Response to National Disasters

In response to the many devastating natural disasters in the United States the USCCB is requesting that the dioceses of the United States hold a special one-time collection to provide much-needed assistance. Our Bishop has asked us to hold this collection on Sunday, January 24, today.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

Collection\$1,171.04
(\$77.00 auto-giving)
Catholic Messenger\$58.00



"Isn't this the son of Joseph?"
Luke 4:22

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Barb Hanna)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BASKET AUCTION, DINNER AND RAFFLE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
GREAT MEAL, \$10/ADULTS, \$5/KIDS
BASKET AUCTION
50/50 DRAWING
RAFFLE DRAWING (NEED NOT BE
PRESENT TO WIN)**

Tickets are on sale before and after mass in the gathering space and are available from any Knight. See you there.



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

A letter from our Bishop:
January 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each week, *The Catholic Messenger* tells stories of faith while also helping make sense of issues and events affecting Catholics in the Diocese of Davenport and around the world.

The Catholic Messenger is the official newspaper of the Diocese and serves as a great resource for me to communicate with you. That is why I have chosen to have one edition of the newspaper delivered free to every household in our diocese on January 21.

From college students to families to lay leaders to clergy, there is something for everyone in *The Catholic Messenger*. Opinion pieces and editorials offer unique perspectives on relevant topics. Parish and school leaders gain ideas by seeing what others are doing. Volunteer opportunities and local events can be found on the calendar page, which publishes listings at no charge. Students can use the newspaper as a faith-strengthening resource during a change-filled time of life. Families can get inspiration from stories that share the joys and challenges of living the Catholic life.

My hope is that all households, inspired by the insightful articles, columns and editorials, will choose to subscribe to *The Catholic Messenger*. Both print and the E-edition are available to accommodate your reading preferences.

The Catholic Messenger remains a vital part of the ministry of our diocese, yet it requires your support today more than ever before. The cost of \$29 for a year's subscription in the Diocese — one price for the print or E-Edition, or for both — is a worthy investment. Because of continued good stewardship of resources, the price for this year's subscription remains the same. Please subscribe or buy a subscription for a friend or family member. Read it faithfully. Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Martin Amos
Bishop of Davenport

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe



Youth Ministry News

The high school will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 as usual. All high school youth are welcome and urged to attend. At 7:00 PM, they will go over to the church to participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

Colfax Community Blood Drive

Saturday, February 6, 2016

7:15 AM-10:15 AM

Colfax Elementary School Community Room

To make an appointment, contact Sheryll Skidmore at (515) 674-4135 visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU DIDN'T READ *THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER* THIS WEEK.

- ⇒ The bishop appoints a second vicar general, chief of staff and new diaconate director.
- ⇒ SAU professor shares first-hand account of life in a refugee camp.
- ⇒ Sacred Heart Cathedral gives update on \$6 million capital campaign for new addition.
- ⇒ Midwest March for Life – plenty of diocesan participants braved the Big Chill.
- ⇒ Catholic advocacy agencies join protest against ICE raids.
- ⇒ Anglican leaders sanction Episcopalians over same-sex marriage.
- ⇒ An oasis of mercy: caring for those with HIV.
- ⇒ Opinion Page: Fr. Rolheiser reflects on souls. Fr. Grant writes about Paris Climate Summit.

The Catholic Messenger Subscription Drive

It is once again time to renew your subscription to *The Catholic Messenger*. You will find renewal forms in the gathering space, in the *Messenger*, or an envelope in your packet. The Bishop and I would like to see *The Messenger* in every Catholic home.

Medical Mission Trip to El Salvador

A group will again be going down to El Salvador on a medical mission trip. Your support of them in the past has been most generous and they are grateful. The first-Sunday-of-the-month collection for February will support the mission trip.

List of Non-medicine Supplies for El Salvador

- * Sunglasses
- * Oral Hygiene: Toothbrushes and tooth paste
- * Toiletries: shampoo (no conditioner please), soap, combs, brushes, etc. (no lotions needed)
- * Educational supplies: Books in Spanish, paper, notebooks crayons, folders, rulers, pencils, sharpeners, glue, etc.
- * Baby bundle supplies: cloth diapers, diaper pins, onesies, t-shirts, receiving blankets, wash cloth/towels, caps, baby outfits, pajamas
- * Recreational items: stickers, bubbles, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, balloons, Frisbees, soccer items
- * Suitcases: medium or large size, sturdy

We will be collecting supplies through Feb 21st. Our departure date is Feb 27th.

They are also in need of old t-shirts, size L or XL, at least 80% cotton, any color. These will be made into diapers for the baby. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Dc. Joe and he will pass your name on.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Ministers: January 24, 2016—11:00 AM

Lectors: Rita Krueger & Phil Webb
Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Birkenholtz & Susan Heggen
Altar Servers: Mackenzie Bussan & Lisa Bussan
Greeters: Wood Family

Ministers: January 31, 2016—11:00 AM
Lectors: Joann Carrothers & Linda Barnum
Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp
Altar Servers: Brooke Dross & Meta Hill
Greeters: Bussan Family



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Greg Ernst, nephew of Rita Krueger
Julia Jorensen, niece of Mary May
Wes and Donna Koebrick (parents of Linda Barnum)
Jeannette Weldon, mother of Irma Bell
JoAnn Besler, sister of Karen Van Dusseldorp
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For our parish and our faith formation program.
For all who have died and for vocations.



Congratulation to the Newest Member of our Parish: Alice Rose Vonnahme

She is pictured here with her parents, Paul & Courtney, and her godparents, Joe Vonnahme and Emily Nicol.

SAINT OF THE WEEK CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE first century Feast—January 25

When the Jewish Pharisee Saul set out from Jerusalem to Damascus, his aim was to persecute the fledgling Christian community. The dramatic story of St. Paul's miraculous conversion is told several times in the Acts of the Apostles and New Testament letters. Paul became the apostle to the Gentiles and carried Christ's message around the Roman Empire. He also shares a feast day with St. Peter on June 29. The January feast was known as the "translation" of St. Paul in the martyrology of St. Jerome; it may originally have commemorated the moving of Paul's relics. Now, it appropriately closes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Paul is the patron saint of Greece, Malta, and the Cursillo movement.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
50 Yard Line tickets for the Super Bowl
A woman had 50 yard line tickets for the Super Bowl. As she sat down, a man came along and asked her if anyone is sitting in the seat next to her. "No," she said, "the seat is empty."

"This is incredible," said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Super Bowl, the biggest sporting event in the world, and not use it?"

Somberly, the woman says, "Well... the seat actually belongs to me. I was supposed to come here with my husband, but he passed away. This is the first Super Bowl we have not been to together since we got married in 1967."

"Oh I'm sorry to hear that, that's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else - a friend or relative or even a neighbor to take the seat?"

The woman shakes her head, "...No, they're all at the funeral."

New Coordinator of Faith Formation

Kirsten Royal has accepted the position of Coordinator of Faith Formation for our parish. Please welcome Kirsten as she learns the ropes of her new position. Kirsten may be reached through the office or at 641-275-2159 or kmroyal72@gmail.com.



A Stewardship Moment

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his "Mission Statement." Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have "glad tidings" to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts he has entrusted to us?

Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.