Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 9
@ Wexford ................................................. 8:00am
@ Lansing ..................................................... NO MASS – Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, November 10
@ New Albin .............. Steve Mauss ................................................. 8:30am

Wednesday, November 11
@ Lansing .................. For all those that served in the Armed Forces ...... 7:30am

Thursday, November 12
@ Lansing ................. Ruth Rea ................................................. 8:00am

Friday, November 13
@ Lansing ................ Danny & Joyce Brennan .............................. 8:00am
@ Harpers ................ Aileen Delaney ............................................. 8:00am

Saturday, November 14
@ Harpers ............ Cletus Berns ........................................... 4:00pm
@ Wexford ................ Nick Curran ............................................. 5:30pm

Sunday, November 15
@ New Albin .......... Leo & Caroline Whalen ....................... 8:00am
@ Lansing ................ For the People ...................................... 10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
No Confessions scheduled for the weekend of Nov 14/15.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers • Nov 14 & Nov 15
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Harpers
Lector: Marcia Gruman
EMHC: Marcia Kruse
Altar Servers: None at this time
Ushers: Mike Collins

5:30 p.m. Wexford
Lector: Marcia Kruse
EMHC: Mary Jo Mohn
Altar Servers: None at this time
Ushers: None at this time

8:00 a.m. New Albin
Lector: Ray Whalen
EMHC: Evan Whalen
Altar Servers: None at this time
Ushers: None at this time

10:00 a.m. Lansing
Lector: Ann Wagner
EMHC: Kay Mettille
Altar Servers: Justin Wagner
Ushers: Christopher Wagner

Lector: Terry Hennessy
EMHC: Mike Manning
Altar Servers: Joe Strobel
Ushers: Justin Wagner

Giftbearers: Jim & Wilma Brazell
Rosary: Christine Lampert
Sacristan: Marcella Hale
Ushers: John Colsch

Communion to the Homebound (Lansing) - - Dan & Mary Scholtes

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“Holy Family of the Bluffs”
— and —
“Father Sean Smith”

Stewardship – share Jesus’ love
“It is the Lord who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed.
- Deuteronomy 31:8
Thank you to everyone that participated in the special All Souls Mass last Monday. Praying for our loved ones to be gathered into the presence of the Lord is an act of Christian charity that we owe them, and it helps keep their memory alive in our hearts and minds. Eternal rest grant unto all our beloved deceased.

I’m writing this on the morning of the elections, so I obviously don’t know how things turned out. I do know that whether your candidate won or lost, everyone loses if we do not bring some healing back to our nation. The mission of Jesus was to gather people in unity; the work of the devil is division and separation. We simply cannot continue to blithely note how divided our nation is without doing something about it. And by doing something, I mean pray! Truly pray that our hearts would be made less hard, and that our eyes would be opened to see not “us and them” but just “us”, brothers and sisters in the Lord. Then turn that prayer into action by reaching out with an open hand instead of a clenched fist. Back in the days of the Roman persecutions in the early Church, Christians were noted for their love. Remember the song “They’ll know we are Christians by our love”? Now would be a great time for us to be known for our love!

Now that we’re in November, Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. I am new to Holy Family of the Bluffs, but many churches see a huge influx of worshipers at Christmas, especially for Christmas Eve Masses. It is often standing room only, with the pews packed, aisles full, and even people in choir lofts. Hopefully everyone realizes, and in case you hadn’t, here’s your notice, it cannot be that way this year! Unfortunately, COVID-19 has changed everything else about how we’ve worshiped this year, and it is certainly going to change our worship at Christmas. We will continue to observe social distancing with every other pew left open, and leaving space between families within pews. In addition to the already published Mass schedule, we’ll be adding an additional Christmas Eve Mass in Lansing at 8:00 pm, and an additional Saturday evening Mass (Dec. 26) in Lansing at 5:30 pm. I would strongly encourage you to plan ahead and maybe be willing to make different plans than you may have in the past. Remembering that Christmas is not just a day, but a season, maybe your family might celebrate by coming to one of the daily Masses during the Christmas season. We will be providing more information in the coming weeks.

This week we remember all of our veterans that have served our nation so bravely. To all of our veterans, thank you! May we honor your service by living in a manner worthy of your service! Please pray for our veterans with the prayer on the following page.

Finally, next weekend, November 14 and 15, I will be out of town for a few days. Fr. Dustin Vu, currently assigned at Loras College in Dubuque, will be covering the Saturday evening Masses in Harpers Ferry and Wexford, and Fr. Joe Schneider will be covering the Sunday morning Masses in New Albin and Lansing. There will be no Confessions scheduled that weekend, but the daily Masses on Friday, November 13 will be celebrated as scheduled. I will be visiting Mundelein Seminary and my “teaching parish” in Chicago, St. Joan of Arc. I will keep all of you in prayer, and I would ask that you pray for me on my travels.

**Bulletin Deadlines**

During the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have a different bulletin schedule for the holidays imposed by our publisher. Several bulletins will be prepared a week earlier than usual, so if you want something in the bulletin, please do not wait until the last minute!

**Mass Schedule**

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Meetings & Happenings in “HFB”

November 8 - Please join us for Youth Group, meeting in the IC Lansing Church Hall on Sunday, November 8 at 11:30 am. See you there!

### Daily Mass readings (November 8 - November 15)

To subscribe to receiving daily readings by email every morning visit: https://bible.usccb.org/

**Sunday, November 8 : 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

**Monday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Tuesday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day**
Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**
Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday, November 13 -**
2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday, November 14**
3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday, November 15 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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**STO [Student Tuition Organization] - Using Your IRA to Contribute to Our Faith STO, your Parish or Catholic School.** If you are 70 1/2 or older, in most years you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, whether you need the income or not. This year, you aren’t required to take a required minimum distribution, but may still take one for charitable giving purposes, if you wish. If you are in this situation, you can gift that IRA distribution to the Our Faith STO and receive a 65% Iowa tax credit in return. It’s a win-win for everyone. This IRA distribution must be given directly to the STO to avoid federal income taxes. You may also give to your parish or Catholic school through your IRA too! To learn more visit www.ourfaithsto.org, call the parish or school office or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219.

**St. Bridget’s Fall Dinner**
Free will donation meal at St. Bridget’s Catholic Church on Sunday, November 8th, from 11am - pm. Address is 141 W. Williams St., Postville, IA. Ham balls, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, dinner roll & desserts. All proceeds will go toward a new furnace and air conditioning unit.

**H.S. Juniors andSeniors**
Please join us for Youth Group, meeting in the IC Lansing Church Hall on Sunday, November 8 at 11:30 am. See you there!

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**“Stewardship” Report for October 31 & November 1**

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**Pro-Life Quote**

“Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants.”
- St. Mother Teresa

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Free will donation meal at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Sunday, November 8th, from 11am - pm. Address is 141 W. Williams St., Postville, IA. Ham balls, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, dinner roll & desserts. All proceeds will go toward a new furnace and air conditioning unit.

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**A Prayer for All Veterans**

O God, Great and Almighty creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank You for America’s heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country.

We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank you for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. AMEN. - Prospect Hill Co.

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