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Lourdes, IA



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Riceville, IA



Saint Peter
New Haven, IA

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.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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.

September 13, 2020

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

As you know, we have been recording a Saturday evening Mass for the last several months and uploading it to our cluster website and Facebook pages to make it available for those who are hesitant or concerned about coming to Mass in our pandemic situation. I am so grateful to all those who have been helping with that recording process; I could not have done this without their expert help.

However, those individuals who have been doing this to this point are not able to do so on a regular basis from now on. We have made inquiries to some other members of Holy Rosary Cluster if they would be willing to help with this task; that process is still going on. If you would be willing to help and learn how to do this recording, we would very much like to hear from you--please contact the cluster office.

The bottom line: we will make every effort to continue providing this online weekend Mass, but there may well be some weekends where we simply have no one available to do the recording and uploading. When those occasions occur, I will do my best to at least record elsewhere (here in the cluster office, for example) the weekend homily and then make sure it gets on our website and Facebook pages ASAP.

The main reason we have been doing this record/upload process instead of live streaming is that none of our cluster churches are currently wired for internet access. We have begun looking into the possibility of making those necessary internet connections in order to make weekend Mass (and perhaps other events?) available via live streaming.

In the meantime, know that I am so very grateful to all of you for your patience and understanding as we continue to move forward in these uncharted waters of parish and church life and ministry in totally new circumstances that we continue to learn more and more about on a daily basis. May the Holy Spirit help us all to know how we are called to living and sharing the life of Christ and the beauty and fullness of our Catholic faith in these COVID times!

~Fr. Kopacek

WARNING - Imposter posing as parish pastor in either text messages or emails to parishioners

The archdiocese has received reports that parishioners are receiving fraudulent text messages and emails from someone posing as [Pastor's Name]. The messages are similar to the following. "[Recipient's Name] I need a favor from you, text me as soon as you get this message. God Bless you. [Pastor's Name]"

If the recipient replies, the scammer will ask the recipient to purchase gift cards. Please know that Fr. Kopacek is not going to make such requests. If you are in doubt about a message that claims to be from Fr. Kopacek, please contact the cluster office. Thank you.

Volunteering for Liturgical Ministries

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 to schedule when you would be able to help out. **The office will not be calling people or posting any liturgical minister duties.**

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 Lenehan, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Gladys McGrane, Russ O'Donnell, 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 September 14

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., Sept. 14 (Elma) + Fr. Harry Drexler

Tues., Sept. 15 (Elma) + Fr. Joe Hauer

Wed., Sept. 16 (Elma) + Elsie Ludwig

Thurs., Sept. 17 (Elma) + Catholic Order of Foresters,
St. Joseph Court #878

Fri., Sept. 18 (Elma) + James Smith

Saturday, September 19

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Garland & Norma Buckley

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, September 20

7:15 AM (Elma) + Helen Ries

9:00 AM (Riceville) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Joe Paulus Sr.

Readings for the Week of September 14

Monday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2-4, 5-6, 15-16,
20/Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12, 22 [12]/
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:6-7, 8, 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20-
24, 27/Mt 20:1-16

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 Zulu-land 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 payable to your parish and put in the memo, 'Mission Co-op Appeal'.***



+ St. Bernard +

Thank You

Thank you to the Mary Kay Loes Family for the memorial donation given to St. Bernard Church in memory of their mother Mary Kay.

Vocation Crucifix

September 12 - Ed & Irene Huegel

September 19 - Tony & Deann Meirick

+ Lourdes +

Rosary Society Meeting

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 5:00 PM in the Lourdes Hall.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Save the Date

I. C. Riceville will hold a Drive-Thru meal for their Fall Festival this year. The event will take place Sunday, October 4 from 10:30 AM-1:00 PM. Serving roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, bun, coleslaw, milk and choice of pie.

+ St. Peter +

Religious Education News

St. Peter religious education classes will resume on Sunday, September 20. More information will be coming on 'Remind Me'.

+ St. Patrick of St. Cecilia +

Thank You

Thank you to Ray and Marlys Kobliska for the memorial donation given to St. Patrick Cemetery in St. Cecilia in memory of their son Bille Kobliska.

+ Combined Religious Education +

Religious Ed. Meet & Greet in Lourdes

Combined Religious Ed. Program parent meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 PM in the Lourdes church hall. People who should attend are a parent, children attending the program and catechists. Registration forms will be filled out and fees collected.



+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Free Virtual Seminar

Fraternal Benefits Night Event

Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 PM

"Don't Worry. Retire Happy" with speaker and seminar host, Tom Hegna, Retirement Expert. Topics to be covered: Medicare, Medicaid, taxes & social security. Contact walter.witt@kofc.org or call (563)419-0400. Sponsored by the KC Insurance of Iowa.

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 9

Give a hug or put an arm around the shoulder of a person. Sometimes a physical gesture can say more than words.

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/>

Shout Out to all Franciscan Common Venture Volunteers

Calling all Common Venture Former Volunteers! The Franciscan Common Venture (FCV) service program, sponsored by the Dubuque Franciscans, will celebrate 50 years next year. **First - Save the Date - Saturday, July 17, 2021; Second - Send in a photo or two -** If you have a photo from your FCV experience, especially from the 70's or 80's, let us know the date/year, location of your service, and naming anyone in the photo. Please pass this information along to other former FCV volunteers. Email photos to Sr. Shell (balekm@osfdbq.org) or send them to her office at 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001.

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Calendar Events

Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting

Tri-County Citizens for Life meeting will be Monday, September 21 at 6:30 PM at Norb & Mary Gansen's house in Cresco. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Weekly Collection

Due to a change in bulletin deadlines the September 13th bulletin had to be submitted early, so the financial stewardship for September 5th & 6th was not available. If space is available, we will include the financial stewardship for that weekend in the following bulletin.

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JESUS FORGAVE US SO MUCH - HOW CAN WE NOT BE FORGIVING TO OTHERS?

I Spy Dad, Uncle, Christ Our Life



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