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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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## Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday

Staffed: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Reconciliation

Any time by appointment

15 minutes before weekday Mass in Elma

First Friday 3:00 - 3:40 p.m. at St. Peter, New Haven

First Friday 4:00 - 4:40 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Riceville

**Lourdes** - Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

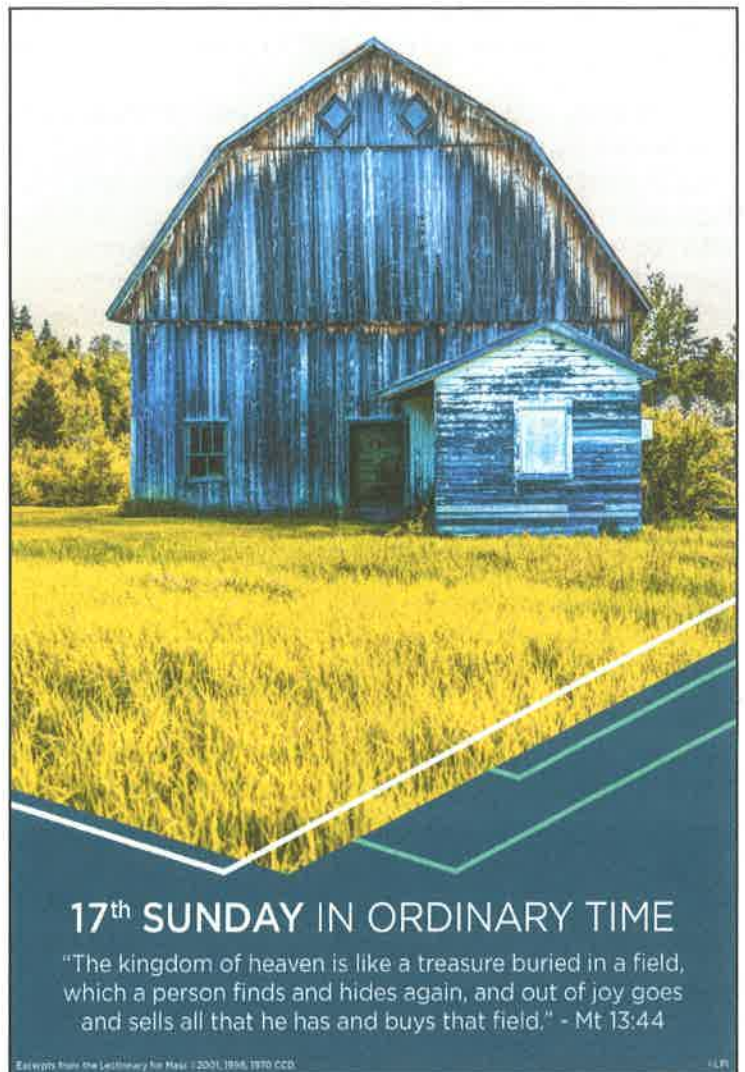
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**Elma** - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

**Riceville** - Sunday, 8:15 - 8:45 AM; when there is no 7:15 AM  
Mass at Elma.

**No confession time at the parish that does not  
have weekend Mass.**

**Bulletin Deadline** - Please have bulletin items to the  
office by Friday before Noon the week before you  
would like the item in the bulletin. Thank you.



## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes  
and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass | 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

## Marriage

Please contact the priest at least six months in advance.

## Baptism

Baptism Class is required. Make baptism arrangements  
by phoning the Cluster Office (393-2520) during office hours.

July 26, 2020

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. First of all, a huge thank you to all of you for all the wonderful birthday cards, gifts, treats, greetings, and everything else--you folks are way too good to me! Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean so much to me, and are greatly appreciated. I continue to thank God every day for the gift and grace of being pastor of Holy Rosary Cluster and of serving and being with you, and do know that I pray every day for all of you and all your loved ones. God bless you always!

2. The funeral Mass for Daniel Jacoby will be offered at I. C. in Elma this Monday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. Because of that Monday funeral, there will be no 8 a.m. Mass that day.

3. Every once in a while I'm asked if I have any good books to recommend in the faith/spirituality field. I just finished reading an excellent little book titled "A God Who Questions" (Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2019) by Leonard DeLorenzo, a Catholic spiritual writer and theology professor at Notre Dame. The author notes that the gospels present Jesus as one who often asked questions of his disciples or of others he was talking to. He offers some brief but very insightful reflections on a number of these questions.

For example: at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11), Mary tells her Son that the wine has run out. Jesus responded by asking "how does this concern of yours involve me? My hour has not yet come." Mary simply told the stewards to do whatever Jesus tells them, and you know what happened: Jesus changed the water into the best wine of all. DeLorenzo notes that Jesus at first wasn't going to do anything, but then "changed his mind" and did what his mother wanted. The author goes on: "What kind of God is this who changes his mind? The same God here...yields to the pleading of his mother. It appears like the diminishment of the absolute authority of God, but in truth it is the elevation of his creature. In this tension there is no conflict. In her intercession on behalf of the bride and groom, Jesus' mother is raised to the dignity of a cause. She does not work the sign, but the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us [i.e. Jesus] allows himself to be redirected in obedience to her concern. He lets her concern affect him" (p. 71). What a wonderful way to express how God involves himself in the prayers we offer for our needs and those of others!

