



# HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### SEPTEMBER 6 - SEPTEMBER 12

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

|                               |                  |  |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--|---------|
| <b>Monday, September 6</b>    | @ Wexford .....  | .....  | 8:00am  |
| <b>Tuesday, September 7</b>   | @ New Albin..... | Deceased members of the Post<br>Fitzpatrick Family ..... | 8:30am  |
|                               | @ Wexford .....  | Purgatorial Society .....                                | 4:00pm  |
| <b>Wednesday, September 8</b> | @ Lansing .....  | Duane Smith.....   | 4:00pm  |
| <b>Thursday, September 9</b>  | @ Lansing .....  | Bob Wellendorf.....                                      | 8:00am  |
| <b>Friday, September 10</b>   | @ Lansing .....  | Alice & Ernie Luster.....                                | 8:00am  |
|                               | @ Harpers .....  | Ned Schmitt.....   | 11:00am |
| <b>Saturday, September 11</b> | @ Harpers .....  | Ned Schmitt.....   | 4:00pm  |
| <b>Sunday, September 12</b>   | @ New Albin..... | Dick Maus.....   | 8:00am  |
|                               | @ Wexford .....  | Aileen Delaney .....                                     | 8:00am  |
|                               | @ Lansing .....  | For The People.....                                      | 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 11 & 12*

##### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

|                      | 4:00 p.m.<br>Harpers     | 8:00 a.m.<br>New Albin   | 8:00 a.m.<br>Wexford     | 10:00 a.m.<br>Lansing    |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>        | Mary Ann Kelly           | Evan Whalen              | Kay (Pat) Gavin          | Ann Delaney              |
| <b>EMHC</b>          | Connie Benedict          | Mike Reburn              | Pat Curran               | Connie Brown             |
| <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> |
| <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> |
| <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> |
| <b>Rosary</b>        |                          |                          |                          | Rita Heim                |
| <b>Sacristan</b>     |                          |                          |                          | Connie Brown             |
| <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> |

**Communion to the Homebound [Lansing] – Pat Wellendorf, Lynn O'Hara**

#### *Linked Parish Office*

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“Holy Family of the Bluffs”  
 — and —  
 “Father Sean Smith”

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SAINT JOSEPH  
Harpers Ferry

Stewardship -  
share Jesus' love

“Ephphatha!” (that is,  
“Be opened!”)

Mark 7:34c

## From the Desk of Father Smith



Our Gospel this week tells us of Jesus healing a man who was both deaf and mute (unable to speak). The healing involves Jesus putting his fingers in to the man's ears and touching his tongue with his own spit, crying out heavenward, Ephphatha!" which means "be opened". We see in this something more than simply physical healing. During baptism, the priest/deacon makes the sign of the cross over the ears and mouth of the child in what is called the Ephphatha Prayer, asking that the child's ears would be opened to receive the words of the Gospel, and that the words of the Gospel would be on their lips. Maybe even more than our

ears and lips being opened, it is our hearts and minds that need to be opened. Our ears may be working just fine, but sometimes we cannot "hear" the word of God being spoken to us. Our lips may be working just fine, but we do not "speak" the word of God in the world. How does the Lord want to help you be opened to receive his life and love into your life?

Many of us have been listening and watching and reading about the deadly situation in Afghanistan as the U.S. military leaves the country. The loss of life of so many over the past 20 years, and especially in these last few weeks, leaves our emotions raw. We pray with thanksgiving to those military women and men that have bravely offered themselves in the line of service, and for the civilians that have been working in support of peace. We pray that there would one day be not only an end to war, but a true and lasting peace in this region and in the world.

The role of the Secretary/Bookkeeper in the life of a parish is an important one! Peggy Berns and Mary O'Neill have been doing this work for years in Harpers Ferry and Wexford, respectively, and Shawn Klesk has been working in the office in Lansing taking care of IC Lansing and St. Joseph, New Albin, for the past 10 months. Shawn will be taking a step back to be more of a volunteer, and I am thankful for Shawn's help during this past year. Amber Lier from Waukon will be joining us in the next few weeks, so if you see a new face around the office, or hear a new voice on the phone, please welcome her. A brief bio for Amber can be found on the following page.

