

HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MAY 10 - MAY 16

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 10	@ Wexford.....8:00am
Tuesday, May 11	@ New Albin..... Purgatorial Society.....8:30am
	@ Wexford..... Kay Mooney.....4:00pm
Wednesday, May 12	@ Lansing..... George Ferring.....4:00pm
Thursday, May 13	@ Lansing..... Dan & Joyce Brennan..... 8:00am
Friday, May 14	@ Lansing..... John (Pearly) & Margaret Pettit..... 8:00am
	@ Harpers..... Marty Melcher 11:00 am
Saturday, May 15	@ Harpers..... For the People 4:00pm
	@ Wexford..... Jim Hawes 5:30pm
Sunday, May 16	@ New Albin..... Paul Moore..... 8:00am
	@ Lansing..... Edna Wyninger 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 • May 15 & 16 The Ascension 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	Seniors: Adam & Daniel Gruman	Seniors	Janet Walleser	Ann Wagner
EMHC	<i>None at this time</i>	Mark Kruse	Michael Wellendorf	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				Pat Wellendorf
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]	– Bill O'Connor			

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SAINT JOSEPH**
Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -
share Jesus' love**

*“She opens her
mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of
kindness is on her
tongue.*

Proverbs 31:26

From the Desk of Father Smith



What wonderful celebrations last weekend, one recognizing the great gift that Msgr. Ed Lechtenberg has been to this community and the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and then the 14 young people that were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation! What a great witness to all of us, to have someone that has been in service to God and the Church for over 70 years, and young people at the beginning of their lives of service.

And finally, my apologies to Miss Alison Wagner, one of our new Confirmandi, for having spelled her name incorrectly in last week's bulletin! Fortunately, I still got cake and ice cream at her Confirmation party.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, mothers-in-law, mothers-in-heaven, grieving mothers and those acting as mothers. Also, a special prayer for all those that desire to be mothers, but are unable. God bless you all!

COVID-19 Mitigations

Archbishop Jackels has announced that as of the weekend of June 5/6 the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evening) and Holy Days of Obligation will be lifted. This means that there is once again an obligation for all persons to participate in Mass on Sundays if they are able. This is a serious obligation for all Catholics, but there has been a dispensation from the obligation in place in the Archdiocese of Dubuque since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the increasing availability of the vaccines and the significant reduction in infection rates, and upon consultation with many throughout the Archdiocese, the consensus was that now is the time to lift the dispensation and encourage Catholics in the Archdiocese to return to participating in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The Archbishop also offers the following: *"As the pandemic isn't over, even without a dispensation, Catholics can still legitimately excuse themselves from Sunday Mass if they're afraid of getting COVID, or if...they're frail from age or illness, or caring for someone sick, homebound, or an infant, or weather makes driving hazardous, or work and Mass schedules conflict. In short, there is no sin in missing the Sunday obligation if you would go if you could go, but you can't for reasons outside your control."* Now your Pastor's commentary. This is not meant to put undue pressure on anyone that has legitimate health concerns regarding the virus. But let's be honest (if not with me, then with yourself before God), if you've not been so concerned that you've stayed home from work, school, sports, extra-curriculars, restaurants, social gatherings, etc., are you truly legitimately concerned such that you should miss Mass? The Archbishop has described how one might "legitimately excuse themselves from Sunday Mass", and I encourage you to prayerfully consider his guidance.

Along with lifting the dispensation, the Archbishop has given local Pastors the responsibility and authority to consider the mitigations deemed appropriate for the local communities. In order to make Mass available for everyone on the weekends, we will have to modify our COVID-19 mitigations, such as blocked pews. I will be consulting with others in our parishes and will publish updated mitigations for our parishes soon.

If you have particular questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me (Fr. Smith)!

††† **Eternal Rest** †††

Eleanor O'Neill, parishioner of Immaculate Conception, Wexford, passed away recently. We pray for the repose of her soul and the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit for her family and friends.

Eternal rest, grant unto her, O LORD, **And let perpetual light shine upon her.**

May she rest in peace. **Amen.**

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Weekend Mass Schedule

May 8 & 9

May 15 & 16

4:00 pm	Harpers	8:00 am	New Albin	4:00 pm	Harpers	8:00 am	New Albin
		8:30 am	Wexford	5:30 pm	Wexford	10:00 am	Lansing
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Daily Mass readings (May 9 - May 16)

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

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

This Sunday, May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Acts 10:25-26,34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday, May 10: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 11:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 12: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 14: St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday, May 15: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday, May 16: The Ascension of the Lord

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Generosity

Many people are very generous in regular support of their parishes, but from time to time there are opportunities that call for special generosity, such as memorials or special projects or special needs that have arisen. Here are some of the recent projects/needs/gifts across the HFB parishes:

- Video equipment for recording Masses
- New microphone in New Albin
- Church roof repair in Lansing
- Chrismal Sets (vessels for Holy Oils) in each parish
- Ambry (box for holding Chrismal Sets) in New Albin
- Bibles for Faith Formation
- Formed.org (online faith formation resource for all parishes)
- Organ repair in Wexford
- Memorial for Gethsemane Cemetery
- Direct support for those in most need
- New windows and HVAC in rectory in Lansing

Unless it is a specific memorial, most do not desire recognition for their gifts, but it is important to recognize and thank people for their special contributions. Here are some of the people that have contributed generously to the above items:

Memorials for Connie Luster and Mary Lou Cota, Edna and Ray Whalen, Rita Heim, Kathy and Dave Moritz, Memorial for Charles and Doris Berns, Shawn Klesk, Pat and Don Zoll, Memorial for Leo Garin, Nancy and Jim Hosch, Memorial for Duane Smith, Msgr. Ed Lechtenberg, Cathy and Clair Wagner, Ann and Matt Wagner, Tony and Gertie Monat, anonymous

If you are interested in making a specific gift or memorial, please contact Fr. Smith! There will be more names soon as some of these projects are ongoing. If your name was not included here, it is an oversight and not a slight; please let us know and we will correct it!

"Stewardship" Report for May 1 & 2

New Albin

Adults	\$911.00
Offertory	\$124.00
April Act of Kind: LIFT	\$10.00

Harpers Ferry

Adults	\$310.00
Children	\$2.00
Offertory	\$58.00
Easter	\$50.00

Lansing

Adults	\$1,245.00
Offertory	\$31.00
Restricted donations	\$2,439.75

Wexford

Adults	\$934.00
Children	\$25.00
Offertory	\$34.00
Easter	\$25.00

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

May "Act of Kindness"

This month's Act of Kindness will be collected the weekend of May 15 & 16 for our Veterans!

New Albin Firemen Pancake Brunch, Sunday, May 23

This event will be held at the New Albin Fire Station on Sunday, May 23, from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, and a beverage.

Adults: \$7.00

Ages 7 - 13: \$4.00


Carryout & outdoor seating is available.



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