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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

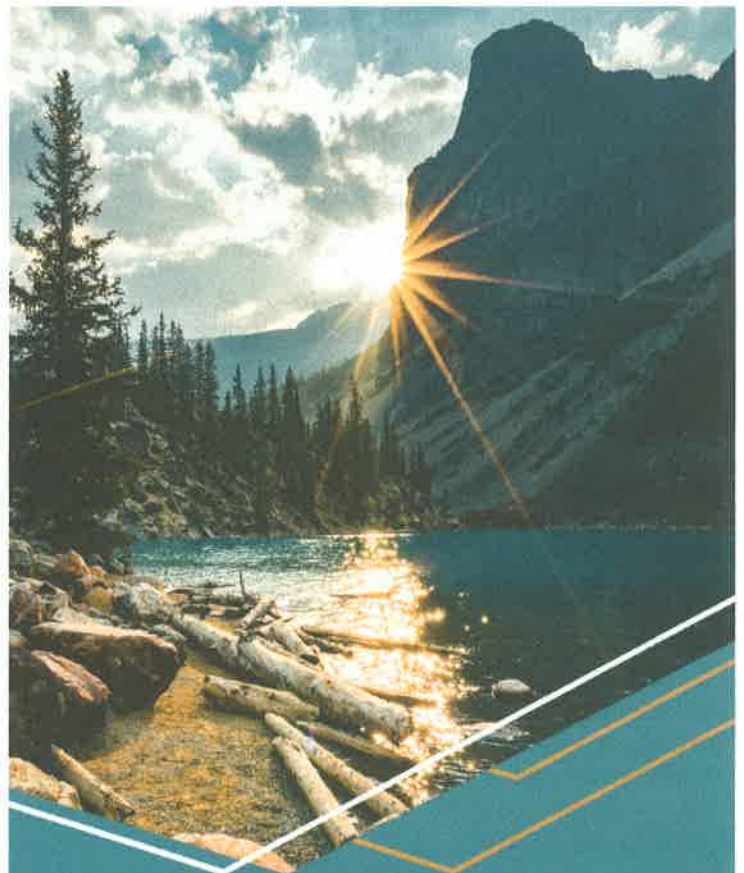
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.



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"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass | 2001, 1990, 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 19, 2020

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. First of all, apologies to all regarding the audio and/or video difficulties with the weekend Masses uploaded to YouTube for the last two Sundays (July 5 and 12). I understand there were microphone problems on July 5 and camera/video issues on July 12. We will do our best to get things back in working order.

2. Please note that there will be **no 8 a.m. Mass on Thursday, July 23**. I will be attending and concelebrating a memorial Mass for Fr. Philip Mensah at St. Columbkille Church in Dubuque at 10 a.m. that day. Fr. Mensah was a priest from Ghana (west Africa) who served in our archdiocese for the past few years and who I got to know when I was at the Vianney House in Dubuque. He was going to return to Ghana; because the borders were closed, however, he stayed with relatives in Baltimore MD. While there he contracted the CoVid virus and died on June 15 after several days in intensive care.

He was a good man and a hard-working priest--our archdiocese was blessed to be the beneficiary of his service. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

3. Just another reminder of the **different Mass schedule** for the **July 25/26** weekend because of Steeple Day in Lourdes on Saturday, July 25. The Mass schedule will be:

Sat., July 25 -- 4 p.m. at New Haven

Sat., July 25 -- 6 p.m. at Lourdes

Sun., July 26 -- 9 a.m. at Riceville

Sun., July 26 -- 10:45 a.m. at Alta Vista

Also remember that the 4 p.m. Mass at New Haven includes a marriage celebration. As I mentioned last week, that Mass will be a public weekend Mass. But because of the families, relatives and friends of bride and groom who will be there, and because of the limited seating due to every other pew being taped off, I recommend that you attend Mass elsewhere unless, of course, you have received an invitation to the wedding. I thank you for your understanding.

~Fr. Kopacek

Lighting Candles in Church

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



Pray For Those in Need

Michelle Cerwinske, Therese Collins, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, Mary Jane Foxen, Eleonore 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 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 July 20

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., July 20 (Elma) + Merle Wacha
Tues., July 21 (Elma) + Brenda Enloe Barker
Wed., July 22 (Elma) + Mark & Kristy Shultz
Thurs., July 23-NO MASS (Please Pray for Vocations)
Fri., July 24 (Elma) + Joe Gansen

Saturday, July 25

4:00 PM (New Haven) + Ray Klaes
6:00 PM (Lourdes) + Willie Ludwig

Sunday, July 26

7:15 AM (Elma) - NO MASS
9:00 AM (Riceville) + Genevieve Blake
10:45 AM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Readings for the Week of July 19

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7, 8-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-3, 4-6/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

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.



+ St. Bernard +

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion student, Nicholas Pickar, who made his First Holy Communion on Saturday, July 18 at the 6:00 PM Mass. May God bless Nicholas on this very special day.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Thank You

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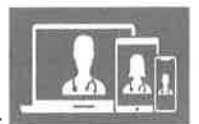
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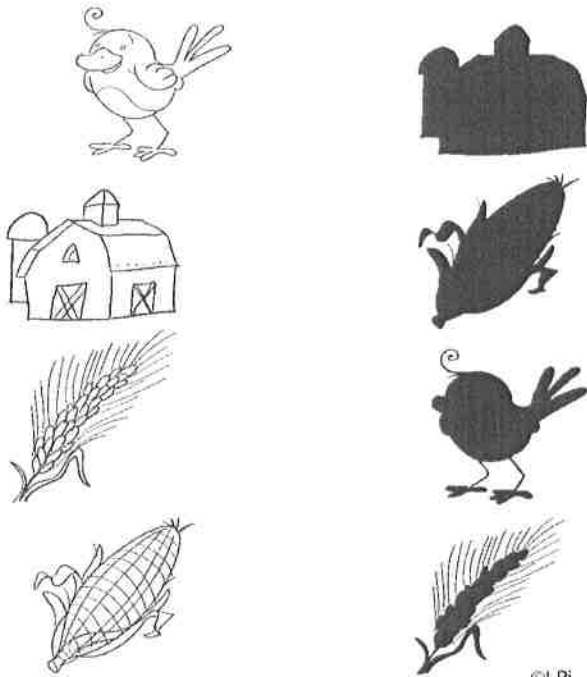
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Calendar Events

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. 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

Type this address into Google search to find the video.

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