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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.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1996, 1978 CCC

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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.

August 2, 2020

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Just a reminder: on **Monday, August 10**, Anthony Diggmann will be here in Holy Rosary Cluster to present the third of his mission talks. This will take place at **St. Peter Church in New Haven at 6:30 p.m.** His talk will be preceded by a Eucharistic Holy Hour beginning at 5:30 p.m.; I will be available for confessions during that Holy Hour.

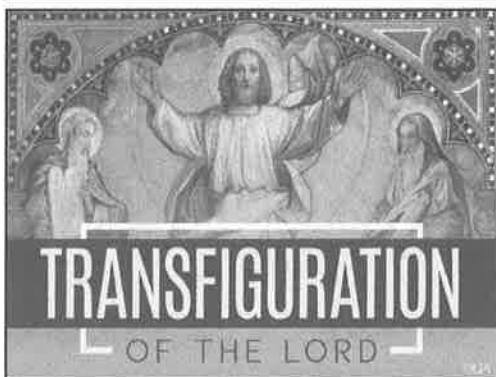
Anthony gave his first two talks back in March on why it makes sense to believe in God and why it makes sense to believe in Jesus as Son of God who rose from the dead. Both those presentations were excellent, and his third presentation will be on why it makes sense to be Catholic--which will also be excellent. I encourage you to attend on Aug. 10, even if you were not at either or both of his earlier talks--each of his presentations stands alone very well.

2. I want to express my deep thanks and appreciation to all of you who have maintained your financial support of the cluster parishes during these pandemic times. I'm glad to report that all five parishes remain on solid financial ground thanks to your generosity. I know this is a challenging time for everyone in many ways, and so I am truly grateful for all you do. Obviously, I hope that continues; the bills continue to come in--co-vid or no co-vid! Let's all join together in giving out of gratitude to God for all that he has first given to us.

3. The question has come up as to whether we will hold our annual cluster picnic on Sunday Aug. 23 as originally scheduled. Given the fact that the virus is still making its presence known (may it go away quickly!) and that many people--including those who would be helping out with the picnic--may be hesitant to be in close proximity to many others, it seems the wise and prudent thing to cancel the cluster picnic for this year. We look forward to resuming that activity next year.

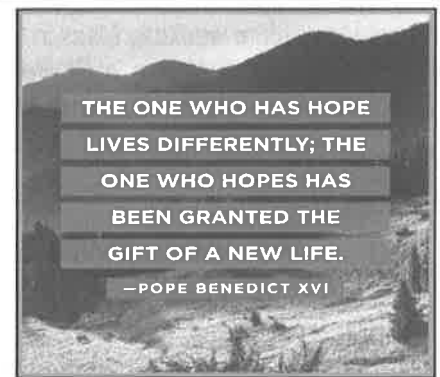
4. From the "Don't Forget to Laugh" Dept.: Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. that way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes. (From "Reader's Digest--Laughter is the Best Medicine II"; lots of great material in that book!).

~Fr. Kopacek



Never Lose Hope!

**"For I am the LORD your God
Who takes HOLD of Your
Right hand and says to You,
DO NOT FEAR; I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13**



Pray For Those in Need

Michelle Cerwinske, Therese Collins, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, Mary Jane Foxen, Eleanore Gansen, Ken Gebel, Joann Heying, Rose Heying, James Jennison, Diane Kovarik, Arlene Kuennen, Geraldine Lenehan, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Gladys McGrane, Fran Palmersheim, Shirley Ptacek, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Joan Wegman, Linda Zeimetz, 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 August 3

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., Aug. 3 (Elma) + Leroy & Luva Mae Mohrfeld

Tues., Aug. 4 (Elma)+ Marie Ambrosy

Wed., Aug. 5 (Elma) + Lois Riggs

Thurs., Aug. 6 (Elma)+ Ed & Peggy Beecher

Fri., Aug. 7 (Elma) - First Friday

+ Living & Deceased Members of the John & Josephine Meyers Family

Saturday, August 8

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Betty Kofron

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, August 9

7:15 AM (Elma) + Deceased Members of the Quinten & Lucille Fangman Family

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Nicholas & Mary Kolbet

10:45 AM (New Haven) - NO MASS

Readings for the Week of August 3

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-21, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13/Ps 85:9 -14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Volunteering for Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers - 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.



Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of August 8/9. St. Peter collection will be taken on August 16. Designated charities are: St. Bernard - Elma Boy Scouts, Lourdes & IC Elma - Howard Co. First Responders, St. Peter - Cally's Cause and IC Riceville - Catholic Charities Prison Ministry.

+ Lourdes +

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our First Holy Communion students, James Boyle, Addison Ptacek and Braxton Ruggeberg, who will make their First Holy Communion on Sat., August 15 at the 4:00 PM Mass.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Daniel Jacoby family. Danny's Funeral Mass was held on Monday, July 27 at Immaculate Conception, Elma. May he rest in peace.

+ St. Peter +

Congratulations

Congratulations to Drew Romesberg and Katie Klaes who were married at St. Peter on Saturday, July 25.

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 3 & 4.

3. Be aware of especially stressful times for the person, such as an appointment with a lawyer, a doctor, or a banker. Call a few hours later to see how the appointment went. Your caring may help the person cope with bad news.

4. Let the person know you are not trying to snoop into personal affairs but want only to be a support. You can say something like, "I don't want to butt into your affairs so tell me if I'm getting too personal and I'll drop it." That lets the person know you want to help but only if he or she wants to talk.

ISU Resources

- Iowa Concern Hotline - 1-800-447-1985 or go to www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern

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

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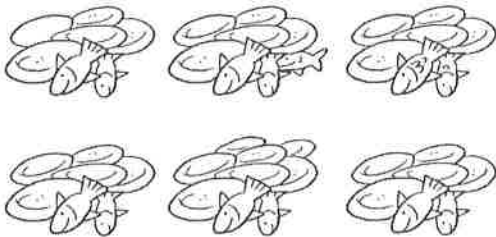
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 14:13-21

PUZZLE

Find the matching pair.



MISSION

I will give five loaves of bread and two fish (or some other food) to the homeless shelter.



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Calendar Events

Annual Cluster Picnic - CANCELLED

Please note - if you missed this announcement in Fr. Kopacek's column, the Annual Cluster Picnic that was to be held on Sunday, August 23 is cancelled.

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. Contact Jeanne Watts at 641-985-2031 with any questions.

Website Previewing the 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

Type this address into Google search to find the video.

Financial Stewardship

July 25/26

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St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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On-Line Giving	10.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	270.00
On-Line Giving	49.00

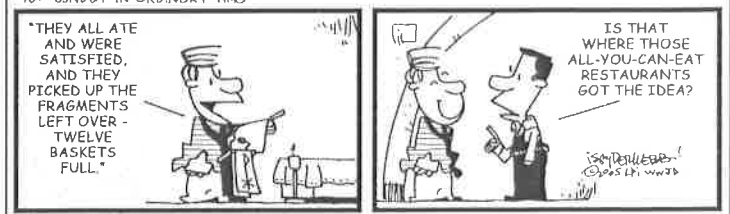
Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	610.00
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