Holy Family of the Bluffs Catholic Community

January 4 - January 10, 2021

EPIPHANY

SAINT JOSEPH
New Albin

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Lansing

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Wexford

SAINT ANN - SAINT JOSEPH
Harpers Ferry

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 4	@ Wexford		8:00am
Tuesday, January 5	@ New Albin	Margaret "Marge" Krambeer	8:30am
Wednesday, January 6	@ Lansing	Alice & Ernie Luster	7:30am
Thursday, January 7	@ Lansing	Bob Wellendorf	8:00am
Friday, January 8	@ Lansing	George Ferring	8:00am
	@ Harpers	Hubert Michael	11:00 am
Saturday, January 9	@ Harpers	Bernard Berns	4:00pm
	@ Wexford	Jim & Joe Hawes	5:30pm
Sunday, January 10	@ New Albin	Bob Strub	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 • January 9 & 10

The Baptism of the Lord

	4:00 p.m. Harpers	5:30 p.m. Wexford	8:00 a.m. New Albin	10:00 a.m. Lansing
Lector	Sheila Diggins	Bryant Kruse	Ray Whalen	Pat Wagner
EMHC	*None at this time*	Mark Kruse	Gary Mauss	Gerti Monat
Altar Servers	*None at this time*	*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*	*None at this time*
Giftbearers	*None at this time*	*None at this time*	*None at this time*	*None at this time*
Rosary			John Colsch	Rita Heim
Sacristan				Tony & Gerti Monat
Greeters	*None at this time*	*None at this time*		*None at this time*

Communion to the Homebound [Lansing] - - Bill O-Connor

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— 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

As I write this, it is only December 23, so the crazy busy Christmas Mass schedule hasn't even started! A lot of people have put a lot of time and effort into making our churches beautiful, and as safe as we know how to be. I have great hope that our celebrations will be (were) joyful and that we will be (were) moved again by the reality of God coming to dwell with us!

Now to this weekend! As we celebrate Epiphany, we rejoice that God has revealed himself to us through his son, Jesus, a light to all the world! The visit of the Magi from the East help us see that God's plan of salvation is for all people in all times! May we live our lives in a manner that shows the world that we have received that light of Christ by reflecting it to all we meet!

Thank you again for all the generous Christmas gifts and treats! I must confess that I'm not exactly the best at getting "thank you" notes in the mail, but I'm working on it.

Some of you have heard me talk about an approach to Scripture called the Great Adventure. This approach helps us with the overall story of Scripture, not just the individual stories. There is a timeline that helps us understand God's plan of salvation revealed to us through the Bible. You can see this timeline hanging on the wall in the Faith Formation Center. One thing I've committed to in this new year is to read through the Bible again, using a reading plan based on this Great Adventure Bible Timeline. Ask me about it, or you can sign up online at ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration

Below you will see again the "advertisement" for the pilgrimage to Poland that is scheduled for October. It's hard to believe that the plane will be lifting off in only 9 months! Check out the details below and consider making this pilgrimage a highlight of your new year! Taking a trip to the other side of the world would be a great way to break the cabin fever we've all been experiencing since last March!

Faith Formation is BACK!

We're excited to start Faith Formation again this week on Wednesday, January 6! Fr. Smith will meet with the first session in Lansing at 6:00 pm, then with the 7:00 pm session in Harpers Ferry! Let us pray that this new year leads us to know, love, and serve God more deeply!

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!"

Pilgrimage to Poland

If you've ever wanted to make a trip rich in spiritual graces and history, this is your chance! Join Fathers Sean Smith and Ivan Nienhaus on a 9-day pilgrimage to Poland, October 18-26, 2021! Explore the lives of many of our modern saints, St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II, & St. Maximilian Kolbe. We will visit Auschwitz, the Wieliczka salt mines, in Czestochowa we will see the painting of the Black Madonna, plus so much more. Breakfast & dinner daily, wine with dinner. Price out of Cedar Rapids or Des Moines $3,699.00 per person. Get a flyer at the HFB Office in Lansing or the HFB website " or check out the trip at www.pilgrimages.com/johnston/poland3/.

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 2 & 3				January 9 & 10			
4:00 pm	Harpers	8:00 am	New Albin	4:00 pm	Harpers	8:00 am	New Albin
5:30 pm	Wexford	10:00 am	Lansing	5:30 pm	Wexford	10:00 am	Lansing

Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **January 6th: Faith Formation classes resume!**

Daily Mass readings (January 3 - January 10)

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

This 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 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, January 6: St. André Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday, January 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday, January 8: Ordinary Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday, January 9: Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday, January 10: The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Saint of the Week: Elizabeth Ann Seton

1774–1821 Feast Day—January 4

Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.

Saint Elizabeth Seton, you knew the beauty of all human life when you carried a child in your womb and when, as a young widow, a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity, you sought to live the Gospel of Life. Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. You know the sacrament of Holy Matrimony; Teach us to support all families with faith and truth. You know the love of a good spouse; Intercede for all newly married couples. You know the stirring of the child in your womb; Intercede for every unborn child. You know the miracle of giving birth; Pray for mothers tempted by abortion

The prayer to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is part of a Novena to Three American Saints for Life published at http://www.usccb.org/prayerand-worship/prayers-and-devotions/ prayers/novena-to-three-american-saints-for-life.cfm. Copyright © 2018, Catholic News Service–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved
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"Stewardship" Report

for December 19 & 20

New Albin	**# Donors**	
Adults	13 of 115	$545.00
Dec. Act of Kindness: Fuel assist		$99.00
Religious Retirement		$150.00
Candles		$10.50

Harpers Ferry		
Adults		$250.00
Dec. Act of Kindness: Fuel assist		$108.00
Christmas donation		$20.00
Memorial: Connie Luster		$80.00
Religious Retirement		$20.00

Lansing	**# Donors**	
Adults	21 of 220	$870.00
Dec. Act of Kindness: Fuel assist		$540.85
Unrestricted donation		$72.56
Christmas donation		$150.00
Religious Retirement		$75.00

Wexford	
Adults	$517.00
Children	$22.00
Dec. Act of Kindness: Fuel assist	$280.00
Religious Retirement	$150.00

THANK YOU Holy Family of the Bluffs! Your loving support and generosity this Christmas Season is greatly appreciated! All praise and all thanksgiving be to God our Loving Father.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2: 9-11

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