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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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come
to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC)

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 9, 2020

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. In last weekend's homily I mentioned a book by Anthony Flew (1923-2010), a British philosopher who for decades was a strong and committed atheist who was convinced that there is no God. The book is titled: "There is a God--How the World's most notorious atheist changed his mind" (published by HarperOne, 2007). The more the author became aware of new discoveries in science, the more he began to wonder how the obvious complexity and structure/design that we see all around us could possibly come into existence without something/Someone doing that structuring/designing.

It's a very interesting book, and demonstrates how there are very good reasons for concluding, on the basis of human knowledge and reason, that there is in fact a God. Flew was a philosopher, and he refers to some philosophical jargon and concepts in his book, but the overall story of his 'conversion' to belief in God can be followed and appreciated. I highly recommend it.

2. On July 31 we recently celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)--part of the Church's response to Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. St. Ignatius is the author of a powerful prayer that for many years has been a part of my own daily prayer. It is often referred to as the "Suscipe" prayer--the Latin word for "receive" or "accept":

"Accept, O Lord, all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will. Everything that I am and possess you have graciously given me. I give it all back to you to be completely governed by your will. Give me only your love and your grace, and I am rich enough and I ask nothing more. Amen."

I first came across this prayer in the early 1980's when I was working in Des Moines and also when I was beginning to give a bit more serious thought about the priesthood. This seemed like a good prayer to use in trying to figure out what God wanted me to do, and so I made it a part of my daily prayer time and have done so ever since. This prayer can certainly be of great help in making major decisions in life, but also in helping us become more and more tuned in to the presence of God and his loving desire to guide us according to his will on a regular and daily basis. I strongly recommend this as part of your daily prayer time as well!

3. The Church celebrates the feast of the Assumption of Mary on August 15 which is normally a holy day of obligation. However, this year August 15 falls on a Saturday, and the U.S. bishops in recent years have said (with Vatican permission) that there is no obligation to attend Mass when this feast falls on a Saturday or Monday. That is why there will not be the usual holy day schedule of Masses for this feast this year. But we can still honor the Blessed Mother's entry, body and soul, into heaven on that day by praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary--the fourth of which is the Assumption. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

~Fr. Kopacek



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, 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 Palmerheim, 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 10

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., Aug. 10 (Elma) + Leroy & LuvaMae Mohrfeld

Tues., Aug. 11 (Elma) + Connie Bird

Wed., Aug. 12 (Elma) + Theresa Farrington

Thurs., Aug. 13 (Elma) + Alan Steinlage

Fri., Aug. 14 (Elma) + Elsie Ludwig

Saturday, August 15

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Mildred Shatek

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, August 16

7:15 AM (Elma) + Merle McGrane

9:00 AM (Riceville) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Doris Condon

Readings for the Week of August 10

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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.

Anthony Digmann Talk

Monday, August 10 at St. Peter, New Haven

5:30 PM - Holy Hour with Fr. Kopacek available for confessions. 6:30 PM - Anthony's talk, 'Why it makes sense to be Catholic.' Please join us.

+ Lourdes +

First Holy Communion

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

+ St. Bernard +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Dick Gebel family. Dick's Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, July 29 at St. Bernard. May he rest in peace.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Mary Loes family. Mary's Funeral Mass was held on Monday, August 3 at St. Bernard. May she rest in peace.

Church Cleaners

Kristi Rosonke, Dawn Shackleton and Janell Swehla are church cleaners the week of August 10.

Vocation Crucifix

August 8 - LeRoy & Mary Lee Geerts

August 15 - Lyle & Lynn Ries (NO MASS)

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Congratulations Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Shane Burke who recently received his Eagle Scout rank for Boy Scouts.

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 #5:

5. Assure the individual you will keep personal comments to yourself. Do this even if the person doesn't specifically ask you not to share information. Confidentiality is essential. If you can't keep a confidence, it is better not to listen to personal comments.

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/>

GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

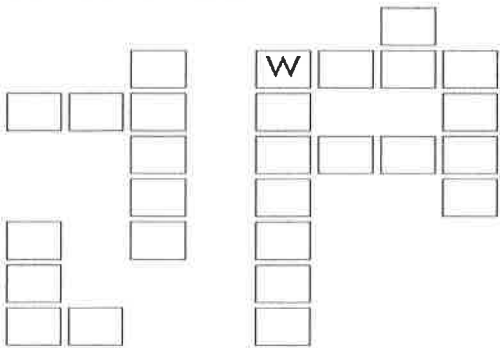


19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 14:22-33

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

Jesus went out to them,
walking on the lake.



MISSION

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help.
Remember how powerful he is.



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.

Little Turkey Picnic - Drive Thru

Saturday, August 15, Assumption Parish of Little Turkey will hold their annual church dinner with a Drive Thru meal of Reicks Fried Chicken with home-made sides and baked goods. Cost is \$11.00 from 4:00-8:00 PM.

Kolaches and Raffle Tickets will be sold in the drive thru.

Facebook Auction, go to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Little Turkey, Iowa Facebook page to bid on items.

****Please remain in your vehicles.** Workers taking orders and delivering meals to vehicles will be wearing masks and gloves.

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.

Financial Stewardship

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St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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On-Line Giving	10.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	1,410.00
Offertory	26.25
On-Line Giving	191.00

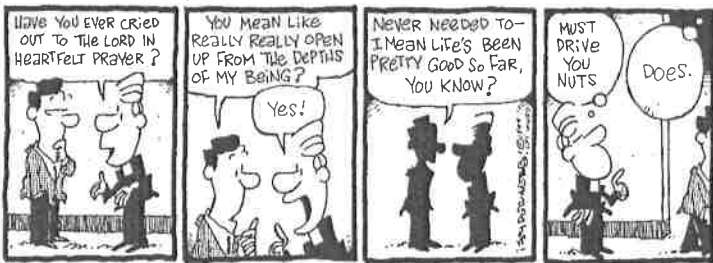
Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	90.00
On-Line Giving	175.00

St. Peter - New Haven

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Offertory	118.00
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