



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 29

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 23	@ Wexford.....	8:00am
Tuesday, August 24	@ New Albin.....	Living & Deceased Members of the Paul Karon Family	8:30am
	@ Wexford.....	Matthew Schellsmidt.....	4:00pm
Wednesday, August 25	@ Lansing.....	Catherine Butchart.....	4:00pm
Thursday, August 26	@ Lansing.....	Bob Wellendorf	8:00am
Friday, August 27	@ Lansing.....	Living & Deceased Members of the Sean and Sara Smith Family	8:00am
	@ Harpers	Ned Schmitt	11:00am
Saturday, August 28	@ Harpers	Ned Schmitt	4:00pm
	@ Wexford.....	For the People	5:30pm
Sunday, August 29	@ New Albin.....	Verna Massman.....	8:00am
	@ Lansing.....	Evelyn Ryan.....	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 • August 28 & 29

22nd 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	Peggy Berns	Kay (Pat) Gavin	Janet Walleser	Pat Wagner
EMHC	Sheila Diggins	Dan Conway	Tom Walleser	Don Peters
Altar Servers	<i>None at this time</i>			
Ushers	<i>None at this time</i>			
Giftbearers	<i>None at this time</i>			
Rosary				Ken Steiber
Sacristan				Judy Steiber
Greeters	<i>None at this time</i>			

Communion to the Homebound [Lansing] – Don & LeaAnn Peters

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“Simon Peter answered him,
“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

John 6:68-69

From the Desk of Father Smith



Sadly the whole COVID-19 story is heating up again. Many parts of the country are experiencing severe problems. While things are getting a little worse here in our neck of the woods, it isn't terrible (yet!) However, Allamakee County and almost the entire state of Iowa has been classified by the CDC as an area of "substantial or high transmission," and as such, the CDC recommendation (and following that, the recommendation of the Archbishop) is that individuals wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. I know this is not going to be popular, but I want to strongly encourage you to wear a mask at church! I will begin wearing one again for the distribution of Holy Communion and when I am among groups of parishioners. This is not a "mandate" as in "you are not welcome if you do not wear a mask," but I hope you will consider it an act of Christian charity toward your brothers and sisters. I don't like it any more than anyone else, but hopefully this is a short term measure. If you are not already vaccinated, now would be a good time to make that happen. And pray! Pray, pray, pray that there would be an end to this pandemic once and for all!

You've seen me writing about some of the exciting things we are planning for our Youth Faith Formation this year. One of the most important aspects of any program is the catechists (teachers)! We have been blessed to have great catechists in the past, and Barb Winters-Kelly and I are praying and working to make sure we have great catechists this year! If you would like to be part of sharing the faith with our young people, let us know! Raise your hand! Make a phone call! Send an email! We want to hear from you! We will give you all the support you need to have a great experience! You don't need to have kids in the program, but parents are especially welcome (these are, after all, your children). Maybe you are willing to team teach with someone else? Our young people need your faith and your witness in their lives! Find a way to say "yes!"

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline

Following the period of the *Patriarchs* which introduced to us the covenants and promises (including the Promised Land of Canaan) through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the third period in the Great Adventure Bible Timeline is *Egypt and Exodus*. The time period is roughly 1700-1280 BC. Moses is the key figure in this period, having been called by God to go to Egypt and tell Pharaoh that the Israelites were to be set free from slavery. The Passover is established as a memorial to be celebrated forever, and by the power of God, Moses leads the people to freedom through the Red Sea, which is why the color representing this period is red. They are led into the desert to the Mountain of God (Mount Sinai, also called Mount Horeb), where God gives Moses the Law that we call the Ten Commandments. The exodus is a pivotal event in salvation history and is recalled over and over again throughout the rest of Scripture. Our celebration of the Eucharist harkens back to the Passover celebration where the lamb is sacrificed. The book of Leviticus giving the details of the Law related to ritual, legal, and moral practices is also placed within this time period.



The Great Adventure Bible includes this color coding of the periods, highlights key events, people, geography, and even other world events. You can purchase a copy of this Bible for \$30 through the parish office. This Bible and the Timeline will be a big part of our Youth Faith Formation program, and everyone, young and old, is invited to participate!

✠✠✠ Eternal Rest ✠✠✠

Denise Rossi and Briana Stover were recently laid to rest in our cemeteries. We pray for the repose of their souls and the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit for their family 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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

August 21 & 22

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

August 28 & 29

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5:30 pm Wexford 10:00 am Lansing

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**“Stewardship” Report
for August 14 & 15**

Daily Mass readings (August 22 - August 29)

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

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

This Sunday, August 22: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday, August 25: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 26:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 27: St. Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday, August 29: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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St. Stephen the Witness	\$40.00

Lansing

Adults	\$752.00
Offertory	\$127.25
Holy Day	\$75.00
Mission Appeal:	
St. Stephen the Witness	\$75.00

Wexford

Adults	\$384.00
Offertory	\$15.00
Vigil Lights	\$108.67
Holy Day	\$10.00
Mission Appeal:	
St. Stephen the Witness	\$25.00

August Act of Kindness

This month's Act of Kindness will be collected this weekend of August 21 & 22. It will go to Allamakee County schools for needed school supplies.

Respect Life Quote

"Life is a Gift from God. The Church's teaching on the dignity of human life is clear. "Human life" states the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

- Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper Needed

The parishes of Holy Family of the Bluffs in New Albin, Lansing, Wexford, and Harpers Ferry are actively seeking to fill a part-time Secretary/Bookkeeper position based in Lansing. Responsibilities include general office secretarial duties, producing the weekly bulletin and other parish communications, maintaining sacramental records, bookkeeping and record keeping for multiple parishes, bank reconciliation, and supporting third-party payroll vendor. Successful candidate will have solid computer skills including Microsoft Office, with Quicken a plus, and solid written communication skills; understanding of Catholic Church office operations a plus. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Sean Smith by Friday, August 27.

Welcome!

Welcome to Karen Johnson from New Albin as the new church/FFC/rectory cleaning person at IC Lansing! It's great to have you on board! And thank you to Samantha Creasman for her service to our parish.



Congratulations!

Liz Schwartzhoff and Kyle Schnabel exchanged vows and rings (and a few kisses) on Friday, August 8, 2021, at IC Lansing. Liz, a native of Lansing, and her new husband will be making their home in South Dakota. Blessings to them in their life together!





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