## The Great Adventure Bible Timeline

After the 40 year period of the *Desert Wanderings*, Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River to the Land of Canaan, the Promised Land. But this land was already occupied, so in order to take control of the land the Israelites had to fight for it. And when they had taken control, they were governed by judges. So this period from around 1240-1050 BC and represented by green for the green hills of Canaan is called *Conquest and Judges*. The books of the Bible that represent this period are Joshua and Judges, with Ruth an additional book that is set during 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!



## Word of the Week

Epiclisis — The epiclisis is the calling down of the Holy Spirit. During the Mass, this is done most clearly over the bread and wine as part of the Eucharistic Prayer. In Eucharistic Prayer III, the priest extends hands over the bread and the wine and prays, "Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries."

## Weekend Mass Schedule

| <u>September 4 &amp; 5</u> |         |          |           | <u>September 11 &amp; 12</u> |         |          |           |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 4:00 pm                    | Harpers | 8:00 am  | New Albin | 4:00 pm                      | Harpers | 8:00 am  | New Albin |
| 5:30 pm                    | Wexford | 10:00 am | Lansing   |                              |         | 8:00 am  | Wexford   |
| 5:30 pm                    | Lansing |          |           |                              |         | 10:00 am | Lansing   |



**Daily Mass readings (September 5 - September 12)**

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

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

**This 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

**Monday, September 6: Labor Day**

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday, September 7:**

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Thursday, September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest**

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday, September 10:**

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday, September 11: St. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday, September 12: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

**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**

Online registration for 2021-2022 Youth Faith Formation is available on the parish website, <http://www.holyfamilyofthebluffs.org>. Just go to the homepage, click the "Faith Formation" tab and then the "Faith Formation Registration" option. Sessions will be meeting on Wednesday evenings, 6:30—7:45pm for grades K-5, and 7:15—8:30 pm for grades 6-10. Notice the program times and that this year our program will now include Kindergarten students! Watch for a more detailed schedule soon!

**Welcome Our New Secretary/Bookkeeper**



Hi my name is Amber Lier. I live in the country outside of Waukon. I'm a mother of 5 children: Chyenne 23, Christopher 21, Kody 20, Cadence 19 and McKenzie 16. I also have a Granddaughter Charlee who is 15 months. I'm married to my high school sweetheart, Bob. I spend most of my time with family and friends. I love the outdoors.

Amber will be training with Shawn starting in the Lansing office Tuesday, September 7. Please welcome her to the HFB team, and thank Shawn for her service to our parishes!

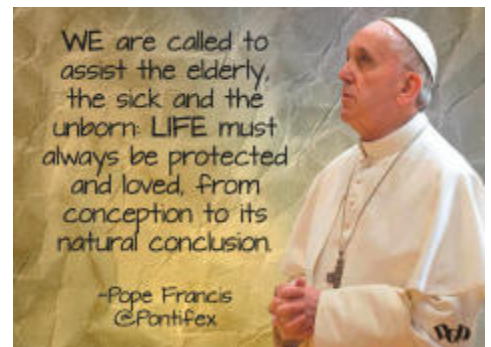
**"Stewardship" Report  
for August 28 & 29**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>New Albin</b>        |            |
| Adults                  | \$409.00   |
| Offertory               | \$178.00   |
| Votive Candles          | \$8.50     |
| <b>Harpers Ferry</b>    |            |
| Adults                  | \$570.00   |
| Offertory               | \$190.00   |
| Holy Day                | \$25.00    |
| Mission Appeal:         |            |
| St. Stephen the Witness | \$80.00    |
| <b>Lansing</b>          |            |
| Adults                  | \$5,725.00 |
| Offertory               | 111.00     |
| <b>Wexford</b>          |            |
| Adults                  | \$464.00   |
| Children                | \$6.00     |
| Offertory               | \$27.00    |
| Unrestricted donation   | \$3.00     |
| Act of Kindness: Haiti  | \$100.00   |

**St. Mary's Dorchester Annual Bazaar**

Sunday, September 19, is a special day in Dorchester, Iowa at the beautiful St. Mary's Church. The annual bazaar is to include a ham & chicken dinner served from 11 am - 1 pm with dine-in and carry outs available. The auction starts at 1:30 pm. Other fun events include raffles, bingo, and kid's games. This event is handicap accessible.

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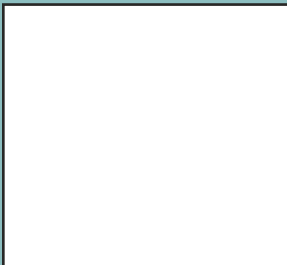
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