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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.



**26th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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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 27, 2020

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please note: **Mass this Monday (Sept. 28)** will be held at **7:00 a.m.** instead of the usual 8 a.m. I have a commitment at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids that day at 10 a.m., and so will need to be on the road shortly after 7:30 a.m. To those who attend the weekday Masses--please know that I very much appreciate your flexibility regarding that schedule when I need to make a change!

2. We have been able to reschedule the annual **Mission Appeal** that was originally scheduled for earlier this month--it **will be held this coming weekend, Sept. 26/27**. Fr. Tim Kremen of the Servites will speak about his order's missionary work in South Africa. And please note: **Mass will be offered at all five cluster parishes this weekend, including Lourdes** (originally scheduled to not have Mass)--Fr. Kremen would like to be present at all the parishes. We will resume our regular schedule next weekend (Oct. 3/4) where it will be Elma's turn to not have Mass.

I'm sorry that I was not able to get this information in last weekend's bulletin. Our deadline for bulletin preparation is Tuesday preceding the weekend that bulletin will be distributed. The Sept. 20 bulletin deadline was Tues., Sept. 15; we weren't able to get the Mission Appeal rescheduled until later last week. We look forward to hearing about the Church's work around the world and the invitation to contribute to that important work.

3. In last weekend's bulletin I mentioned that Archbishop Jackels decided to leave the dispensation from the Sunday/holy day Mass obligation in place for now. Cardinal Robert Sarah (head of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments) recently released a letter to the various bishops' conferences around the world titled "Let Us return with Joy to the Eucharist". This letter, issued with the approval and by order of Pope Francis, has some important thoughts on the subject of returning to the public celebration of Mass and the other sacraments after the pandemic-caused shutdown of churches around the world this past spring.

I will be using this space in coming weeks to share some highlights from Cardinal Sarah's letter. I have read a number of his books, and he is a very wise and holy man who has a profound love for Jesus and his Church--what he says and writes is certainly worthy of our careful and prayerful attention.

4. Finally, I'm glad to report that my recovery from the virus continues to move forward. It was so good to be able to celebrate Mass with you last weekend, and I thank God for the fact that I got through those four Masses with a lot more energy than I expected. I didn't even need a nap on Sunday afternoon! Thank you again for your prayers and good wishes--they are and continue to be effective.

~Fr. Kopacek

Laughter, The Best Medicine
Why didn't they play cards on the ark? *Because Noah was always standing on the deck!*



Pray For Those in Need
Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Punk Cerwinske, Therese Collins, Ed Duman, Donna Fitzgerald, Sara Folkers, Mary Jane Foxen, Eleanore Gansen, Ken Gebel, Mary Lee Geerts, 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

Cluster Office Walk-Ins
Walk-ins are now welcome again to come into the cluster office. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep everyone safe and healthy.

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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 28

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

7:00 AM - Mon., Sept. 28 (Elma) + Harold & Mary Donnelly (time change for Monday only)

Tues., Sept. 29 (Elma) + Avis Roethler

Wed., Sept. 30 (Elma) + Jack McAvoy

Thurs., Oct. 1 (Elma) + Ben & Agnes Dunn

Fri., Oct. 2 (Elma) + Mildred Keller

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Joe & Shirley Praska

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Bernard & Phyllis Felder

Sunday, October 4

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

9:00 AM (Riceville) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Dallas Bushbaum

Readings for the Week of September 28

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-9, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21/Ps 91:1-6, 10-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Mission Co-op Appeal

Holy Rosary Cluster will hold its annual Mission Co-op Appeal this weekend (Sept. 26/27) at all five parishes in our cluster.

The Friar Servants of Mary is the mission we will be hosting this year.

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'.***



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.**

Immaculate Conception, Riceville

Annual Fall Festival

Drive-Thru Meal

Sunday, October 4

Mass at 9:00 AM

Meal from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

(or until food is gone)

Serving roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, sweetcorn, bun, coleslaw, milk and choice of pie
Quilt Raffle, Cash Raffles and 10th Hole Restaurant Gift Cards. Social Distancing and Masks requested



Riceville Food Pantry Volunteers

All Catholics are welcome to help volunteer at the Riceville Food Pantry on the 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS in October and November. The hours are 9:30-11:30 AM. Volunteers may help for an hour or more. The Catholic churches are responsible for working the months of October and November so please be generous with your time. Since students will not be at school on Wednesdays they may also help. Dates to volunteer are October 7 & 21 and November 4 & 18.

If you are able to volunteer call Ellen Grady-Mans (641-985-2254) or Mary Thoma (641-420-4545).

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

September 26 - Mildred Brus

October 3 - Mary McAvoy

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Congratulations

We congratulate Scott and Kendra O'Brien on the occasion of the baptism of their son Cullen Darrel. Cullen was baptized on September 19 at I.C. Elma. Please welcome and pray for Cullen Darrel as he begins his new life in the Church.

Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. Thank your priest for answering the call to the priesthood! Pray this prayer by St. Charles Borromeo for your priest and all priests. "O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy." Amen.



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 11

Keep making personal contact. The first time you reach out, the person may not be ready to accept your help. Continue to be available and let the person know you care.

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
CYCLES

COLOR
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 21:28-32

PUZZLE
Fill the Gospel message into the empty squares!
Go and work today in the vineyard.

MISSION
Show kindness to a friend. Help someone pick up a mess they made, just because you love Jesus.

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Calendar Events

ACCW - New Hampton Deanery

Zoom meeting to be held on Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 AM. The theme this year is 'Honoring Our Past-Envisioning Our Future'.

Any woman in the Archdiocese of Dubuque is welcome to join us. Go to the Dubuque ACCW website under events to register. Please register by October 15. After you register the annual report will be emailed to you along with a link to join the meeting by Zoom on October 24th. Any questions contact Yvonne Kisch at 641-220-3288 or maggie.may.ia24@gmail.com.

An Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those Who Love Them

The Archdiocese of Dubuque will be hosting Catholic author and speaker, Rose Sweet, for this event on Friday, October 30th from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids (rescheduled from March due to COVID-19). Whether you're divorced or separated yourself or want to help someone you love who is, you're invited to come hear how the Church can help those who have experienced divorce or separation. No cost to attend or live-stream this event.

Financial Stewardship

September 19/20

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