Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 16
@ Wexford ................................................................. 8:00am
@ Lansing ................................................................. NO MASS – Pray for Vocations
Tuesday, November 17
@ New Albin .......... William Ferring ................................. 8:30am
Wednesday, November 18
@ Lansing .......... Bob Wellendorf .................................... 7:30am
Thursday, November 19
@ Lansing .......... Dan Murphy ........................................ 8:00am
Friday, November 20
@ Lansing .......... Ernie & Alice Luster ............................... 8:00am
@ Harpers .......... Jim Cota ............................................. 11:00am
Saturday, November 21
@ Harpers .......... Waterville High School class of 1960 ........ 4:00pm
@ Wexford .......... John Delaney ..................................... 5:30pm
Sunday, November 22
@ New Albin .......... Living & deceased of Louis Hammel family .... 8:00am
@ Lansing .......... For the People ...................................... 10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturday, 8:00 – 9:00 am @ Lansing, Saturday, 3:15 – 3:45 pm @ Harpers,
Sunday, 7:15 – 7:45 am @ New Albin
or call the office and schedule an appointment

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers • Nov 21 & Nov 22
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 p.m.
Harpers
Lector
Sheila Diggins
EMHC
None at this time
Altar Servers
None at this time
Ushers
Jack Heffern

5:30 p.m.
Wexford
Lector
Kay Gavin
EMHC
None at this time
Altar Servers
None at this time
Ushers
None at this time

8:00 a.m.
New Albin
Lector
Dan Colsch
EMHC
Mark Kruse
Altar Servers
None at this time
Ushers
Tom Schofield

10:00 a.m.
Lansing
Lector
Jean Clements
EMHC
Ray Whalen
Altar Servers
None at this time
Ushers
Dan Mattson

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—and—
“Father Sean Smith”
From the Desk of Father Smith

As I write this on Sunday, Nov. 8, it is only about 24 hours after media outlets called the Presidential Election for Joe Biden. Even making that announcement has been contentious, since media outlets calling a race has no binding authority, and because there are still votes being counted and legal challenges that could potentially impact the results. As you read this, the entire situation could be different than it is at this moment, but I can’t predict the future so I have to write as it is today. But not everything will change during this week! There is no change in our responsibility as Catholic Christians to continue to pray for our nation, to pray for our elected leaders, and to advocate for policies based on principles informed by our faith. That’s a tall order for some who are hurting right now because the election results are not what they desired. It is a tall order for some who want to change things because their candidates won, and that’s what the winners get to do. Tall order or not, and regardless of whether your candidates won or not, our response still needs to be motivated by love of God and love of neighbor!

Thank you to Fr. Dustin Vu and Fr. Joe Schneider for presiding at the Masses this weekend so I could take a little trip. I hope you enjoyed having them around, but not so much that you don’t want me back! I kind of like it here!

Holiday Mass Schedule

Below you will find the additional Masses for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I say additional because these are all Masses in addition to our regular Mass Schedule for the weekends following Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Please note the highlighted Masses added since the original schedule was published.

Thanksgiving: Nov. 25, 7:00 pm Lansing
Nov. 26, 9:00 am Wexford
Nov. 27 NO DAILY MASS in LANSING or HARPERS
Nov. 28 5:30 pm Lansing (an extra weekend Mass in addition to the regular schedule)

Christmas
Dec. 23, 7:30 pm Cherry Mound
Dec. 24, 4:00 pm Harpers 6:00 pm Lansing 8:00pm Lansing
Dec. 25, 8:30 am Wexford 8:30 am New Albin 10:00am Lansing
Dec. 26, 5:30 pm Lansing (an extra weekend Mass in addition to the regular schedule)

Please keep in mind that COVID-19 is a continuing reality and seems to be getting worse. If you feel sick or have any symptoms, or have received a positive test or believe you may have been exposed to someone that tested positive, PLEASE do not come to Mass until your quarantine period is complete! All precautionary measures, e.g., social distancing, hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, wearing of masks, not singing the songs with the cantor, remain in place and are more important than ever! This virus is not the kind of gift that anyone wants to receive this Christmas, so please do your part not to give it!

