

October 2021

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HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OCTOBER 18 - OCTOBER 24

**SAINT
JOSEPH**
New Albin

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
Lansing

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
Wexford

**SAINT ANN -
SAINT JOSEPH**
Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -
share Jesus' love**

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:43b-45

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 18	@ Wexford	8:00am
Tuesday, October 19	@ New Albin..... James Hammell.....	8:30am
	@ Wexford	No Mass
		4:00pm
Wednesday, October 20	@ Lansing	Don Reiter
		4:00pm
Thursday, October 21	@ Lansing	Edna Wyninger.....
		8:00am
Friday, October 22	@ Lansing	Ruth Rea
		8:00am
	@ Harpers	Connie Luster.....
		11:00am
Saturday, October 23	@ Harpers	Faye Johnon.....
		4:00pm
	@ Wexford	Martin Hess
		8:00am
Sunday, October 24	@ New Albin.....	For The People.....
		8:00am
	@ Lansing	Jerry & Marian Cota Family.....
		10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

No Saturday Confessions in Lansing this week, 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 23 & 24

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	4:00 p.m. Harpers	8:00 a.m. Wexford	8:00 a.m. New Albin	10:00 a.m. Lansing
Lector	Marcia Gruman	Mary O'Neill	Ray Whalen	Pat Wagner
EMHC	Patti Hastings	Kay Gavin	Max Marzen	Judy Steiber
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				Donna Johnson
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] – Bill O'Connor

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From the Desk of Father Smith



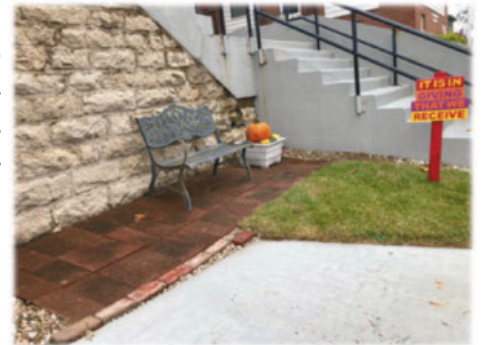
The Archdiocese is trying to understand the impact of COVID-19 on Mass participation, and so we were asked to provide counts for all the people that attended the weekend Masses during the month of September. For each of our 4 parishes, the average weekly Mass attendance was: St. Joseph, New Albin (67), IC, Lansing (124), IC, Wexford (50), St. Ann-St. Joseph, Harpers Ferry, (68). There are lots of ways to qualify this information, like IC, Lansing, had an extra Mass on Labor Day weekend, and IC, Wexford, has many farmers so harvest time impacts Mass attendance. I arrived after COVID-19 so I don't

have firsthand knowledge of what Mass attendance has been in the past, but I've been told it is down. This should give all of us something to think about. Mass participation is certainly not the only measure of how we are doing as parishes, but if the Eucharist, receiving the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus, is the source and summit of our faith, then Mass attendance is a pretty darn important measure! How can we better reach out to our brothers and sisters and encourage them to participate at Mass? Is there something we can do at our Masses to make the worship more meaningful? Are there things we can do outside of Mass to bring greater life and vibrancy to our parish communities and especially our worship? These are not just rhetorical questions! I would love to hear from you about how we can grow our communities! Or talk to a Pastoral Council member from your respective parish! This is exactly the kind of thing we need to be talking about!

Congratulations again to Msgr. Ed Lechtenberg on his 95th birthday and his 70 years as a priest. He sure knows how to throw a party, as everyone that came to the Fairgrounds on October 3 can attest! I consider myself especially blessed as a new priest to have amazing priests like Msgr. Ed, Msgr. Cletus, and Fr. Donald right here in our parishes! Please continue to pray for these men, that God would continue to bless them in their lives and ministry! And maybe just say "thank you" when you see them!

Thank You!

A special "thank you" to Jim and Nancy Hosch, and Mark and Deb Dietzenbach for some extra cleanup work at IC Lansing. The front of the church needed a little sprucing up, and these folks took the lead to make it happen! Someone dropped by some seasonal decorations, and our friends and neighbors from Our Savior's Lutheran Church even gave us a "positive sign" recalling the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.



If you have a "thank you" you would like to share, let us know!

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline



After the period of the *Maccabean Revolt*, the next period should sound very familiar to us. The birth of Jesus ushers in the period of *Messianic Fulfillment*. All of the promises and covenants of the prior periods have led us to this time, when the Son of God was born of a virgin as the Messiah "anointed one". This period covers the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth, from 0—33 AD. The color representing this period is gold for the gold that was given as a gift by the Magi at Jesus' birth. The primary narrative text for this period is the Gospel of Luke, but all the 4 Gospels cover this 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!

Weekend Mass Schedule

October 16 & 17

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

October 23 & 24

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

Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **CASA Training, IC Lansing FFC, Confirmation Room, Oct. 19, 6:30pm-7:30 pm**
- **IC Wexford Pastoral Council Mtg, Thursday, Oct. 21, 7:00 pm**
- **Allamakee County Flu Clinic, IC Lansing Parish Hall, Friday, Oct. 22, Noon-3:00 pm**
- **St. Joseph Rosary Altar Society Mtg, Sunday, Oct. 24, after**

Daily Mass readings (October 17- October 24)

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

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

This Sunday, October 17: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday, October 18: St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-

Tuesday, October 19: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 20: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 21:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 22: St. John Paul II, Pop

Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 23: St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM

Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday, October 24: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Mass

Newly Baptized!

Colton Russell Besse, son of Dylan Besse and Kalli Konkell, was baptized October 10, 2021, at St. Joseph Church in New Albin. May God bless Colton and his family as they live their lives as sons and daughters of God!

Holy Souls Prayer Group

We know that we should pray for the souls in Purgatory, but why? The Church teaches in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that "one way we can help them [those undergoing purification in Purgatory] is to obtain indulgences for them" (CCC 1479). We are organizing a Holy Souls Prayer Group to learn more about these teachings and to pray for the souls undergoing purification. Join us at IC Wexford following the 4:00 pm Mass on Tuesdays. Contact Shari Curran at 563-380-4686 or email shari@sharicurran.com for more information.

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

LIHWAP can help pay past due water bills & pay reconnection fees all associated fees/taxes. Eligible persons must be under income maximums, must demonstrate a water burden & must demonstrate legal U.S. status. Contact Northeast Iowa Community Action

"Stewardship" Report for October 9 & 10

New Albin

Adults	\$315.00
Offertory	\$303.00
Unrestricted Donation	\$50.00
Candles	\$8.50
WeShare (September)	\$1,587.00

Harpers Ferry

Adults	\$710.00
Offertory	\$158.00
Restricted Donation	\$33.50
WeShare (September)	\$435.00

Lansing

Adults	\$558.00
Offertory	\$98.00
WeShare (September)	\$2,795.00
WeShare (Act of Kindness)	\$65.00

Wexford

Adults	\$949.00
Offertory	\$63.00
Children	\$7.00
Faith Formation	\$50.00
WeShare (September)	\$140.00

St. Patrick's Soup Supper

The St. Patrick's School Parents' Group Soup Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 20, in the St. Pat's church basement. from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Carry-outs are available starting at 4p.m. by calling 568-3336 or stop in the north side of church

Last Month's Act of Kindness:

In September the Act of Kindness collected was for the Fire Departments of Lansing New Albin Harpers and Waterville. All four parishes collected a total of \$920.68. Thank you for your generous donation.

Pro-Life Quote

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