

October 2021

# RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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# HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 10

**SAINT  
JOSEPH**  
New Albin

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
Lansing

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
Wexford

**SAINT ANN -  
SAINT JOSEPH**  
Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -  
share Jesus' love**

*"Therefore what God  
has joined together,  
no human being must  
separate."*

**Mark 10:9**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday, October 4</b>	@ Wexford	.....	.....	8:00am
<b>Tuesday, October 5</b>	@ New Albin	.....	Paul Moore	8:30am
	@ Wexford	.....	Devallo Cassidy, Jr & Family	4:00pm
<b>Wednesday, October 6</b>	@ Lansing	.....	Nancy Barry	4:00pm
<b>Thursday, October 7</b>	@ Lansing	.....	Mary Benson	8:00am
<b>Friday, October 8</b>	@ Lansing	.....	Mary & Bud Rethwisch	8:00am
	@ Harpers	.....	Purgatorial Society	11:00am
<b>Saturday, October 9</b>	@ Harpers	.....	Connie and Harland Luster	4:00pm
<b>Sunday, October 10</b>	@ New Albin	.....	Marvin & Irene Schultz	8:00am
	@ Wexford	.....	Kay Mooney	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 • October 9 & 10*

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

	4:00 p.m. Harpers	8:00 a.m. New Albin	8:00 a.m. Wexford	10:00 a.m. Lansing
<b>Lector</b>	Peggy Berns	Julie Rethwisch	Shari Curran	Ann Wagner
<b>EMHC</b>	Connie Benedict	Evan Whalen	Laurie Manning	Gerti Monat
<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>				Ken Steiber
<b>Sacristan</b>				Tony & Gerti Monat
<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] – Don & LeaAnn Peters

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

## From the Desk of Father Smith



Everyone needs someone to talk to. For many priests in our Archdiocese, that means being part of a “Priest Support Group”. Usually consisting of 4-7 priests, this group provides the priest an opportunity to pray with brothers, share about their prayer life and ministry, their joys and sorrows, and solicit advice from others that are walking the same road. Some of these groups have been meeting for decades and are a real priority in the priest’s schedule, typically meeting about once a month. I have been asked to join a group and look forward to getting to know these men better. It is a challenge to get 5 priests to sync up their schedules, so I am going to ask for your flexibility if I have to reschedule or even drop a daily Mass once a month. Please pray for me and all priests!

Speaking of priests, we just posted this year’s vocation posters with pictures of all the seminarians for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. I encourage you to take a look at these posters and pray for these men as they discern God’s call in their lives. Maybe you’ll even feel moved to want to drop a note or a card to these men to let them know you are praying for them. One of these men may be your future pastor! And pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood!

The Carry Out Pork Roast Dinner at Cherry Mound was a great success last weekend! Thank you to all those that provided donations, did the cooking and serving, and those that generously provided support by purchasing meals! We were happy to welcome Fr. Bernie Grady, and Msgr. Ed Lechtenberg.

Finally, it takes a lot of people to have a great Youth Faith Formation program. We have a bunch of dedicated people, but we could sure use a couple more catechists, especially in the 7:15-8:30 pm timeslot. If someone asks you to help, please generously consider how you might say “Yes!” And thank you to all those that have already said yes!

## The Great Adventure Bible Timeline



The blues of the *Exile* are replaced by the yellow of the *Return*, as the people of the Kingdom of Judah are set free from the Babylonians by King Cyrus of Persia and are allowed to return to their homeland to rebuild their lives and reestablish right worship in Jerusalem. The yellow signifies the brighter days that lay ahead for God’s people. The period covers 538—167 BC and the primary narrative texts are Ezra and Nehemiah. Supporting texts include Zechariah, Haggai, Esther, and Malachi.

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!

## Wexford Fish Fry Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our annual fish fry a successful event. Thanks to all who came and supported our fish fry. We appreciate those who worked additional shifts, donated food and supplies, and took on additional jobs in preparation for the fish fry. Special thanks to the Mohn family for your dedication and hard work.



## What God Joins Together

Congratulations to David and Shelby (Troendle) Richards, married at St. Ann-St. Joseph Church on September 25! May your lives be blessed with love and peace and joy!

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### October 2 & 3

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

### October 9 & 10

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

## Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **Sunday, Oct 3, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at Waukon Fair Grounds:  
Msgr. Ed's 95th Birthday & 70th Anniversary**

### **Daily Mass readings (October 3- October 10)**

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

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

**This Sunday, October 3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday**

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi**

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday, October 5: St. Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 6: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary**

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday, October 8:**

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday, October 9: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John**

**Leonardi, Priest**

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday, October 10: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

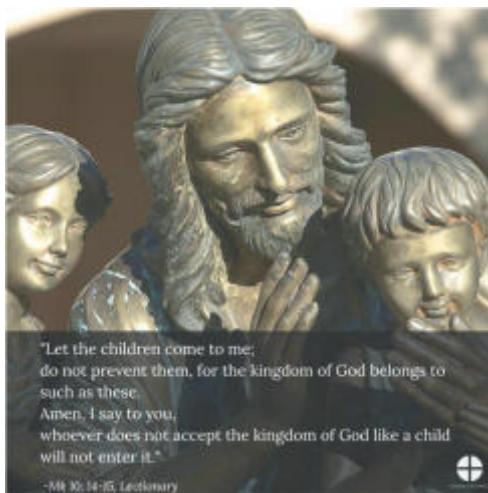
Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22nd - 24th in Coralville, IA and November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Register at [lowa-wwme.org](http://lowa-wwme.org) or call Jeff & Janet Francois 563-608-3305 with any questions.

## Respect Life Sunday October 3rd

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



"Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to  
such as these.  
Amen. I say to you,  
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child  
will not enter it."

-Mt 19:14-15, Lectionary

## "Stewardship" Report for September 25 & 26

New Albin	
Adults	\$152.00
Offertory	\$183.10
Candles	\$3.50
Memorial	\$495.00

### **Harpers Ferry**

Adults	\$339.00
Offertory	\$62.00

### **Lansing**

Adults	\$1850.00
Offertory	\$97.00
Memorial	\$495.00

### **Wexford**

Adults	\$439.00
Offertory	\$30.00
Faith Formation	\$30.00
Vigil Lights	\$198.50

## ACCW Annual Convention

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is holding their annual convention on Saturday, Oct 23, 2021 at the Holy Trinity Church 124 North Main Street, Protivin, IA 52163, from 8:00 am to 1:15 pm. The Keynote Speaker is Virginia Pillars and the Mass Celebrant is Rev. Daniel Knipper. Registration Before Oct. 1-\$20. After Oct 1 or at the door-\$25 . To register, go to <https://dbqarch.org/events-1>

## Prayer to End Abortion

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion. Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!* -

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