

October 2021

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OCTOBER 25 - OCTOBER 31

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 25	@ Wexford	8:00am
Tuesday, October 26	@ New Albin.....	Gladys Ponzoch	8:30am
	@ Wexford	Ann Curran	4:00pm
Wednesday, October 27	@ Lansing	Sue Russell	4:00pm
Thursday, October 28	@ Lansing	Alice & Ernie Luster.....	8:00am
Friday, October 29	@ Lansing	Mary Benson	8:00am
	@ Harpers	Chris & Karen Luster	11:00am
Saturday, October 30	@ Harpers	Donna Doyle.....	4:00pm
	@ Wexford	For The People.....	5:30pm
Sunday, October 31	@ New Albin.....	Bernard & Lucille Mauss.....	8:00am
	@ Lansing	Don Reiter	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 30 & 31

31st 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	Mary Ann Kelly	Marcia Kruse	Evan Whalen	Ann Delaney
EMHC	Sheila Diggins	Mary Jo Mohn	Barb Mauss	Connie Brown
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				Pat Wellendorf
Sacristan				Connie Brown
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] – Lynn O'Hara & Pat Wellendorf

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“Holy Family of the Bluffs”
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New Albin

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Wexford

SAINT ANN - SAINT JOSEPH
Harpers Ferry

Stewardship - share Jesus' love

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."

Mark 10:49d

From the Desk of Father Smith



You will probably be hearing about a synod in the Archdiocese of Dubuque and in the wider Catholic Church. A synod is a manner of consultation and collaboration in the Church and can take place over months or even years. This was discussed at the recent Pastoral Leadership Study Day that Barb Winters-Kelly and I attended in Cedar Falls. The focus of our local synod will be on pastoral planning, meaning how we plan on being Church in the Archdiocese of Dubuque with 165 parishes, 74 active priests (not including other priests from religious orders or other dioceses), and a declining Catholic population.

I don't say this to put anyone in a panic (that won't help anything anyway), but the reality of the situation is that there may be some difficult decisions to be made in the Archdiocese in the coming years. My suggestion at this point would be for all of us to **BE CHURCH!** Let's make sure we are living out our lives as disciples (followers of Jesus) and are part of the mission of sharing the Good News (evangelization), are growing in our own faith, are teaching the next generation, are caring for the poor, are supporting our parishes financially, are encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life, etc. In short, we need to live out the Gospel! Scripture tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever" (Heb 13:8)! There are a lot of things beyond our control, but all of the things mentioned above are absolutely within our control! You can check out statistics about the Archdiocese of Dubuque at <https://dbqarch.org/statistics/> or contact me if you are not an internet person.

Just a heads up on a few times in the next few months when we will have a visiting priest for the weekend. Fr. Dustin Vu will be joining us on the weekend of Nov. 20-21 so that I can accompany our young people to the National Catholic Youth Conference. Archbishop Jackels will be joining us the weekend before Christmas, Dec. 18-19, so that I can make a trip to visit my family for the holidays. Not bad having the Archbishop for the weekend! Nothing but the best for the people of Holy Family of the Bluffs!

Trunk or Treat!

St. Ann-St. Joseph Parish is hosting its first ever "Trunk or Treat" following the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, October 30! Think of it as a Halloween tailgate party! Come to Mass and bring some Halloween treats to share. After Mass, we'll welcome kiddos from the community to come through the parking lot in their costumes looking for goodies. Decorate your vehicle if you like! Decorate your kiddos if you like! Decorate yourself if you are really daring! Don't be scared to participate in this event for the whole Harpers Ferry community!



The Great Adventure Bible Timeline

THE
CHURCH

33 - (end)
White
(the spotless
bride of Christ)

ACTS

Paul's Letters
Other Letters
Revelation

Following the birth of Jesus in the period of *Messianic Fulfillment* is the period of *The Church*. This period is ushered in by the Ascension of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This is recounted in the Acts of the Apostles; the rest of the letters in the New Testament as well as the Book of Revelation cover the beginning of this period. Unlike all the other periods of Scripture, this one continues beyond the books of the Bible to this very day, and until the end of time. We remain in the period of *The Church* until Jesus comes again! The period is represented by the color white because the Church is the spotless Bride of Christ.

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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

October 23 & 24

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

October 30 & 31

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

Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **St. Joseph Rosary Altar Society Mtg, Sunday, Oct. 24, after Mass**
- **All Saints Mass Monday November 1 at 6pm**
- **All Souls Mass Tuesday November 2 at 6:30pm**

Daily Mass readings (October 24- October 31)

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

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

This 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

Monday, October 25:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 26:

Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 27:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, October 28: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday, October 29:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, October 30: BVM

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday, October 31: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve

Mass for All Souls

There will be a Mass for All Souls at Immaculate Conception, Lansing, at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 2, to remember and pray for all the deceased of the Holy Family of the Bluffs parishes from this past year. We are trying to reach out to all the families to invite them to this special Mass in remembrance of their loved ones. Please pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved dead, and for peace and consolation for those who mourn their loss.

Thank You!

Dear Friends, Your generosity and kind encouraging words of love are appreciated far more than a grateful heart could ever express. Please accept my thanks for all your kind words and gifts. I would love to send everyone of you a thank you letter, but that would take me the rest of my life! Thank You Thank You and Gratitude to God & You. From Father Ed

Breast Care Awareness Month

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October and throughout the year—people wear pink ribbons to honor survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and to support the progress we are making together to defeat breast cancer. Let's continue to support research, encourage regular self-exams and mammograms, and care for those who have experienced this terrible disease!



"Stewardship" Report for October 16 & 17

New Albin	
Adults	\$674.00
Unrestricted Donation	\$25.00
Candles	\$13.50
Act of Kindness: Pro Life	\$295.33

Harpers Ferry	
Adults	\$325.00
Children	\$3.76
Act of Kindness: Pro Life	\$101.50

Lansing	
Adults	\$722.00
Act of Kindness: Pro Life	\$298.00

Wexford	
Adults	\$474.00
Children	\$2.00
Unrestricted Donation	\$100.00
Act of Kindness: Pro Life	\$182.00

Head Start & Early Head Start Programs

NEICAC Head Start & Early Head Start program is available in Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek Counties. For more information please visit www.neicac.org or call 563-539-2502

Allamakee 4-H Supper

Allamakee County 4-H is hosting their Annual Supper and Silent auction on Sunday, November 7, from 4-8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Pavilion. Tickets available at the door. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Allamakee County 4-H program.

Domestic Abuse Month

The Domestic Abuse Resource Center serves individuals and families residing in 7 counties in Northeast IA. Contact them at their 24-hour help line, 1-800-383-2988, or their website HelpingServices.org/chat





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