

# HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday, August 30</b>	@ Wexford .....	.....	8:00am
<b>Tuesday, August 31</b>	@ New Albin.....	Lynn Pohlman .....	8:30am
	@ Wexford .....	Mary Schrandt Manning .....	4:00pm
<b>Wednesday, September 1</b>	@ Lansing .....	Leo Garin and Fred Hogan.....	4:00pm
<b>Thursday, September 2</b>	@ Lansing .....	Ken Strub .....	8:00am
<b>Friday, September 3</b>	@ Lansing .....	Mary Cavanagh.....	8:00am
	@ Harpers.....	Purgatorial Society .....	11:00am
<b>Saturday, September 4</b>	@ Harpers.....	For The People.....	4:00pm
	@ Wexford .....	Steve & Eleanor & Joe O'Neill.....	5:30pm
	@ Lansing .....	Jerry & Marian Cota Family.....	5:30pm
<b>Sunday, September 5</b>	@ New Albin.....	Bob Strub .....	8:00am
	@ Lansing .....	Don Reiter .....	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 • September 4 & 5* **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	4:00 p.m. Harpers	5:30 p.m. Wexford	5:30 p.m. Lansing	8:00 a.m. New Albin	10:00 a.m. Lansing
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Diggins	Shari Curran	Jean Clements	Ray Whalen	Theresa Yaeger
<b>EMHC</b>	Charles Berns, Jr.	Mary Jo Mohn	Kay Mettelle	Joan Reburn	Ann Wagner
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>
<b>Giftbearers</b>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>	<i>None at this time</i>
<b>Rosary</b>			Mike & Helen Melde		Ken Steiber
<b>Sacristan</b>			Mike & Helen Melde		Patty Mohn
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>None at this time</i>	<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] – Dan & Mary Scholtes**

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**SAINT ANN -  
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Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -  
share Jesus' love**

“Hear me, all of you,  
and understand.  
Nothing that enters  
one from outside can  
defile that person;  
but the things that  
come out from within  
are what defile.”

**Mark 7:14b-15**

## From the Desk of Father Smith



After several weeks with the Bread of Life Discourse from the Gospel of John Chapter 6, this week we return to the Gospel of Mark. Jesus finds himself challenged by the Pharisees and Scribes about his disciples not following the proper cleansing and purification rituals before meals. Interestingly, our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy has Moses telling the Israelites how important it is that they follow the Law that is being given to them by God, that they should neither add nor subtract from the Law. It seems like Jesus is exempting his disciples from following the Law. Jesus is, in fact, getting to the heart of the law, beyond the

externals of hand washing and to what really makes a person's heart and mind and soul impure. It doesn't make the Law unimportant, but it does highlight that mere external observance of the Law is not a guarantee of having the desired effect of bringing a person in to right relationship with God.

At the writing of this message, I don't know the numbers in terms of our August Act of Kindness that is being given to the people of Haiti following their experience of a devastating earthquake. But I don't need to know the numbers to know that you were undoubtedly very generous. Thank you for your support of brothers and sisters in need. Maybe we should consider something like developing a sister parish relationship with a parish in a foreign country? Let me or the Social Justice Committee know what you think about that.

Things have been very busy lately with all the Pastoral Council meetings, the Lay Director meetings, Cemetery Board meetings, and all the year-end reporting that is due by September 1. That is a lot of meetings with a lot of people, and a lot of paperwork with 4 parishes, and oratory, and 5 cemeteries! I really appreciate everyone's contributions in all of these areas! I look forward to working with the new Councils as we continue to build up our faith communities! If you have some ideas on things you would like to see in our parishes, bring those ideas to me or to your respective Council members.

## The Great Adventure Bible Timeline

Following the period of the *Egypt and Exodus* we have the 40 year period of the *Desert Wanderings* from approximately 1280-1240 BC.. As you might expect, this period is represented by the color tan for the color of the desert. This is a time of testing and trial as the generation that was led from slavery in Egypt passes away and the next generation awaits the deliverance into the Promised Land. Moses is still the key figure, along with his brother, Aaron, and the successor to Moses, Joshua. The book of Numbers is the primary narrative text of this period, and Deuteronomy also provides part of the story.

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 †††

John Costello died recently in Lansing and a prayer service was held. There was also a funeral Mass and burial in New Albin for Briana Stover and her stillborn infant, Layla, who are from Colorado but with deep family roots in New Albin. A funeral Mass for Mary Benson was also held in New Albin. 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 28 & 29

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

### September 4 & 5

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

## Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **Friday, September 3:** Mass at 8:00 am at IC Church - Lansing. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration follows Mass at 8:30 am with Benediction at 9:15 am.
- Extra Labor Day Mass in Lansing, Saturday, September 4, at 5:30 pm.

### **Daily Mass readings (August 29 - September 5)**

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

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

### **This 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

### **Monday, August 30:**

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

### **Tuesday, August 31:**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

### **Wednesday, September 1:**

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

### **Thursday, September 2:**

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

### **Friday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

### **Saturday, September 4: St. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

### **Next Sunday, September 5: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

## Wexford Fish Fry

September is coming, and that means the Wexford Fish Fry! Just to make sure everyone is extra safe, we're going to be offering our famous fish fry drive-thru style! Keep watching for more details coming soon!



## Faith Formation Update

Barb Winters-Kelly and I (and a tag-along, Connie Mettille) participated last week in a Faith Formation Leaders meeting in Waverly. It was a great opportunity to share with others around the Archdiocese and find out what they are doing in their communities. Many parishes are creating their own curriculums and coming up with creative scheduling approaches, and HFB is no different! The message we are receiving is still that Adult Faith Formation is critical, which fits in well with the emphasis we are placing on inviting adults to participate on Wednesday evenings! We will be putting out more information on the schedule very soon, so keep watching for it and keep your Wednesday evenings free!

## Happy Baptisms!



Congratulations to Dayton Melcher, son of James and Kelli Melcher, and Sienna Haefele, daughter of Dakota and Rebecca Haefele, for having been washed in the waters of baptism at Immaculate Conception-Wexford! We rejoice with you!

## "Stewardship" Report for August 21 & 22

### **New Albin**

Adults	\$512.00
Votive Candles	\$5.50
Act of Kindness: Haiti	\$641.00

### **Harpers Ferry**

Adults	\$265.00
Votive lights	\$39.00
Mission Appeal: St. Stephen the Witness	\$50.00
Act of Kindness: Haiti	\$193.00

### **Lansing**

Adults	\$922.00
Act of Kindness: Haiti	393.00

### **Wexford**

Adults	\$719.00
Children	\$1.00
Sacramental offering	\$100.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
Act of Kindness: Haiti	\$200.00

## July's Act of Kindness & Mission Appeal: St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center

It was wonderful to have Fr. Jon Seda at all four parishes to celebrate Masses and share with us some of the great ministry work being done at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa. Our combined donations from July's Act of Kindness and the Mission Appeal presented by Fr. Jon Seda the weekend of July 31 and August 1 raised over \$3,400. Wow! That is great stewardship in action. Paul Lee, the Director of Campus Ministry has sent us heartfelt letters of thanks. They will be posted on each parishes bulletin boards for all to review.






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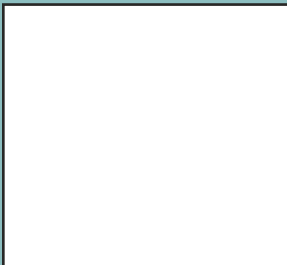
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