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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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## Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday

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

Staffed: Friday 9:00 - 11:00 a.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

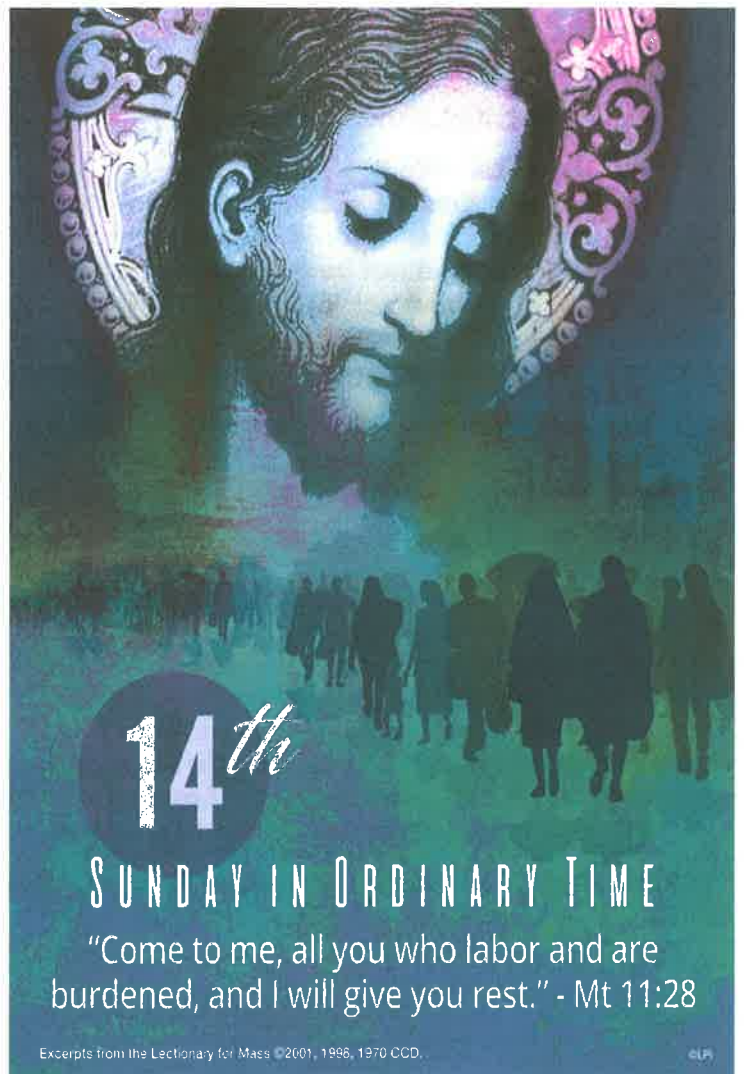
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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.



## 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 5, 2020

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. You may remember me telling you that Fr. Andrew Marr will be the new pastor of the Archangels Cluster (the Catholic parishes in Britt, Duncan, Garner, Forest City, Lake Mills, and Buffalo Center) as of July 14. Some time ago he told me he was going to be in our general area the weekend of July 11/12 and volunteered to take part of the weekend Mass schedule here in Holy Rosary Cluster. And so he will have the 4 p.m. Mass at Lourdes on Sat., July 11. This will allow me to attend the wedding that day in Cedar Falls of a young man whose family I came to know very well at St. Ed's in Waterloo. I'll be back that night and will be here for the Sunday morning Masses on July 12.

2. On this Independence Day holiday weekend, it's important for us to thank the Lord for the gift of freedom that we have in this country--especially the freedom of religious belief and practice. Back in 2012, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued an excellent statement on the subject titled: "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty--A Statement on Religious Liberty". This was in part a response to attempts by the federal government at that time to force religious institutions to provide coverage for sterilization procedures and contraception to employees, even if those procedures and devices violate the teachings and beliefs of those religious institutions.

