HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 30
@ Wexford ................................................................. 8:00am

Tuesday, December 1
@ New Albin ............ Floyd & Rita Pottratz, Family & Grandchildren ...... 8:30am

Wednesday, December 2
@ Lansing ................... Jeaninne McAllister .................................. 7:30am

Thursday, December 3
@ Lansing .............. Fred Hogan ............................................. 8:00am
@ Harpers .................. Mark and Margaret Delaney .................. 11:00am

Friday, December 4
@ Lansing .............. John (Pearly) & Margaret Pettit .................. 8:00am
@ Harpers .............. Patricia Leonette Monroe ....................... 4:00pm
@ Wexford .......... Kay Mooney ......................................... 5:30pm

Saturday, December 5
@ Harpers .............. St. Joseph Cemetery with No One to Pray for Them 8:00am
@ Wexford .......... For the People ....................................... 10:00am

Sunday, December 6

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 • December 5 & 6

Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Lector Harpers Mary Ann Kelly Kay Gavin Evan Whalen Terry Hennessy
EMHC New Albin Mary Jo Mohn Gary Mauss Ann Wagner
Altar Servers New Albin None at this time None at this time None at this time
Ushers None at this time None at this time None at this time
Giftbearers None at this time None at this time None at this time
Rosary Lansing None at this time None at this time
Sacristan Lansing None at this time None at this time
Greeters Lansing None at this time None at this time

Communion to the Homebound [Lansing] - - Becky Miller, Laurie Rethwisch

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HFB website: www.holyfamilyofthebluffs.org
“Holy Family of the Bluffs”
— and —
“Father Sean Smith”
From the Desk of Father Smith

I pray you and your family had a blessed and happy Thanksgiving! I expect it may have been celebrated differently than most years, but I hope you could still find the path to giving thanks for your life and all the blessings in it. This was my first Thanksgiving as a priest, and so I am very much aware of the abundant graces God has given to me. Among those graces are you, the good people of Holy Family of the Bluffs, and for that I am immensely thankful!

Having completed our liturgical year with Christ the King last weekend, we now have the opportunity to start all over again! Praise God for the chance to begin again! Christ the King first came to our world as the baby Jesus, born of a virgin in the most humble of circumstances. The season of Advent which we begin this weekend gives us time to prepare for that coming of God in the flesh, time to turn our hearts and minds and souls back to the most important gift we have ever been given, the gift of salvation and a hope for eternal life through our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus. Let us pray well, prepare well, and experience anew the coming of the Lord in to our lives!

If everything goes according to plan (I’m writing this on Nov. 18), this weekend we are welcoming one of our seminarians who will be staying with me at the rectory in Lansing during Advent. Please give a warm (as warm as masked and socially distanced allows!) HFB welcome to Jeff Frieden from Cedar Rapids when you see him!

Thank you to Fr. Dustin Vu and Fr. Joe Schneider for taking the Masses in HFB two weeks ago, allowing me a little time away. My plans had included a trip to Chicago, but like everyone else, I had to change my plans because of the darn COVID-19 virus. I had a nice weekend all the same, but I missed you!

Faith Formation Update
Things were going so well until COVID-19 forced us to cancel some classes. We plan to get things started again this week. As I write this, we are hoping to meet in person, but preparing for other possibilities including Zoom, other online tools, and maybe some family study materials. Things are fluid and being worked on right now, so please bear with us as we figure it out together! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Fr. Smith or Barb Winters-Kelly.

Feeding God’s Children
Join the Catholic Order of Foresters (Saint George Court) and HFB Faith Formation to 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 13th. 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 need and appreciate your help. Let’s make this year’s event bigger and better than ever!

Eternal Rest
Recent deaths include, former parishioner Dave Pfiffner of Lansing, Doris Berns of Harpers Ferry, and Bernice Walleser of Lansing. We pray for the repose of their souls and the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit for their families and friends.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O LORD, And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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Meetings & Happenings in “HFB”

December 4th - First Friday of the month. Please join us for Mass at 8:00 a.m. in I. C. Church (Lansing). Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration follows Mass at 8:30 a.m. with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.

December 4th - HFB Stewardship Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel of St. Bernadette, Lansing.

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation:
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

   See mass schedule for the four masses offered on December 7th & 8th.

Daily Mass readings (November 29 - December 6)
To subscribe to receiving daily readings by email every morning visit: https://bible.usccb.org/

Sunday, November 29: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday, November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1: Ordinary Weekday
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2: Ordinary Weekday
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4: Ordinary Weekday
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-3

Saturday, December 5: Optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday, December 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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.

Holiday Mass Schedule
Below you will find the Christmas Mass schedule. Please note the highlighted Masses added since the original schedule was published.

Christmas
Dec. 23, 7:30 pm Cherry Mound
Dec. 24, 4:00 pm Harpers 6:00 pm 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)

“Stewardship” Report
for Nov 14 & 15

New Albin Mass cancelled
WeShare (October) $270.00
Harpers Ferry
Adults $95.00
Offertory $10.00
Memorial (Connie Luster) $25.00
Act of Kindness (Mittens for Kids) $10.00
Votive Lights $37.00
WeShare (October) $375.00
Lansing # Donors
Adults 22 of 220 $531.00
Offertory $23.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception $1.00
Christmas offering $1.00
WeShare (October) $2,435.00
Wexford
Adults $627.00
Offertory $40.00
Unrestricted donation $10.00
WeShare (October) $120.00

Pro-Life Quote
“As citizens, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group.”
-Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USSCB

Happy 1st week of Advent!