Feeding God’s Children

Join the Catholic Order of Foresters (Saint George Court) and HFB Faith Formation feed and clothe God’s children. All collected food and clothing will benefit LIFT in Lansing and other local charities. Feeding God’s Children grocery bags will be placed in the entryway of each of the Holy Family of the Bluff churches. Please return donations to the entryway of any church by Sunday, December 6th. Everyone is invited to participate. Monetary donations will be accepted. Contact Mary Delaney (563) 586-2404 or Bonnie Wagner (563) 586-2265 to make a donation or for more information. Our community members appreciate your help. Let’s make this year’s event as successful as last year!

Mass Schedule

November 14 & 15
4:00 pm Harpers 8:00 am New Albin
5:30 pm Wexford 10:00 am Lansing

November 21 & 22
4:00 pm Harpers 8:00 am New Albin
5:30 pm Wexford 10:00 am Lansing
**Daily Mass readings (November 15 - November 22)**

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

- **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
- **Monday, November 16:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
  - Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
- **Tuesday, November 17:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
  - Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
- **Wednesday, November 18:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
  - Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [b]/Lk 19:11-28
- **Thursday, November 19:** Ordinary Weekday
  - Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
- **Friday, November 20:** Ordinary Weekday
  - Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
- **Saturday, November 21:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  - Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [b]/Lk 20:27-40
- **Next Sunday, November 22:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
  - Ex 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

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**“Stewardship” Report for Nov 7 & 8**

- **New Albin**
  - # Donors
  - Adults: 7 of 115 $100.00
  - Offertory: $19.00
  - Candles: $9.50
  - All Souls offering: $70.00
- **Harpers Ferry**
  - Adults: $505.00
  - Offertory: $93.00
  - Memorial (Connie Luster): $50.00
  - All Souls offering: $25.00
- **Lansing**
  - # Donors
  - Adults: 31 of 220 $668.00
  - Children: $6.00
  - Offertory: $31.00
  - All Saints offering: $60.00
  - Act of Kindness (fuel assistance): $400.00
  - Roof Repair donation: $500.00
  - Improvement Fund: $220.00
  - Unrestricted donation: $2,000.00
  - Candles: $118.15
- **Wexford**
  - Adults: $407.00
  - Children: $4.00
  - Offertory: $13.00

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**Pro-Life Quote**

November “Act of Kindness” Collection is next weekend - November 21 & 22

All loose money dropped into the collection baskets during Mass will be directed to Mittens for Kids. Thank you for your generosity.

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**STO [Student Tuition Organization] - What’s this STO all about?**

It’s about supporting our kids, particularly those in families who otherwise may not be able to afford a Catholic school education and making the most out of your charitable contribution. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) qualify for a 65% tax credit. That means for every $1000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of $650, which reduces your Iowa tax bill by $650. That means, for a maximum cost to you of $350, you’re able to provide $1000 in need-based assistance to families! And remember, a gift to the STO also qualifies as a charitable contribution on your federal income taxes, if you itemize deductions. Visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more.

**Beauty in Christ: ON FIRE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

Mark your calendars for 2021 Archdiocesan Women’s Conference, Saturday, January 30th. Though virtual, this outstanding day will offer the same high quality we’ve come to expect: two national speakers; prayer opportunities; worship music; variety of vendors; conversation with other women! Featured speakers are Maria Vadia and Caroline Gambale-Dirkes, each inviting women into a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Maria Vadia will also be presenting in Spanish. This is an opportunity to enliven the Spirit within the women of your parish/cluster! Watch for more details.

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance:** The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally-funded program designed to assist low-income families meet the cost of home heating by providing a one-time payment to the heating utility. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis November 1 - April 30 of each year. Go to the following website for more information: [https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/liheap](https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/liheap)

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