Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 7
@ Wexford ................................................................. 8:00am
@ Harpers ................................................................. 4:00pm
@ Lansing ................................................................. 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 8
@ New Albin ............................................................... 8:30am
@ Wexford ................................................................. 6:00pm
@ Lansing ................................................................. 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 9
@ Lansing ................................................................. 7:30am
@ Harpers ................................................................. 4:00pm

Thursday, December 10
@ Lansing ................................................................. 8:00am

Friday, December 11
@ Lansing ................................................................. 11:00am
@ Harpers ................................................................. 4:00pm

Saturday, December 12
@ Harpers ................................................................. 4:00pm
@ Wexford ................................................................. 5:30pm
@ Lansing ................................................................. 8:00am

Sunday, December 13
@ New Albin ............................................................... 8:00am
@ Lansing ................................................................. 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 • December 12 & 13
Third Sunday of Advent

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<td>Peggy Berns</td>
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<td>Charles Berns, Jr.</td>
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<td>Larry Mitchell</td>
<td>Ann Delaney</td>
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<td>5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Wexford</td>
<td>Dan Conway</td>
<td>Mike Gavin</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Joan Reburn</td>
<td>Tom Walleser</td>
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<td>Keri Becker</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Lansing</td>
<td>Michael Mattson</td>
<td>Ann Delaney</td>
<td>Joe Strobel</td>
<td>Dan Mattson</td>
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Communion to the Homebound [Lansing] – - Kay Mettille, Ann Delaney

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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 that your Advent has been spiritually fruitful so far. We have just celebrated the second Sunday and heard the voice of John the Baptist calling us to “Prepare the way of the Lord”. How have you been preparing the way of the Lord in your heart and mind, in your day and night? Maybe taking a little extra time for quiet, and like Mary, pondering the mysteries of God? Maybe taking a little more time to pray when you wake up in the morning, or before you turn out the light in the evening? Maybe spending some extra time with the Scriptures or the Grow + Go meditations in the bulletin each week? The Baptist tells us to prepare the way not for Jesus’ sake, but for our sake, that we will be ready for him when he comes.

We recently received a generous gift from a parishioner to be used for enhancing our audio-visual capabilities, to enable us to do more and better work with producing and making available videos. Unfortunately, between COVID and other churches and schools trying to enhance their capabilities, supplies of equipment are running short. So we have the funds but can’t spend them yet! I’ll continue to work on it, and purchase the equipment as it becomes available. Thank you for your generosity!

Lansing has also received gifts targeted to help with the recent roof repair. Thank you for those gifts! This is maybe a good place to mention that in addition to weekly or monthly giving, making “restricted gifts”, or gifts targeted for specific purposes is also a great way to support the work of the parishes. And electronic giving is always appreciated through WeShare on our parish website. You can contact the office for help with different ways of supporting the parishes! Finally, remember that for tax purposes, all gifts must be postmarked by December 31 to be considered part of the 2020 tax year.

Faith Formation Update

We have sick catechists and Faith Formation Leaders, and maybe students, too, so unfortunately we are going to hold off on Faith Formation classes until January (both in Harpers Ferry and Lansing). This is very disappointing, but since growing in our faith is meant to be a lifelong adventure, missing a few weeks isn’t going to be the end of the world. In the meantime, we will continue to provide other opportunities for some non-traditional faith formation (keep reading ↓↓↓)

Archbishop Jackels’ Virtual Fireside Get-Together

Archbishop Jackels is hosting a Virtual Fireside Get-Together via Zoom on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm. The evening will include a scripture reading, surprise musical performances, and a reflection from the Archbishop on what a crazy year it has been. The event will be no more than an hour long, and is a great way for families to watch and pray and prepare the way of the Lord together! You can register for the event at dbqarch.org/fireside. This link is also available on our website. (From Fr. Smith, this seems like such a great idea that I’m working on doing a HFB Zoom get-together the following Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm. Keep watching for more details!)

Feeding God’s Children

This is the last week to bring donations to the parish in support of the “Feeding God’s Children” initiative of the Catholic Foresters! Please return donations to the entryway of any of the parish churches by Sunday, December 13th. Monetary donations also accepted. Contact Mary Delaney (563) 586-2404 or Bonnie Wagner (563) 586-2265 for more information on how you can help!

Retirement Fund for Religious

The yearly collection by the Archdiocese for our beloved retired priests and religious is next weekend, December 12 & 13. For more information please see bulletin insert. Envelopes are provided in the pews for your convenience.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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**Meetings & Happenings in “HFB”**

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.

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**“Stewardship” Report**

for Nov 21 & 22

**New Albin # Donors**

Adults 4 of 115 $60.00

Act of Kindness (Mittens for Kids) $174.00

Candles $2.50

Harpers Ferry

Adults $705.00

Act of Kindness (Mittens for Kids) $80.00

Sacraments $200.00

**Lansing # Donors**

Adults 20 of 220 $1,210.00

Act of Kindness (Mittens for Kids) $230.00

Improvement fund $50.00

Funeral (Bernice Walleser) $100.00

**Wexford**

Adults $487.00

Act of Kindness (Mittens for Kids) $59.00

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**Schedule of Liturgical Ministers**

**December 7 & 8**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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<td>Judy Steiber</td>
<td>Janet Wallaser</td>
<td>Bryant Kruse</td>
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<td>Barb Mauss</td>
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**Holiday Mass Schedule**

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

**Christmas**

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<td>7:30 pm</td>
<td>Cherry Mound</td>
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<td>Dec. 24</td>
<td>4:00 pm</td>
<td>Harpers</td>
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<td>Dec. 25</td>
<td>8:30 am</td>
<td>Wexford</td>
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<td>Dec. 26</td>
<td>5:30 pm</td>
<td>Lansing (an extra weekend Mass in addition to the regular schedule)</td>
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