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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.



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENEROSITY

**"When it was evening the
owner of the vineyard said to
his foreman, 'Summon the
laborers and give them their
pay, beginning with the last and
ending with the first.'" - Mt 20:8**

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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 20, 2020

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please note that there will be **no 8 a.m. Mass in Elma on Wed., Sept. 23**. On Tuesday evening, Sept. 22, I will be attending a special Mass for one of our permanent deacon classes; I'm on the permanent deacon formation board and have worked with these folks over the last few years. This Mass will be held in my home parish of St. Wenceslaus in Duncan, and then I will stay overnight at my sister Bonnie's home in Britt. I had planned to see her and my brother on Labor Day weekend, but that darn virus certainly changed those plans...so this will give me a chance to see her. I'll be back here in Elma by midday on Wednesday.
2. I mentioned two weeks ago that work would begin soon on repairing some broken sections of sidewalk near the main entrance of the church in Elma. That work began this morning (Monday the 14th), and so you will probably want to use either of the side doors for Mass in the meantime. Assuming cooperative weather (a big assumption, of course...), the project should be completed by the end of this week.
3. I want to remind you again about a great new series called "The Chosen". It is a multi-episode treatment of Jesus, the apostles and other individuals from the gospels...and it is the best and most powerful representation of the gospel story that I have ever seen. It is not on regular network or cable TV, but you can watch it online for free--simply Google "The Chosen" and follow the links. The cluster office also has a two-DVD set of the eight episodes available so far--call or stop by at the office if you would like to borrow it and watch it at home. I strongly recommend that you watch the episodes in order so that you can follow the development of the characters and the gospel narrative in general.
4. You may have noticed in the last week or so that the bishops in some dioceses in our neighboring states (South Dakota and Wisconsin) have lifted the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days in those dioceses. We priests received an email today (Sept. 14) from **Archbishop Jackels** addressing this question. After raising some important points and after having consulted with the other Iowa bishops and our own priest council and archdiocesan pastoral council, the archbishop **has decided to maintain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and holy day Mass for now**. He said that will continue to be the case "until the pandemic-inspired restrictions are no longer required because there is a miraculous disappearance of the virus, or we achieve herd immunity, or an effective vaccine is widely available. It's not yet time, but pray, pray, pray for that happy day."
5. Speaking of Archbishop Jackels, I want to say again how grateful I am for his willingness to take the weekend Mass schedule here in Holy Rosary Cluster on Sept. 12-13. That allowed me to have more time to rest and recover, and that opportunity was very much appreciated. I also want to thank all of you so very much for all your prayers, cards, best wishes and everything else with which you have been so generous to me during my 'virus time'. I am making good and quick progress, and I have no doubt whatsoever that that is due in major part to your prayers and your kindness. I can't thank you enough, and I can't tell you what a great blessing it is for me to be your pastor! May God continue to bless all of you and all your loved ones. Never forget that you are all and always in my daily prayers.

~Fr. Kopacek

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 21

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., Sept. 21 (Elma) + Special Intention
Tues., Sept. 22 (Elma)+ Bernard & Helen Dunn
Wed., Sept. 23(Elma) NO MASS (Pray for Vocations)
Thurs., Sept. 24 (Elma) + Bille Kobliska
Fri., Sept. 25 (Elma) + Joe Gansen

Saturday, September 26

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS
6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Ferdie Steinlage

Sunday, September 27

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People
9:00 AM (Riceville) + Living & Deceased Members
of the Dave Meyer Family
10:45 AM (New Haven) + Mark & Helen Sullivan

Readings for the Week of September 21

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17/Lk 9:43-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

Mission Co-op Appeal -To Be Rescheduled

Holy Rosary Cluster will be rescheduling the visit from the Friar Servants of Mary. Please watch the bulletin for more information on the Mission Co-op Appeal weekend.



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.



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.**

+ 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.

Church Cleaning

Phil Boehmer, Paula Breitbach, Carol Bullerman are church cleaners the week of September 20.

Vocation Crucifix

September 19 - Tony & Deann Meirick
September 26 - Mildred Brus

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Kathleen Meirick family. Kathleen's Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, September 9 at St. Bernard Catholic Church. May she rest in peace.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Congratulations

We congratulate Curtis & Kayla Head on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Delainey Rose. Delainey was baptized on September 13. Please welcome and pray for Delainey Rose as she begins her new life in the Church.

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. Cecelia in memory of their son Bille Kobliska.

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 10

Reach out to a person. At a time of personal loss or tragedy, you can say, "I don't know what to say" or, "I want you to know that I'm thinking of you." The person in crisis doesn't need advice or words of wisdom, but rather your caring and presence.

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 A

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 20:1-16a

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. Contact Jeanne Watts at 641-985-2031 with any questions.

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.

Financial Stewardship

September 5/6

(No Public Masses were held this Weekend.)

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$600.00
Offertory	.00
On-Line Giving	65.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	.00
Offertory	.00
On-Line Giving	10.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	90.00
Offertory	.00
On-Line Giving	191.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	.00
On-Line Giving	175.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	550.00
Offertory	.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

September 12/13

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$1,240.00
Act of Kindness	37.00
On-Line Giving	65.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	1,255.00
Act of Kindness	30.00
On-Line Giving	10.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	1,180.00
Act of Kindness	26.00
On-Line Giving	49.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	4,885.00
Act of Kindness	54.00
On-Line Giving	90.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	200.00
On-Line Giving	580.00

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