

October 2021

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# HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 7

**SAINT  
JOSEPH**  
New Albin

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
Lansing

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
Wexford

**SAINT ANN -  
SAINT JOSEPH**  
Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -  
share Jesus' love**

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

**Deuteronomy 6:4-6**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 1	@ Wexford	8:00a
Tuesday, November 2	@ New Albin	No Mass 8:30a
	@ Wexford	Aileen Delaney 4:00p
Wednesday, November 3	@ Lansing	Ruth Rea 4:00p
Thursday, November 4	@ Lansing	Bob Wellendorf 8:00a
Friday, November 5	@ Lansing	Mary Benson 8:00a
	@ Harpers	Joe & Alberta Troendle 11:00a
Saturday, November 6	@ Harpers	Dorothy McCormick 4:00p
	@ Wexford	Nick Curran 5:30p
Sunday, November 7	@ New Albin	David Donovan 8:00a
	@ Lansing	For The People 10:00a

### 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 • November 6 & 7* **32<sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Diggins	Theresa Heuker	Dan Colsch	Ann Wagner
<b>EMHC</b>	Sheila Diggins	Bonnie Wagner	Gary Mauss	Peter Berns
<b>Altar Servers</b>	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time
<b>Ushers</b>	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time
<b>Giftbearers</b>	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time
<b>Rosary</b>				Pat Wellendorf
<b>Sacristan</b>				Connie Brown
<b>Greeters</b>	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time

Communion to the Homebound [Lansing] – Becky Miller, Laurie Rethwisch

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— and —  
“Father Sean Smith”

## From the Desk of Father Smith



It is hard for me to imagine, but we are approaching the “holiday season”, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. We all know how to prepare for these holidays, but what about the fact that we will soon begin a new liturgical year? The 4 weeks of Advent preceding Christmas, and Christmas itself, both the day and the season, are fast approaching. What (spiritual) gifts did you receive during this year? What (spiritual) gifts are you praying for in the coming year? How are you preparing your heart and mind and spirit to receive these gifts? Are you spending time in prayer, asking God for his wisdom and knowledge in how to grow in faith? Are you spending time in community in worship and service? It is easy for us to get lost in the busyness of our daily lives, but we should never forget that our lives are more than just today; they lead us into eternity! How we live our lives today prepares us for the eternity that awaits us! Let's make this upcoming year and these upcoming seasons ones of hope and joy and grace and peace and mercy!

One very intentional way to respond to the busyness of our lives is to take a “Jesus break” and spend some time adoring Jesus in his Eucharistic presence. If you are new to Eucharistic Adoration, it is a special time of prayer where Jesus present in the Eucharist is brought from the tabernacle and placed on the altar in a monstrance (see picture at right) so that we can see him. We can also consider that Jesus sees us as well, sees our bodies, minds, and hearts, as we come before him. There are some specific prayers and songs, but mostly it is an opportunity for you to be with the Lord. In this bulletin there are 3 different opportunities for spending time in Eucharistic Adoration in the next few weeks. Give yourself a break and spend some time with Jesus!



As a follow-up to what I wrote in last week's bulletin about the upcoming pastoral planning process for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, I want to give you a bit more insight into the thinking of the Archbishop. He has proposed 3 criteria for defining a parish: 1) serving the poor, 2) learning and teaching the Gospel, and 3) prayer and worship. You might say these could serve as an examination of conscience for a parish. The upcoming planning process will invite us to do just that, examine ourselves and our parishes as to how well we are responding to these criteria, meaning how well we are living out what it means to be a “parish”. It might be good for us each to evaluate our lives against these criteria to see if we are living out our faith as individuals and in community.

### 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.

### Holy Hour for Vocations

The Archdiocese hosts regional Holy Hours for the intention of an increase in vocations, especially priesthood, in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The Holy Hour for our area will be held at St. John Nepomucene Church in Fort Atkinson on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 pm. If you know of anyone that we should be praying for in particular, a young man that you think has the qualities of a good priest, maybe invite him to this Holy Hour, or make the Holy Hour yourself praying for him.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

#### October 30 & 31

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

#### November 6 & 7

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

## Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **Monday, Nov. 1:** All Saints Mass at IC Lansing, at 6:00 pm
- **Tuesday, Nov. 2:** All Souls Mass at IC Lansing, at 6:30 pm
- **Friday, Nov. 5:** First Friday Mass at 8:00 am at IC Lansing, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration at 8:30 am with Benediction at 9:15 am. Reconciliation will be available.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 9:** Mass at 4:00 pm at IC Wexford, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration at 4:30 am with Benediction at 6:00 pm. Reconciliation will be available.

### **Daily Mass readings (October 31- November 7**

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**This Sunday, October 31: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallows' Eve**

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

**Monday, November 1: All Saints**

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Tuesday, November 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed; All Souls' Day; Election Day**

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

**Wednesday, November 3: St. Martin de Porres, Religious**

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday, November 4: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday, November 5:**

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday, November 6: BVM**

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday, November 7: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends**

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

## Feeding God's Children

Join the Catholic Order of Foresters (Saint George Court) and HFB Faith Formation in feeding and clothing God's children. All food and clothing collected will benefit the LIFT and the Way Station. Feeding God's Children grocery bags will be placed in the entry way of each of the Holy Family of the Bluff churches. Please return donations to the entry way of any church by Sunday, December 12th. Everyone is invited to participate. Monetary donations will be accepted. Contact Kate Troendle (563) 538-4818, Mary Delaney (563) 586-2404, or Bonnie Wagner (563) 586-2265 to donate or for more information. Our community members appreciate your help. Let's make this year's event as successful as last year!



## Newly Baptized!

Henry Michael Buttell, son of Zachary and Kelsey Buttell, was baptized October 24, 2021, at St. Joseph Church in New Albin. May God bless Henry and his family as they live their lives as sons and daughters of God!

## "Stewardship" Report for October 23 & 24

### **New Albin**

Adults	\$449.00
Candles	\$35.00
World Mission	\$136.00

### **Harpers Ferry**

Adults	\$298.00
Offertory	\$37.00
Children	\$2.00
World Mission	\$20.00

### **Lansing**

Adults	\$682.00
Offertory	\$73.00
World Mission	\$44.00

### **Wexford**

Adults	\$399.00
Offertory	\$11.05
Children	\$9.00
Restricted Donation	\$5.00
World Mission	\$110.00

## World Mission Sunday

You can still return your envelopes to support the missionary activity of the Church around the world! Thank you for your generosity!

## 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.

## Happy Halloween!

Double double toil and trouble,  
fire burn and cauldron bubble."  
"When black cats prowl and  
pumpkins gleam, may luck be  
yours on Halloween." "There is  
magic in the night when  
pumpkins glow by moonlight."





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