



HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY APRIL 19 - APRIL 25

**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 19	@ Wexford.....	8:00am
Tuesday, April 20	@ New Albin..... Jean Weber.....	8:30am
	@ Wexford..... Purgatorial Society.....	4:00pm
Wednesday, April 21	@ Lansing..... (No Daily Mass).....	4:00pm
Thursday, April 22	@ Lansing..... Dan & Joyce Brennan.....	8:00am
Friday, April 23	@ Lansing..... (No Daily Mass).....	8:00am
	@ Harpers..... (No Daily Mass).....	11:00 am
Saturday, April 24	@ Harpers..... Mark and Margaret Delaney.....	4:00pm
	@ Wexford..... Jim & Joe Hawes.....	5:30pm
Sunday, April 25	@ New Albin..... Earl & Donna Mitchell & families.....	8:00am
	@ Lansing..... For the People.....	10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE No Confessions this week

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers • April 24 & 25 **Fourth 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	Marcia Gruman	Dan Conway	Janet Wallerer	Izzy Mettille
EMHC	<i>None at this time</i>	Kay (Mike) Gavin	Barb Mauss	Kay Mettille
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				Ken Steiber
Sacristan				Patty Mohn
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]	- Don & LeaAnn Peters			

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— and —
"Father Sean Smith"

From the Desk of Father Smith

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



May is usually the month where we have nominations and elections for the respective Pastoral Councils for our parishes. Last year was unusual because of COVID-19, but we are hoping to get back on track this year. We will have extra openings this year since we're really covering 2 years worth of elections. Let me share with you my vision for the Pastoral Councils.

The name gives us a pretty good clue as to the purpose of the Council. It is to be a "pastoral" council, which means that it is primarily about the life of the parish and the people. Yes, there are buildings and grounds to be maintained and managed, as well as finances to be considered and programs to be executed. But all of those things, everything, is done with an eye to the good of our people and our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world! Buildings and grounds do not exist for their own sake; they exist to serve the People of God in our communities. Programs do not exist for their own sake, but to build up the People of God and further the mission of leading others to Christ.

I cannot have eyes and ears on everything in all the parishes at all times. So the Council serves as an important source of counsel to me, helping me understand the needs of our people and our community. The advisory role of the Pastoral Council is critical, helping me to help the People of God!

All this is to say that the job of the Pastoral Council is not to "do everything in the parish"! Yes, there are some things that need to be done, but the council members are not the "designated doers" for the year! Everyone has a responsibility to help support the parish! We are all "designated doers"!

If you would like to help serve your community on the Pastoral Council, please reach out to me or one of the current Council members! I will also be speaking to individuals about serving, hoping to broaden the representation on the Council! Please consider serving on one of these Councils! We need your voice to be heard. I need your voice to be heard! There will be more information coming soon, i.e., when I return from vacation. Until then, look for reasons to say "yes"!

First Communion Wrap-up

Congratulations to our young people that shared in the Eucharist for the first time last weekend! We still have one young person to go next weekend. May all of our young people continue to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist! Thank you to Rita Heim, our 2nd grade catechist, and Barb Winters-Kelly and Brigid Cota for their leadership in our Youth Faith Formation programs!

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thank you to all who participated in the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm at IC Lansing. In Jesus' revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special prayer and meditation on His Passion each afternoon at the three o'clock hour, the hour that recalls His death on the cross. You will find at each parish a pamphlet detailing this prayer. Please take one and enjoy this beautiful devotion.

Word(s) Of the Week

Eucharist—Taken from the Greek word, eucharistia, literally meaning "thanksgiving". We use this word for the sacrament through which we share in the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. The priest calls down the Holy Spirit and through the Eucharistic Prayers, most specifically the words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper, bread and wine becomes for us the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Weekend Mass Schedule

April 17 & 18

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

April 24 & 25

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

Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- There are none scheduled for this upcoming week!

Daily Mass readings (April 18 - April 25)

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

This 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

Monday, April 19:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20:

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22: Earth Day

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 23: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday, April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter ;

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW):

The Decorah Deanery Council of Catholic Women held a meeting on April 6. This was the first meeting since January 2020, due to the pandemic. At the meeting, new officers were elected and installed. President Julie Vulk from St. Benedict Parish, Decorah; Co-VP Carrie and Shelia Rassman from Holy Trinity Parish, Protivin; President Elect Stephanie Feldman from Notre Dame Parish, Cresco; Secretary Bonnie Hackman from St. John's Parish, Fort Atkinson and Treasurer Pam Rochford from Immaculate Conception Parish in Sumner. Our spiritual advisor is Msgr. Cletus Hawes from Wexford.

All ladies of the deanery are welcomed to be members of the council of Catholic women, especially now, during this time of pandemic and still, a bit of uncertainty in our future. Many parishes no longer have active women organizations, the deanery can be where women come together as active members of the Council of Catholic Women and be connected to the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women which is affiliated to the National Council of Catholic Women. Please join us. If you wish further information, please contact Pres. Julie Vulk at 563.380.8412 or javulk@yahoo.com.

Senior Masses

Congratulations Seniors! Our Senior students will be recognized at the following masses in May at all four parishes:

Sunday, May 9: New Albin and Lansing

Saturday, May 15: Harpers and Wexford



College Graduates

If you have a son or daughter graduating from college this Spring and would like them recognized at a mass with the senior class, please email Mandy at dbq216ym@dbqarch.org by Sunday, May 2.

"Stewardship" Report for April 10 & 11

New Albin

Adults	\$1,146.00
Offertory	\$15.06
Easter	\$1,070.00
Rice Bowl	\$40.00
Candles	\$14.00
WeShare (March)	\$695.00
WeShare (Act of Kind)	\$50.00

Harpers Ferry

Adults	\$375.00
Offertory	\$64.00
Easter	\$240.00
WeShare (March)	\$395.00

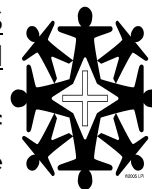
Lansing

Adults	\$878.00
Offertory	\$57.02
Easter	\$50.00
Rice Bowl	\$200.00
Restricted donation	\$1,000.00
WeShare (March)	\$3,160.00
WeShare (Act of Kind)	95.00

Wexford

Adults	\$729.00
Children	\$5.00
Offertory	\$30.00
Easter	480.00
WeShare (March)	125.00

ACT of KINDNESS Collection for April is this weekend!




For this month's Act of Kindness we have been collecting items for a donation to the- Lansing Iowa Food Pantry or LIFT. Boxes for collecting items have been provided at each church entrance. Also, all loose money in the collection box for this weekend, April 17 & 18, and checks marked as LIFT or Food Pantry on the memo line will be given to LIFT. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need in our community.



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