

HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 27, 2021 - JANUARY 2, 2022

**SAINT
JOSEPH**
New Albin

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
Lansing

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CONCEPTION**
Wexford

**SAINT ANN -
SAINT JOSEPH**
Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -
share Jesus' love**

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Luke 2:51-52

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 27	@ Wexford.....	8:00am
Tuesday, December 28	@ New Albin..... NO MASS	8:30am
	@ Wexford..... NO MASS	10:30am
Wednesday, December 29	@ Lansing..... NO MASS	4:00pm
Thursday, December 30	@ Lansing..... Mary and Ross M. Cavanagh, Jr.....	8:00am
Friday, December 31	@ Lansing..... Living and Deceased of Cerney Family	8:00am
Saturday, January 1	@ Wexford..... Purgatorial Society.....	10:00am
	@ Harpers..... Joe and Alberta Troendle.....	4:00pm
	@ Wexford..... Kay Mooney	5:30pm
Sunday, January 2	@ New Albin..... Donna and Earl Mitchell.....	8:00am
	@ Lansing..... For the People	10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

No Lansing Confessions Saturday morning, 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 • January 1 & 2 **Mary, Mother of God / The Epiphany of the Lord**

	10:00 a.m. Wexford	4:00 p.m. Harpers	5:30 p.m. Wexford	8:00 a.m. New Albin	10:00 a.m. Lansing
Lector	Mary O'Neill	Shawn Mathis	Theresa Heuker	Karen Johnson	Ann Wagner
EMHC	Dan Conway	Mary Ann Kelly	Mary Jo Mohn	Barb Mauss	Kay Mettille
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>	<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>	<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>	<i>None at this time</i>
Rosary					Rita Heim
Sacristan					Judy Steiber
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>	<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



I am sitting at my parents' kitchen table in North Carolina writing this message. Last night were the strong winds and storms that I heard about on the news (Dec. 15). I pray you are all well and that there was not too much damage in the area!

By the time you read this, we will have already celebrated our Christmas liturgies and some may already be experiencing the holiday hangover. I want to encourage you not to let go of Christmas so quickly! First, we celebrate the day of Christmas, but for Catholics, that is just the *beginning* of the Christmas season! We will be basking in the glow of the coming of Jesus until we celebrate his baptism on January 9. Just as we spent weeks preparing our hearts for Jesus' birth, let's spend a few weeks unpacking what his coming means in our lives!

Next weekend we will celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord which remembers the manifestation of Jesus to the magi that came from the East. This is why we continue to celebrate; Jesus continues to reveal himself to us every day!

Another celebration for next weekend is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Most years this is a Holy Day of Obligation, but since it falls on Saturday this year, it is not a HDO. However, it is still an important celebration, so there will be a Mass on Saturday, January 1, at 10:00 am in Wexford. Welcome in the new year by spending some time with your Mother!

With the beginning of the new year, many people make resolutions to lose weight, exercise, quit caffeine, etc. Turning the page on the calendar is a great opportunity to "start over" and make some positive changes and the same idea applies to our spiritual life!! How might you make some changes to draw closer to Jesus? What about a Bible study? There is a great podcast called "The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)" that takes you through the entire Bible in a way that really helps you understand the big picture of the God's story of salvation. Maybe you'd be interested in Eucharistic Adoration? Maybe some type of book club? Faith-based movie night? Let's make a resolution together to grow in our faith! Let me know what you might like to see offered in our parishes!

I've done enough writing on vacation, so that's it! I look forward to being back with all of you soon!



Weekend Mass Schedule

December 25 & 26

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

January 1 & 2

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

Daily Mass readings (December 26- January 2

To subscribe to receiving daily readings by email every morning visit:
<https://bible.usccb.org/>

This Sunday, December 26: The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52
or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk
2:41-52

Monday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

New Albin

Adult	\$1363.00
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Holy Day	\$140.00
Unrestricted Donation	\$1000.00
Candle	\$7.00

Harpers Ferry

Adult	\$555.00
Offertory	\$96.00
Retirement Religious	\$40.00
Unrestricted Donation	\$3000.00

Lansing

Adult	\$734.00
Offertory	\$44.00
Retirement Religious	\$320.00
Holy Day	\$105.00

Wexford

Adult	\$1114.00
Retirement Religious	\$295.00
Holy Day	\$165.00
Children	\$3.00

Last Month's Act of Kindness!

In November the Act of Kindness collected was for the Mittens for Kids All four parishes collected a total of \$480.00. Thank you for your generosity.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! his feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.



Prayer for Family Commitment


Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world. Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love. Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor. In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children— share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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