The U.S. bishops' statement, though eight years old, is still most relevant and timely for us. What follows are a few excerpts from that 2012 statement:

**"We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together.**

**Freedom is not only for Americans, but we think of it as something of our special inheritance, fought for at a great price, and a heritage to be guarded now. We are stewards of this gift, not only for ourselves but for all nations and peoples who yearn to be free. ....**

**To all our fellow Catholics, we urge an intensification of your prayers and fasting for a new birth of freedom in our beloved country. We invite you to join us in an urgent prayer for religious liberty.**

***Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal. 5:1). We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

I wish all of you a very happy, blessed, and relaxing 4th-of-July; God's grace and peace to you and all your loved ones.

~Fr. Kopacek

## Pray For Those in Need

Michelle Cerwinske, Therese Collins, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, 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 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 6

### Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

**Mon., July 6 (Elma) + Merle Wacha**  
**Tues., July 7 (Elma) + Kim Runde**  
**Wed., July 8 (Elma) + James Smith**  
**Thurs., July 9 (Elma) + Helen Ries**  
**Fri., July 10 (Elma) + Catholic Order of Foresters**  
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### Saturday, July 11

**4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Marilyn Zeimetz Kiernan**  
**6:00 PM (Alta Vista) - NO MASS**

### Sunday, July 12

**7:15 AM (Elma) + Bernard & Helen Dunn**  
**9:00 AM (RV) + Dean Byrnes**  
**10:45 AM (NH) + For the People**

## Readings for the Week of July 5

**Monday:** Hos 2:16-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-7-10/Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8,12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8-9/Ps 80:2, 3,15-16/  
Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/Mt  
10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33  
**Next Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/  
Mt 13:1-23

## 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.

## Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of July 11/12. St. Bernard collection will be taken on July 18. Designated charities are: St. Bernard & Lourdes - AV Library, IC Elma - NE Iowa Food Bank, St. Peter - Wapsi-Great Western Line and IC Riceville - Totus Tuus.

### **+ Lourdes +**

#### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Virgil Chihak family. Virgil's Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, June 25 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May he rest in peace.

#### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Tony Whiting family. Tony's Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, June 27 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May he rest in peace.

### **+ St. Bernard +**

#### Thank You

Thank you to Joe & Donna Zweibohmer for donating an American flag to St. Bernard's Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Alta Vista.

### **+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Tony Reding and Shelbie Christensen who were married at Immaculate Conception, Riceville on Saturday, June 20.

#### First Holy Communion

Please pray for our students who will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 12 at the 9:00 AM Mass in Riceville. They are Harlyn Conway, Chase Eastman, Derrick Larrison, Regan McElroy and Easton Smith.

### **+ St. Peter +**

#### Congratulations

We congratulate Dylan Mayer and Alixandrea Paulus on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Raegan Kaye Mayer. Raegan was baptised on June 21. Please welcome and pray for Raegan Kaye as she begins her new life in the Church.

## 'Mental Health Minute' Videos

Catholic Charities licensed counselors have prepared ten (10), brief 2-3 minute 'Mental Health Minute' videos on a variety of topics. These videos are available on the coronavirus section of the archdiocesan website: [dbqarch.org/mental-health-minute-videos](http://dbqarch.org/mental-health-minute-videos)

**Accepting New Counseling Clients via Telehealth**

If you know of anyone struggling with their brain health during this time, our Catholic Charities Counseling ministry is accepting new clients from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis. Contact us at 800-772-2758 to be connected to one of our licensed professionals. Go to: <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>



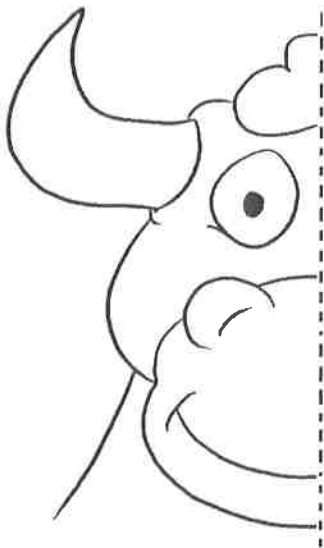
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**Offering Envelopes**

Parishioners may also mail their offering envelopes to the Cluster Office or drop off during office hours if they would like to give a donation to their parish.

**Weekly Collection**

Due to a change in bulletin deadlines the July 5th bulletin had to be submitted early, so the financial stewardship for June 27th & 28th was not available. If space is available, we will include the financial stewardship for that weekend in the following bulletin.

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