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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

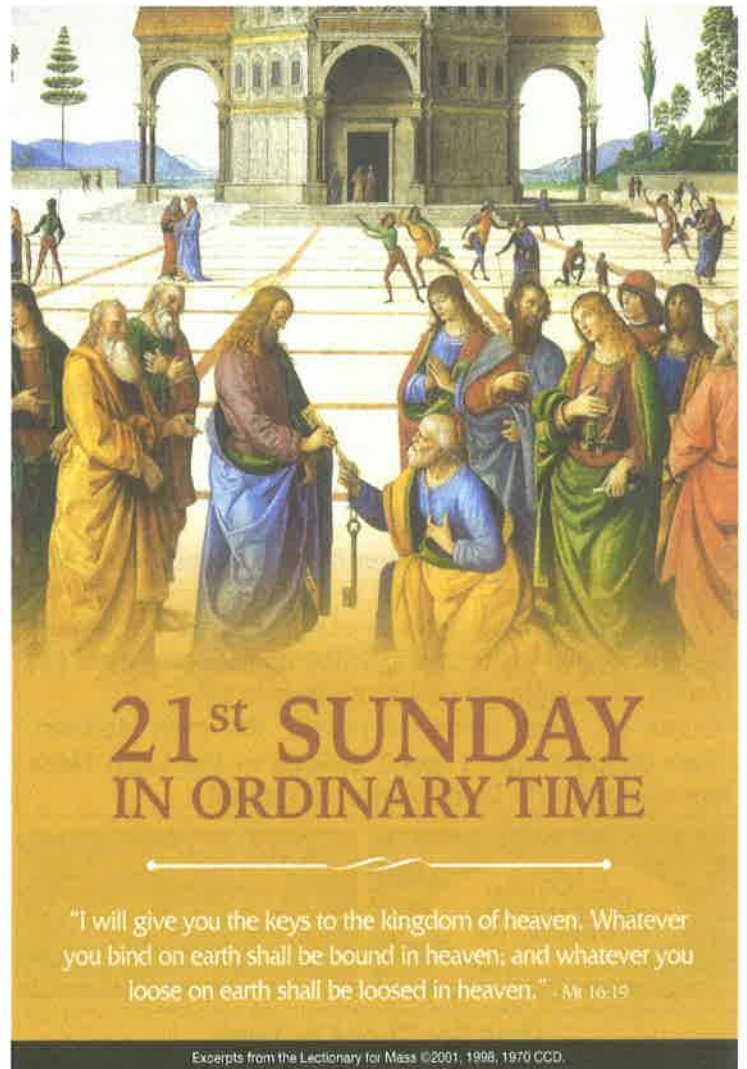
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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.



## 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 23, 2020

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I suspect that by now most of you have seen pictures/video or read some of the details about the major damage suffered by the folks in central and eastern Iowa from the 'derecho' (strong, straight-line winds) on August 10. I recently visited with a cousin and her husband in Marshalltown; they had lots of downed trees (as did many other people) and their electricity was out for over a week. Fortunately, they had a generator in their home to keep things going. I also heard from Fr. Craig Steimel (we belong to the same priest support group) who is the pastor of five small parishes west of Cedar Rapids: the steeples on two of those five churches sustained serious damage. A structural engineer will take a detailed look at those two churches to see if repairs can be made so as to make the buildings safe for continued use.

You may remember that I mentioned in last week's bulletin that donations to help with the relief efforts may be sent to Catholic Charities Disaster Assistance (attn: Stacy Sherman), 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Box 1309, Dubuque IA 52004-1309. If I get any further information about this appeal, I will certainly let you know. Please keep all those affected by the storm in your daily prayers.

2. Our archdiocese experienced another kind of sadness on August 12 with the death of two of our priests: Fr. Harry Drexler (age 98--our oldest priest) and Fr. Ken Stecher (age 77). Fr. Drexler observed his 65th anniversary of priesthood ordination earlier this year after many years of faithful service throughout the archdiocese. Fr. Stecher, though past retirement age, was still serving as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Waterloo where his ministry to the many Burmese immigrants in that community was especially appreciated. Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon them. And may your Holy Spirit's guidance grant us an increase in vocations to the priesthood we need to help lead us to the holiness and love to which you call us. ~Fr. Kopacek

## Lighter Side - 'Gimme a Break'

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

At once, everything froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in me?"

"Come on, God, gimme a break!" the man pleaded. "Two minutes ago, I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!" - Don't Forget to Laugh!

## Watch/Listen to Anthony Digmann's 'Why Catholic'

Available on the Cluster Website or Facebook page Speaker, Anthony Digmann's final talk, 'Why Catholic' is available through the end of Labor Day for those who were not able to attend his third mission talk. Father Kopacek highly recommends you watch/listen to it! Use the link below to view 'Why Catholic'.

