



HOLY FAMILY OF THE BLUFFS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY JANUARY 17, 2022- JANUARY 23, 2022

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 17	@ Wexford.....	8:00am
Tuesday, January 18	@ New Albin..... Floyd & Rita Pottratz, Family & Grandchildren.....	8:30am
	@ Wexford..... Devallo Cassidy, Jr. & Family	10:30am
Wednesday, January 19	@ Lansing..... Don Reiter.....	4:00pm
Thursday, January 20	@ Lansing..... Sue Russell.....	8:00am
Friday, January 21	@ Lansing..... Mary Benson.....	8:00am
Saturday, January 22	@ Harpers..... Frank Saddler	4:00pm
	@ Wexford..... Frank & Mikel Delaney.....	5:30pm
Sunday, January 23	@ New Albin..... For The People	8:00am
	@ Lansing..... Living & deceased of Wagner Family.....	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

**SAINT
JOSEPH**
New Albin

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
Lansing

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
Wexford

**SAINT ANN -
SAINT JOSEPH**
Harpers Ferry

**Stewardship -
share Jesus' love**

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers • January 22 & 23 **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	4:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Harpers	Wexford	New Albin	Lansing
Lector	Peggy Berns	Dan Conway	Ray Whalen	Izzy Mettille
EMHC	Charles Berns Jr	Mark Kruse	Larry Mitchell	Don Peters
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				Ken Steiber
Sacristan				Mike & Helen Melde
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] – Kay Mettille & Ann Delaney

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"Father Sean Smith"

From the Desk of Father Smith



With the Christmas Season in our rearview mirrors, but the lessons and graces of Christmas still in our hearts, we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time this week. Ordinary doesn't mean ordinary, as in usual/plain/boring, but a time that is measured and counted with ordinals (numbers). In Ordinary Time, we are literally counting the days. But we should also be making the days count! How can we make each day count? We can enter in more deeply

Ordinary
Time

to the life of Christ through prayer and active participation in our worship, by reading the Bible and other spiritual works, by living lives of joy, kindness, and love of the poor! These are all ways that we can make our days count.

It is interesting that we begin Ordinary Time with a most extraordinary event from the Gospel of John. Our Gospel this week recounts the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana, where at the prompting of his mother, Mary, Jesus performs his first "sign" or miracle. The Gospel writer tells us that this sign was to "reveal his glory" and that "his disciples began to believe in him". What do signs such as these really mean to us? Do our eyes and minds and hearts take in the glory of Jesus through this sign? Do we believe more fully in Jesus as the Son of God and as our savior and brother because of this sign? Even if we say we believe, is our "believing" in Jesus simply an intellectual assent, or does it lead us to "belong" to God? Even the devil and his angels "believe" in God, but they have chosen not to "belong" to God. Mary tells the servers at the wedding, "Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you." So the bottom line question is, do we live our lives differently because we have seen his glory and believe in him? Do we make our days count because of our faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith Formation Update

Between the weather and various illnesses among catechists, we haven't gotten off to a great start in 2022, but we are hoping that we can get back on track this coming week. We were able to have First Reconciliation with our 2nd Graders, and they did a great job! Thank you to Msgr. Ed Lechtenberg for helping the young people and their families with the sacrament.

IC Wexford Organ

Brothers and sisters at IC Wexford, a new organ for the parish is still being discussed. There is information available in the back of the church on the different options being considered. Please review the information, talk with others in the parish, and direct any questions, comments, or concerns to your Pastoral Council members or Fr. Smith. It is going to take the financial support of everyone to secure a new organ. Thank you to those that have already made generous gifts to support the new organ!

Liturgical Ministers

Our reading this weekend from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians talks about everyone having received spiritual gifts for some benefit. With that in mind, we would like to resume the scheduling for some of our liturgical ministries, such as Altar Servers, Ushers, and Giftbearers, and are welcoming new participants in all of our liturgical ministries. Some of these might look a little different than in the past, e.g., ushers *not* taking up a collection and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion *not* distributing the Precious Blood, but we are looking to restore/resume these ministries in our parishes. Please contact the office if you are interested in receiving training and being added to the schedule. We hope to have training during the month of February.

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 15 & 16

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

January 22 & 23

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

Meetings & Happenings in "HFB"

- **Thurs, Jan. 20, 7:00 pm:** Pastoral Council Mtg-St. Ann-St. Joseph, Harpers Ferry
- **Thurs, Jan. 27, 7:00 pm:** Pastoral Council Mtg-Immaculate Conception, Lansing

Daily Mass readings (January 16- January 23

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

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

This Sunday, January 16: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday, January 17: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unit

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 21: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday, January 23: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Last Month's "Act of Kindness"

In December the Act of Kindness collected was for Fuel Assistance All four parishes collected a total of \$894.00. Thank you for your generous donation.



Beauty in Christ Conference!

Do you desire the company of holy women? Then invite your friends to the 2022 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation, Saturday, January 29, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Whether you join from the comfort of your own home or gather with other women from your parish, you'll experience all the great features of our annual women's conference: Archbishop Jackels, two national speakers, music, prayer, and worship! Speakers Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly will focus on the beauty of the Visitation between Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and Elizabeth, as well as our visitation as sisters in Christ! Invite your daughters, sisters, and friends to this extraordinary conference!! To read more about our speakers and to register contact the parish office or visit <https://www.archwomensconference.org/>



"Stewardship" Report for January 8 & 9 2022

New Albin

Adult	\$1320.00
Offertory	\$40.00
WeShare (December)	\$1704.00
WeShare (Act of Kindness)	\$40.00
Unrestricted Donation	\$50.00
Candles	\$7.50

Harpers Ferry

Adult	\$495.00
Offertory	\$113.00
WeShare (December)	\$470.00
Holy Days	\$35.00

Lansing

Adult	\$750.00
Offertory	\$53.00
WeShare (December)	\$3120.00
WeShare (Act of Kindness)	\$95.00


Wexford

Adult	\$445.00
Offertory	\$6.00
WeShare (December)	\$145.00
Children	\$12.00
Holy Days	\$25.00
Unrestricted Donation	\$9.00

Worldwide Marriage Encounter!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Find out what you've been missing by attending one of these upcoming experiences. February 11-13th in Ankeny. April 23-24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305





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