Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, December 28** @ Wexford .......................................................... 8:00am

**Tuesday, December 29** @ New Albin……. NO MASS

**Wednesday, December 30** @ Lansing……. NO MASS

**Thursday, December 31** @ New Albin……. Marvin & Irene Schultz ........................................... 4:00pm

**Friday, January 1** @ Lansing.……. Alice Feuerhelm ............................................. 8:00am

**Saturday, January 2** @ Wexford……. Aileen Delaney ........................................... 11:00 am

**Sunday, January 3** @ New Albin ……. James Hammell ............................................. 8:00am

**Sunday, January 3** @ 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

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Communion to the Homebound [Lansing]: - Pat Wellendorf & Lynn O’Hara

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**HFB website:** www.holyfamilyofthebluffs.org

“Holy Family of the Bluffs”

— and —

“Father Sean Smith”

**Stewardship - share Jesus’ love**

“Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

- Matthew 2:1c-2
From the Desk of Father Smith

I pray your Advent preparation helped you to experience the Nativity of Jesus, the birth of God-with-us, with great joy! God coming to us is the fullness of love, so I also pray that whatever your celebration looked like, if all your family was able to gather, or everything was “virtual”, or somewhere in between, that you somehow experienced the love of others!

And this weekend is the celebration of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is not just a pious image or a memory, but a model and a mission, an opportunity for us to share in the life and mission of each member of that family! We are each called to proclaim the good news that Jesus proclaimed, in words and deeds. We are each called to bring Jesus to others as Mary did. We are each called to care and provide for our family and others as Joseph did. How are you experiencing God’s call to share in the mission of the Holy Family in your own life and in the life of your family?

Thank you to everyone that has been sharing wonderful treats with me in the rectory and office! They have been yummy and a reminder that I need to get out and exercise more!

On a personal note, after the very busy season of Advent and this Christmas weekend, I’m going to be taking a few days off this week. After the Lansing Mass this weekend, I’ll be spending a few days in Cedar Rapids visiting my kids. There will be no Mass on Tuesday in New Albin or Wednesday in Lansing. I will be back in Lansing Wednesday evening. And looking ahead a few weeks, I will be on retreat at a Benedictine Priory in Nebraska the week of January 18-22, so there will not be any daily Masses that week. I will line up coverage for funerals and emergencies.

A Successful HFB Virtual Gathering

We held our first ever Holy Family of the Bluffs Virtual Gathering about a week and a half ago. There were nearly 30 households that participated; some of you experienced technical problems or we would have had even more. Fr. Smith talked about the mission of both being disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaimers of Jesus Christ like John the Baptist, leading others to be disciples. Another theme was outreach to others, including those of our parishes not able to participate fully because of COVID-19, those not participating for other reasons, and even to those outside of our parishes (making new disciples)! We talked of some of the good things happening, some of the challenges this year, and some ideas for the new year. Keep looking and listening for some of these new opportunities coming soon! We also found out that Fr. Smith’s favorite Christmas song is “O Holy Night” (he even sang some of it)! Thank you to everyone that participated. We’ll do this again soon!

Faith Formation is BACK!

After a few weeks off during the COVID-19 surge during late November and December, we’ll be welcoming our young people and catechists back to in-person Faith Formation on Wednesday, January 6! Let’s all keep praying that the virus is on the way out and that we can continue gathering to learn and grow in our relationship with Jesus!

We’re Counting You, and Counting ON You

In the early part of 2021 we’ll be working to update the census information for our parishes. This will likely be done in phases, with the first phase simply contacting everyone and making sure we have good contact information (mailing addresses, phone numbers [landline and mobile] and email addresses). We have a great communication system in Flocknote, but it’s only as good as the information available. We’ll be looking for help in each parish to make this happen. Look for ways to say “yes, I can help!”

Weekend Mass Schedule

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**Meetings & Happenings in “HFB”**

- **January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.** A Mass will be celebrated at each parish for this great solemnity! Not technically a Holy Day of Obligation because of COVID-19, but come anyway!

- **January 1st: First Friday.** 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.

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**Daily Mass readings (December 27 - January 3)**

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

**Sunday, December 27: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gv 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Jn 1:1-18/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Monday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday, December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**
1 Jn 2:3-17/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday, December 30: Ordinary Weekday**
1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday, December 31: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year’s Eve**
1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Friday, January 1: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year’s Day**
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday, January 2: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

**Next Sunday, January 3: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week**
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 2:22, 39-40

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**ONLY A FEW DAYS REMAIN!** There is still just enough time to make an online gift to the **Our Faith STO** in 2020, but hurry! Funds contributed in 2020 will provide need-based assistance to families to attend a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque during the 2021-22 school year. But we need your help to reach our goal. All gifts will reduce your Iowa Income Tax by 65% of your gift, regardless of the size of the gift. And all gifts qualify as a charitable contribution for federal income taxes. When the clock strikes midnight on December 31, this opportunity for tax year 2020 will be gone. Please visit [www.ourfaithstodu.org](http://www.ourfaithstodu.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more or have questions about this fantastic program.