



HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

SAINT JOSEPH
New Albin

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Lansing

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Wexford

**SAINT ANN -
SAINT JOSEPH**
Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -
share Jesus' love**

"Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted."

John 6:11

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 26	@ Wexford.....	8:00am
Tuesday, July 27	@ New Albin..... Donna and Earl Mitchell.....	8:30am
	@ Wexford..... Purgatorial Society.....	4:00pm
Wednesday, July 28	@ Lansing..... Jim Wellendorf.....	3:00pm
Thursday, July 29	@ Lansing..... No Mass.....	8:00am
Friday, July 30	@ Lansing..... No Mass.....	8:00am
	@ Harpers..... No Mass.....	11:00am
	@ Harpers..... For the People.....	4:00pm
	@ Wexford..... For the Intention of Wexford Parishioners.....	5:30pm
Saturday, July 31	@ New Albin..... Leonard & Phyllis Heiderscheit.....	8:00am
Sunday, August 1	@ Lansing..... Bob Kernan.....	10:00am

CONFESION SCHEDULE

No Confessions the weekend of July 31, August 1

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers • July 31 & August 1 **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	4:00 p.m. Harpers	5:30 p.m. Wexford	8:00 a.m. New Albin	10:00 a.m. Lansing
Lector	Mary Ann Kelly	Dan Conway	Ray Whalen	Ann Wagner
EMHC	Sheila Diggins	Pat Delaney	Bonnie Weymiller	Kay Mettill
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				Rita Heim
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] – Pat Wellendorf, Lynn O'Hara

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From the Desk of Father Smith



Just a reminder that Fr. Jon Seda will be with you for all the weekend Masses next weekend. Fr. Seda is the Director of the St. Stephen the Witness Student Center at the University of Northern Iowa, as well as the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. His work with students and vocations go hand-in-hand as he works with young people to draw closer to Christ and to understand the way that Christ is calling them to live their lives in service to others. Please be generous in supporting the work of the Student Center!

With Fr. Seda taking all the Masses, that gives me an opportunity to get out of town for a few days! The daily Mass in Lansing on Wednesday, July 28, will be an hour earlier at 3:00 pm, which will give me an extra hour on the road. There will be no daily Masses in Lansing or Harpers Ferry on Thursday or Friday, July 29 and 30, respectively. During this long weekend I will be traveling to the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio for a conference called "Defending the Faith". This will be my 25th time attending this summer conference, and my many years going to Steubenville have been deeply transformative for me. It was at a Steubenville Conference that I first experienced the call to become a deacon. One of the reasons I'm always encouraging people to learn more about their faith is that learning about the faith is what helped me to grow in my love for the Lord and my desire to serve him! And I learned cool words like tetragrammaton!

With that theme of learning, I want to make another plug for the Great Adventure Bible. This is the Bible that I use for my reading and study, and we will be getting them for our young people in Faith Formation. If you enjoy hearing about the history found in the Bible, the history that leads us through the entire story of God's plan of salvation, then this is the Bible for you! We'll be placing a bulk order, so contact the parish office and reserve a copy for around \$25! No, really! Get one, and let's study together!

In the past few weeks we've seen some great signs of things returning to normal in our parishes! First, attendance at Masses has been good and getting better! Next, we had our first breakfast in nearly 2 years in Wexford; we had our Chicken and Ham Dinner in Harpers Ferry; and we've had a couple of coffee and donuts events after Masses in New Albin. I want to thank all those that are putting in the effort to make these events successful! It is great to see people gathering for worship and fellowship again!

Seven Sisters Apostolate Launched

A group of women here at HFB have begun a prayer apostolate, i.e., ministry, with each committing to praying a Holy Hour one day each week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. As a Church we are all made stronger and holier when our priests are stronger and holier, and this ministry contributes to the prayer support needed to build up our priests and the Kingdom of God. These women will receive a blessing at the Masses this weekend to strengthen and encourage them in their prayer. May God bless these women of prayer and the priests and bishops they will be praying for by name. If you would like to find out more about this ministry, please contact Mary O'Neill at IC Wexford parish.

✠✠✠ Eternal Rest ✠✠✠

In the past few weeks we've had several funerals and burials in our parishes. Funeral Masses were held in Lansing for Martin Hess and Steve Thorsten, and along with Gene Burroughs and Jim McKee, they were buried at Gethsemane Cemetery in Lansing. A Funeral Mass for Lois Duffy was held at St. Joseph in New Albin, and she was laid to rest at St. Peter Cemetery. We pray for the repose of their souls and the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit for their families and friends.

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

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

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

Weekend Mass Schedule

July 24 & 25

July 31 & August 1

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

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Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **Sunday, July 25 at St. Joseph in New Albin:** Rosary Society meeting will meet directly after the 8 am Mass.
- **Mass time change Wednesday, July 28 at IC Lansing:** One time change to 3 pm instead of 4 pm.
- **No Masses on Thursday, July 29, and Friday, July 30**

Daily Mass readings (July 25- August 1)

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

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

This Sunday, July 25: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday, July 26: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 27:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 28:

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 29: St. Martha

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, July 31: St. St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday, August 1: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 25-31, 2021



Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org.

Help Wanted in Lansing

Immaculate Conception in Lansing is looking to hire someone for cleaning the church. A formal job posting has not been created, yet, but the position is available. It consists of the expected cleaning of the church, including the church, chapel, church hall, and bathrooms, as well as stocking supplies. In general, this is about 3-4 hours per week. There is also an opportunity for cleaning the rectory, which could also be considered a separate position. This is basic cleaning once or twice a month for a few hours. If you know someone that might be interested in either cleaning the church, cleaning the rectory, or both, please have them contact Fr. Smith. The position is available immediately.



"Stewardship" Report for July 17 & 18

New Albin

Adults \$330.00

Act of Kindness:

- St. Stephen the Witness Ctr. \$264.00

Votive Candles \$9.00

Harpers Ferry

Adults \$457.00

Act of Kindness:

- St. Stephen the Witness Ctr. \$211.81

Unrestricted donation \$500.00

Lansing

Adults \$598.00

Act of Kindness:

- St. Stephen the Witness Ctr. \$134.92

Restricted: Rectory Project \$200.00

Wexford

Adults \$624.00

Children \$5.00

Act of Kindness:

- St. Stephen the Witness Ctr. \$145.00

Last Month's Act of Kindness:

In June the Act of Kindness collection was for Mary's Inn Maternity Home in Dubuque, IA.



All four parishes collected a grand total of \$1,221. This very generous donation will go towards helping expecting mothers and their babies.

Saint of the Week: Sts. Anne and Joachim - Feast Day July 26

Joachim and Anne are first named as the parents of Mary in the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James, which may date from the second century. In this story, they are old and childless, like the Old Testament Hannah, mother of Samuel, when angels deliver the news that Anne will conceive a child. Anne was an especially popular saint in medieval England, and her feast was celebrated in the West by 1350; Joachim's feast was authorized or suppressed by various popes, but was joined with Anne's in 1969. They are the patrons of married couples; Anne is also the patron of childless women, expectant mothers, and miners. (Copyright © 2017, Catholic News Service—United States, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.)




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