



HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY APRIL 12 - APRIL 18

**SAINT
JOSEPH**
New Albin

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
Lansing

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
Wexford

**SAINT ANN -
SAINT JOSEPH**
Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -
share Jesus' love**
"He is Risen!
Truly, He is Risen!"

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 12	@ Wexford.....	8:00am
Tuesday, April 13	@ New Albin (No Daily Mass)	8:30am
	@ Wexford..... (No Daily Mass)	4:00pm
Wednesday, April 14	@ Lansing..... George Ferring.....	4:00pm
Thursday, April 15	@ Lansing..... (No Daily Mass)	8:00am
Friday, April 16	@ Lansing..... Ruth Rea.....	8:00am
	@ Harpers..... Marty Melcher	11:00 am
Saturday, April 17	@ Harpers..... Alex & Eleanor Gallacher.....	4:00pm
	@ Wexford..... For the People	5:30pm
Sunday, April 18	@ New Albin Floyd & Rita Pottratz, Family & Grandchildren.....	8:00am
	@ Lansing..... Lloyd and Andy Welsh	10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
No Confessions this week

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers • April 17 & 18 **Third Sunday of Easter**

	4:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Harpers	Wexford	New Albin	Lansing
Lector	Peggy Berns	Shari Curran	Julie Rethwisch	Jean Clemments
EMHC	<i>None at this time</i>	Pat Curran	Max Marzen	Connie Brown
Altar Servers	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>
Ushers	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>
Giftbearers	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>
Rosary			Larry Mitchell	Rita Heim
Sacristan				Connie Brown
Greeters	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>
Communion to the Homebound [Lansing]	- Kay Mettille, Ann Delaney			

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— and —
"Father Sean Smith"

From the Desk of Father Smith

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed!

We Catholics tend to be pretty good at Lent. We love our ashes and fasting and giving things up. But Lent is not an end in itself. It is a time of preparation for the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus our Savior.



"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song" is a phrase attributed to St. Augustine nearly 1600 years ago, and echoed by Pope St. John Paul II. How do we live as an Easter people? We live in faith that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! We live in the hope that we have been called to share in salvation and to ourselves be resurrected on the last day! We live in the freedom that comes from being beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, who gave his only Son to bring us into his kingdom forever! We live in the power of the Holy Spirit, given to us to strengthen us and allow us to live with faith, hope, and love!

A special thank you to all those that helped make the Holy Week, Sacred Triduum, and Easter liturgies so special. All of our churches were beautiful thanks to the gifts of so many, especially our environment folks. Our music was wonderful, again raising our voices in song. It was a special joy to have our wonderful local priests celebrate with us, as well as Fr. Dustin Vu. We are so blessed here in Holy Family of the Bluffs!

A reminder that I'm going to be away from the parishes the next 2 weeks. Shawn will be in the office, Fr. Vu will be covering the weekend Masses on Apr. 17/18, and we have a modified daily Mass schedule (check the front page of the bulletin). If I have to work day and night to empty out my inbox when I return, the glow of vacation will disappear quickly, so if you can hold onto non-critical things until I return, that would be appreciated. Emergency pastoral needs, e.g., anointing of the sick, funerals, will be coordinated through Fr. Moser in Waukon. I will be praying for you!

First Communion

This weekend we celebrate with joy the young people that will be receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist! While "First" is important, the really special part is "Communion"! First only happens once, but the opportunity to share in the Body and Blood of Jesus is available to us every week (and every day)! Wel welcome these young people and their families:

Elle Luttchens
Brinnly Rea

Olivia Mauss
Kylar Smed

Jacob McKee
Delainee Steiber

Marshal Mohn

"Thank You" from Pat Wagner

The February "Act of Kindness" was given to Pat Wagner in support of his studies to be a Deacon. His letter of gratitude to our four parishes is as follows: "A sincere thank you to the Holy Family of the Bluffs Community for all your prayers and support as I pursue the Permanent Diaconate. It is much appreciated."

Word(s) Of the Week

Lumen Gentium—The name of a document from Vatican II, taken from the opening line of the document, "Christ is the Light of nations." A very important idea in the document is that everyone, clergy and laity, are called to bring the light to the world. In paragraph 33 we read, "The lay apostolate, however, is a participation in the salvific mission of the Church itself. Through their baptism and confirmation all are commissioned to that apostolate by the Lord Himself." The Lord has called you to bring his light to the world and be part of the saving mission of the Church!

Weekend Mass Schedule

April 10 & 11

4:00 pm Harpers
8:00 am New Albin
8:30 am Wexford
10:00 am Lansing

April 17 & 18

4:00 pm Harpers
5:30 pm Wexford
8:00 am New Albin
10:00 am Lansing

Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 @ 3pm, IC Lansing.** Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer!

Daily Mass readings (April 11 - April 18)

To subscribe to receiving daily readings by email every morning visit:

<https://bible.usccb.org/>

This Sunday, April 11: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday, April 12:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11 d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 13: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 14:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 15: Tax Day

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 16:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 17:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday, April 18: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Divine Mercy Chaplet: April 11 @ 3pm IC Lansing

In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. Please join us at IC Lansing on April 11 at 3pm as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. Just bring your rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer card will be available to assist you in the prayer and to take home.

ACT of KINDNESS for April

For this month's Act of Kindness we will be collecting the following items for a donation to the- Lansing Iowa Food Pantry or LIFT.

- 1) Paper products: towels, toilet tissue, and Kleenex.
- 2) Personal hygiene items for men and women: shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, tooth paste, bar soap, body wash, etc.
- 3) Laundry soap, dish soap, and other cleaning products.
- 4) Monetary donations will be collected the third weekend of the month, April 17 & 18. All loose money in the collection box and checks marked as LIFT or Food Pantry on the memo line. Boxes for collecting items have been provided at each church entrance. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need in our community.



"Stewardship" Report for March 27 & 28

New Albin	
Adults	\$576.00
Easter	\$125.00
Rice Bowl	\$114.00
Candles	\$8.00

Harpers Ferry	
Adults	\$884.00
Offertory	\$57.00
Rice Bowl	\$22.11

Lansing	
Adults	\$977.00
Offertory	\$34.52
Easter	\$63.00
Rice Bowl	\$159.49

Wexford	
Adults	\$1,974.00
Children	\$2.00
Offertory	\$7.00
Rice Bowl	9.20
Vigil Lights	240.35

Stewardship for April 3 & 4

New Albin	
Adults	\$1,066.00
Offertory	\$85.00
Candles	\$24.00
Easter	\$100.00
Rice Bowl	\$188.65

Harpers Ferry	
Adults	\$1,185.00
Offertory	\$73.00
Easter	\$470.00
Rice Bowl	\$236.51
Votive Lights	\$16.24

Lansing	
Adults	\$1,432.00
Offertory	\$155.00
Easter	\$1,604.00
Rice Bowl	\$585.70
Restricted donation	\$600.00

Wexford	
Adults	\$1,594.00
Children	\$16.00
Offertory	\$36.25
Unrestricted Donation	\$95.00
Easter	\$3,225.00
Rice Bowl	\$245.69
Holy Land	\$25.00



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