This is just an example of the author's ability to bring new insights into familiar gospel passages. I highly recommend "A God Who Questions".

~Fr. Kopacek



## Gospel Meditation

The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

## Pray For Those in Need

Michelle Cerwinske, Therese Collins, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, Mary Jane Foxen, Eleanore Gansen, Dick Gebel, Ken Gebel, Joann Heying, Rose Heying, James Jennison, Diane Kovarik, Arlene Kuennen, Geraldine Lenehan, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Gladys McGrane, Fran Palmer-sheim, Shirley Ptacek, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwick-erath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Joan Wegman, Linda Zeimet, Carol Zobeck

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# Cluster News



## Daily Reflections with Fr. Kopacek

Fr. Kopacek's daily reflections, he shares on Facebook, can be accessed on the Holy Rosary Cluster website under 'Parish Happenings'.



## Mass Intentions Week of July 27

### Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., July 27 (Elma) - NO MASS (Pray for Vocations)

Tues., July 28 (Elma)+ Clem & Mabel Smith Family

Wed., July 29 (Elma) + Katherine Benson

Thurs., July 30 (Elma)+ Maria Woods

Fri., July 31 (Elma) + Ann Neubauer

### Saturday, August 1

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People

6:00 PM (Alta Vista)+Harold, Florence & Carol Vick

### Sunday, August 2

7:15 AM (Elma) + Raymond & Angeline Rance

9:00 AM (Riceville) - NO MASS

10:45 AM (Alta Vista) + Dale Fox

## Readings for the Week of July 26

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-11/Jn 11:19-27

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-18/Rom 8:35,  
37-39/Mt 14:13-21

## Volunteering for Liturgical Ministries

**Altar Servers** - Father Kopacek would like to resume the ministry of altar servers beginning the weekend of July 4/5. Any servers who would like to volunteer for weekend Masses please contact the cluster office by phone or email so we know which Mass(es) will be covered. Servers - make sure your parents give their "OK" first.

**Liturgical Ministers (lectors, sacristans, altar servers)** - If you would like to volunteer for one of these ministries for **weekend or daily Mass**, please contact the cluster office.

**The office will not be calling people or posting any liturgical minister duties.** These ministries will only be filled if you call the office (393-2520) to volunteer. If you are uncomfortable or hesitant please don't feel pressured to help with these ministries. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



## + Lourdes +

### Steeple Day Tractor Pull

Steeple Day Tractor Pull will be on Saturday, July 25 beginning at 10:00 AM. Mass will be at 6:00 PM. For tractor pull information call Denny Smith (641-330-8843) or Tom Shatek (641-330-8626), for general information call Brad Shatek (641-330-8646) Proceeds from the tractor pull will go toward church projects.

## + Immaculate Conception-Elma +

### Thank You

Thank you to John & Mary Frolek, Joseph & Janice Polansky and families for the memorial donations given to Immaculate Conception Church, Elma in memory of Edward and Agnes Novak.

## + Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

### Congratulations

We congratulate Christopher and Sarah Conger on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Madison Jayne. Madison was baptized on July 19. Please welcome and pray for Madison Jayne as she begins her new life in the Church.

## How to Help "When You Don't Know What to Say"

It's hard to know what to say to someone when they are going through a difficult time such as changing financial conditions, a death in the family, divorce or serious illness. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has put out a list of 12 things to give you some ideas of how to offer help to friends or family in an uncomfortable situation.

Here are suggestions 1 and 2.

1. Greet a person with "It's good to see you." After you've chatted for a few minutes then pause and say, "How are you doing?" or, "How are things going?" When you ask the question right away, the person may not know whether you really want the "real" answer. Be sure you have time to listen before you ask the question.
2. Drop the person a note that indicates you care. For example, "I've been thinking of you and wondering how your are doing." Letting the person know you care can make a big difference. You might suggest getting together for coffee in a few days. Be sure to call and follow through.

### ISU Resources

- Iowa Concern Hotline - 1-800-447-1985 or go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern)

OR Catholic Charities Counseling, 1-800-772-2758 or go to <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>

# Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

- |          |        |        |
|----------|--------|--------|
| KINGDOM  | HIDDEN | PEARLS |
| HEAVEN   | FIELD  | SOLD   |
| TREASURE | FOUND  | BOUGHT |

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# Calendar Events

## Christ Our Life Conference

Christ Our Life Conference is still planning on being held on September 26 & 27, 2020 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Social Distancing and many other precautions will be put in place for safety. The Conference will also be Live Streamed for those not comfortable going to the Conference. The cost is \$25 whether you attend in person or watch at home. Tickets can be purchased on-line beginning mid-July at [www.ChristOurLife.com](http://www.ChristOurLife.com). Contact Jeanne Watts at 641-985-2031 with any questions.

## Website Previewing Speakers

Go to the website given below to preview a 3-minute Promo Video to learn about the speakers who will be at the Christ Our Life Conference in September.

## Website:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOPe2JZG\\_jk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOPe2JZG_jk)  
 Type this address into Google search to find the video.

## Stewardship

"For it is in giving that we receive." ~St. Francis of Assisi  
 "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ~Winston S. Churchill

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