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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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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 30, 2020

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. First, I want to let you know that we will soon begin repairing broken sections of the sidewalk near the main entrance of Immaculate Conception in Elma. As I write this on August 25, we are still waiting for approvals from Dubuque to proceed with this project--I should receive them within a week or so. I look forward very much to getting this necessary work done.

2. Next month we will be taking part in the archdiocesan annual mission appeal for our cluster parishes. Fr. Timothy Kremen, OSM (Order of Friar Servants of Mary--Servites) will be here to speak about their missionary work in KwaZulu-Natal, Republic of South Africa. The main work of the Servites there is the proclamation of the gospel and the establishment of viable local Catholic communities, but they are also involved with education, health care, improving the water system and the formation and education of their own local seminarians.

Fr. Kremen will speak at the Masses at Lourdes and Alta Vista on Saturday, September 12, and at the Elma, Riceville and New Haven Masses on Sunday, September 20. He will be here on those two successive week-ends because he wants to connect with all five of our cluster parishes. We look forward to meeting him and hearing more about the Church's missionary work in the world and how we can help support that work.

3. The stories about the destruction from the August 10 *derecho* storm continue to come in, and those stories are amazing (to say the very least). St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids had its rubber roof covering blown off completely which allowed water to pour into the church proper for hours afterward. A tree that was blown down put a hole in the roof of that parish's nearby rectory. I visited with Fr. Gary Mayer (new pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hiawatha, formerly of I.C. Church in Charles City)--he said that his new church building also suffered extensive water damage.

Last Friday (August 21) Archbishop Jackels sent us priests an email which reads in part:

"The extent of the damage in communities and farmsteads is still being assessed, The individuals and families most severely affected are the poor, and those already struggling with the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

A **Derecho Relief Fund** has been established to help individuals and families in the affected areas, with priority being given to those who aren't eligible for state or federal relief. Absolutely all of the monies donated will go directly to help people where it is most needed.

If you are able to help, please donate on-line at www.dbgarch.org, *Derecho Relief Fund*. Or you can send your donation to: Derecho Relief Fund, Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Avenue, Dubuque IA 52003.

The recovery process will be lengthy and costly. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and for your prayers. May God reward your kindness."

On one hand, I feel a bit hesitant in mentioning two different financial appeals in one column (let alone the need to continue supporting our own cluster parishes!). But one of the precepts of the Church is to support her missionary and other apostolic efforts--and our annual Mission Appeal is a very good way to take part in those efforts. And I'm guessing most if not all of us know someone who has been directly affected by the August 10 storm; we all certainly know the extent of the damages sustained and the needs of those affected. I echo the archbishop's words of 'advance thanks' for your generous response to these needs!

~Fr. Kopacek

Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Punk Cerwinske, Therese Collins, Ed Duman, Sara Folkers, Mary Jane Foxen, Elea-nore Gansen, Ken Gebel, Joann Heying, Rose Heying, James Jennison, Diane Kovarik, Arlene Kuennen, Geraldine Lenehan, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Gladys McGrane, Russ O'Donnell, Fran Palmersheim, Shirley Ptacek, Abbey Sculley, Rose-mary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Joan Wegman, Linda Zeimetz, Carol Zobeck

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Cluster News

Early Bulletin Deadline

Items for the September 13 bulletin should be to the office no later than September 1st.



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 31

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., Aug. 31 (Elma) + Michael Ungs

Tues., Sept. 1 (Elma) + Jim Marr

Wed., Sept. 2 (Elma) + Ann Neubauer

Thurs., Sept. 3 (Elma) + Charles & Annie Riley

Fri., Sept. 4 (Elma) + Jack McAvoy

Saturday, September 5

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Donald Praska

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Mary Kay Loes

Sunday, September 6

7:15 AM (Elma) + Rose Nibaur & Denny Burke

9:00 AM (Riceville) + NO MASS

10:45 AM (New Haven) + For the People

Readings for the Week of August 31

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

Mission Co-op Appeal

A missionary from the Order, Friar Servants of Mary, will visit Holy Rosary Cluster on Saturday, September 12 for the Masses in Lourdes and Alta Vista and on Sunday, September 20 at the Masses in Elma, Riceville and New Haven.

The Servite Friars have supported missionary activity in Africa since 1948. Today, five Servite Friars, including two Zulu Friars, minister in the Zululand Servite Missions. They are assisted by Friars from the Canadian Province and a few Zulu Diocesan Priests. Your donations will help provide primary health care centers for the victims and orphans of the AIDS epidemic, provide adequate housing for the people of the mission areas, fund to help improve the water system and root out malaria.

If writing a check please make the check out to your parish and put in the memo, 'Mission Co-op Appeal'.



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+ Lourdes +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Mary Ann (Kubik) Odle family. Mary Ann's Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, August 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May she rest in peace.

Lourdes Cemetery Repairs-Volunteers Needed

The Lourdes cemetery is in need of some repairs and we are asking for volunteers to meet at the cemetery on Wednesday, September 2 at 9:00 AM.

Please call Denny Smith at 641-393-2401 for more information. Any and all help would be appreciated!

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

August 29 - Gary & Julie Swehla

September 5 - Volunteer

Rosary Society News

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

Thank You

Thank you to Dennis Fox for the memorial donation given to Immaculate Conception, Riceville in memory of his parents Leonard and Margaret Fox.

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 DRE

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

Debbie Oulman (641-985-2791) - Riceville

Meg Schutjer (641-832-8033) - New Haven



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 7

Tell the person that you're going to stop by to chat. You might say, "I've got the doughnuts. You put on the coffee."

ISU Resources

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

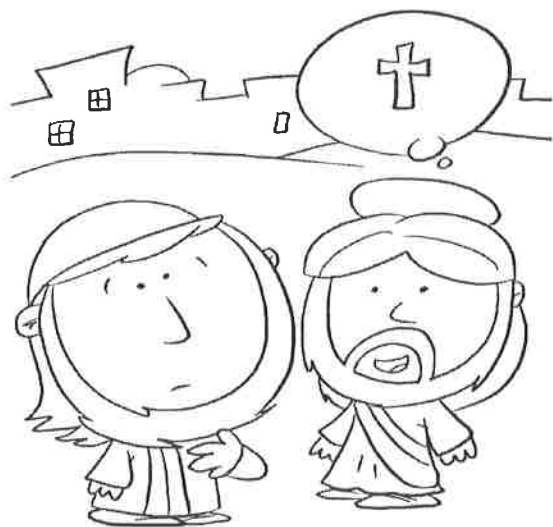
OR Catholic Charities Counseling, 1-800-772-2758 or go to <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time • Matthew 16:21-27

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Calendar Events

Holy Family Parish Fall Festival - Drive-Thru Meal

New Hampton Holy Family Parish will hold their Annual Fall Festival Sunday, September 20 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM with a Drive-Thru Meal. Meal tickets are \$10 each - Choices include Mexican Meal, Turkey Tender, Pork Loin, Pasta Salad, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn and Dessert. Go to the Parish Office to purchase raffle tickets. Raffles include: \$5 Basket Raffle, \$10 Cash Raffle and \$1,000 Grand Prize. (2) \$250 Prizes, (5) \$100 Prizes

No games or activities due to COVID-19 and People are encouraged to wear Face Masks.

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

August 22/23

Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	\$ 50.00
On-Line Giving	165.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	790.00
Offertory	56.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	773.00
Offertory	49.00
On-Line Giving	99.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	560.00
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On-Line Giving	.00

St. Peter - New Haven

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On-Line Giving	80.00

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