<https://anthonydigmann.com/holyrosary/>

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." ~Joshua 1:9*



**Early Bulletin Deadline - Items for the September 13 bulletin need to be to the cluster office by Tuesday, August 25.**



## Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Punk 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 Lenahan, 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 24

### Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., Aug. 24 (Elma) + Jim Marr

Tues., Aug. 25 (Elma)+Leroy & Luva Mae Mohrfeld

Wed., Aug. 26 (Elma) + Dustin Honken Family

Thurs., Aug. 27 (Elma) + Clem & Mabel Smith  
Family

Fri., Aug. 28 (Elma) + John, Rose & Leo Freitag

### Saturday, August 29

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Deceased Members of the  
Adolph & Beatrice Havlik Family

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

### Sunday, August 30

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Merlin Gunsallus

10:45 AM (New Haven) + John Sullivan

## Readings for the Week of August 24

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27

## Mission Co-op Appeal

Missionaries will visit Holy Rosary Cluster on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 20. They will be here to speak on the Mission Co-op Appeal at our weekend Masses on these two weekends. *If writing a check please make the check out to your parish and put in the memo, 'Mission Co-op Appeal'.*

## Religious Education News

Parents of new students or first graders need to call their respective DREs for their parish to get their child registered for religious education this fall

**Please call your respective DRE.**

Chad Buckley (515-290-5867) - Elma, AV or OLL

Debbie Oulman (641-985-2791) - Riceville

Meg Schutjer (641-713-3366) - New Haven



## + Lourdes +

### Steeple Day Thank You

Thank you to everyone who lined up, set up, worked at and cleaned up for Steeple Day. Your dedication and hard work are very much appreciated!

### Congratulations

We congratulate Tom and Katie Schmitt on the occasion of their daughter Anne Katherine receiving baptismal rites on August 15. Please welcome and pray for Anne Katherine as she begins her new life in the Church.

## + St. Bernard +

### Vocation Crucifix

August 22 - Keith & Suezan Glaser

August 29 - Gary & Julie Swehla

### Church Cleaning

Julie Swehla, Diane Tenge and Bev White are church cleaners the week of August 23.

### Rosary Society News

St. Bernard Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 PM in the church.

## + Immaculate Conception-Elma +

### Congratulations

We congratulate Brian and Lyndsey Sobolik on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Hadlee Grace. Hadlee was baptized on August 15. Please welcome and pray for Hadlee Grace as she begins her new life in the Church.

## + Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

### Religious Education News

1. The Riceville religious education program is in need of catechists for 5th grade (6 students) and combined grades 7th & 8th (9 students).
2. Religious Education will begin on Wednesday, September 9 and go from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

## + St. Peter +

### Thank You

Thank you to Phil, Peter and David Helfter for the memorial donation given to St. Peter Church in memory of their mother, Doris Helfter.

### Congratulations

We congratulate Tyler and Katie Schell on the occasion of the baptism of their son Truman Joseph. Truman was baptized on August 16. Please welcome and pray for Truman Joseph as he begins his new life in the Church.

**Get Bulletins through Email**

1) Go to Google or FireFox, type **parish-online.com**, 2) In box for church name, type 'Holy Rosary Cluster' and in box for city, type **Elma, IA**. Click the yellow box to search. 3) A new page opens-click on 'Holy Rosary Cluster' right above the address. 4) New page opens, in the box that says 'Recent Publications' Click on 'Subscribe'. 5) New box opens up, type in your email address and your name, then Click 'Subscribe'. After a confirmation notice is sent to your email, you will start receiving the weekly bulletin in your emails.



**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.

**Suggestion 6**

6. Find a time and place that is private and you won't be interrupted. If a person begins sharing and you're concerned about others overhearing the conversation, suggest moving to another location.

**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/>

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

**Financial Stewardship**

August 15/16

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On-Line Giving	589.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Riceville</b>	
Budget Envelopes	740.00
Offertory	47.00
On-Line Giving	75.00
<b>St. Peter - New Haven</b>	
Budget Envelopes	360.00
Act of Kindness	98.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

**PUZZLE**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Jeha	Father	Christ
prophets	blessed	revealed
Peter	Elijah	Jeremiah

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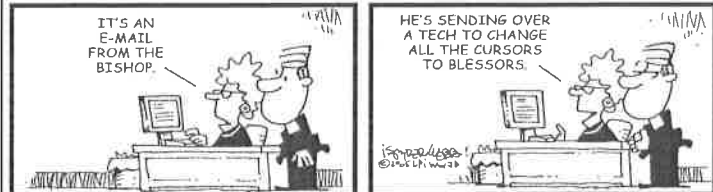
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