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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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault
between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have
won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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

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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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I will be gone this Sunday overnight into Labor Day (Sept. 6-7) to see my sister and brother in Britt, and so there will be **no 8 a.m. Mass in Elma on Labor Day**. The regular weekday Mass schedule will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

2. Just another reminder that our annual Mission appeal will be made the next two weekends:

Saturday, Sept. 12 at Lourdes (4 p.m.) and Alta Vista (6 p.m.)

Sunday, Sept. 20 at Elma (7:15 a.m.), Riceville (9 a.m.), and New Haven (10:45 a.m.).

We will be hearing from Fr. Timothy Kremen, OSM (Order of Friar Servants of Mary--Servites) who will tell us about their missionary work in South Africa. Besides preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and strengthening the Catholic faith in their locales, they are also involved in the work of education, health care, developing a more reliable fresh water supply, and the formation and education of their own local seminarians. It's always good for us to learn more about the work of the universal Church and to be reminded of both our responsibility and privilege to help support that vital work.

3. I also 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 (simply google "The Chosen" and follow the links). The cluster office also has a two-DVD set of the eight episodes available so far--you are more than welcome to borrow it to watch 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. **"Don't Forget to Laugh!"** And finally, in the spirit of the new school year, a couple of gems from the younger 'scholars':

--- The Sunday school teacher asked her students: "What can we do for God? He has done so much for us; he gave us His Son." One little girl piped up: "I'll give him my brother."

--- The children were asked to draw their favorite Bible story. One boy gave the teacher a drawing of a sports car, with a bearded man in the front seat and a man and woman in back. "What Bible story is this?", the puzzled teacher asked. The boy explained: "That's God driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden."

~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



FREE WILL, THOUGH
IT MAKES EVIL POSSIBLE,
IS ALSO THE ONLY THING
THAT MAKES POSSIBLE
ANY LOVE OR GOODNESS
OR JOY WORTH HAVING.
~C. S. LEWIS

Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Punk Cerwinske, Therese Collins, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, Mary Jane Foxen, Eleonore 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 Zeimet, Carol Zobeck

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Cluster News

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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 7

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., Sept. 7 (Elma) + No Mass (Pray for Vocations)

Tues., Sept. 8 (Elma) + Avis Roethler

Wed., Sept. 9 (Elma) + Harold Thiele

Thurs., Sept. 10 (Elma) + Merle Wacha

Fri., Sept. 11 (Elma) + Leonard Paca

Saturday, September 12

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Jeanne Balk

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Mable Geerts

Sunday, September 13

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Joseph Grober

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

Readings for the Week of September 7

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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 out to your parish and put in the memo, 'Mission Co-op Appeal'.



Anthony Digmann's Presentation

Available on the Cluster Website or Facebook page Speaker, Anthony Digmann's final talk, 'Why Catholic' is available through the end of Labor Day for those who were not able to attend his third mission talk. Father Kopacek highly recommends you watch/listen to it! Use the link below to view 'Why Catholic'.

<https://anthonydigmann.com/holyrosary/>

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of September 12/13. St. Peter's collection will be taken on September 20. Designated charity is: St. Bernard, Lourdes, IC Elma, St. Peter and IC Riceville - Newman Catholic Student Center at the University of Iowa.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

September 5 - Volunteer

September 12 - Ed & Irene Huegel

Church Cleaners

Michelle White, Donna Zweibohmer, Amy Boehmer are church cleaners the week of September 6.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Religious Education News

1. The Riceville religious ed. program needs a catechist for 5th grade for the first semester.

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 I.C. Riceville Church and to the Calvary Cemetery in memory of his parents Leonard and Margaret Fox.



Save the Date

Immaculate Conception, 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.

+ Combined Religious Education +

Meet & Greet in Lourdes

The Combined Religious Ed. Program will have a Parent meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 PM in the Lourdes church hall. One parent, children attending religious education this year and the catechists are asked to attend this meeting. Registration forms will be filled out and fees collected.



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 8

Offer a listening ear. It may be difficult for a person who needs help to bring up the subject. He or she may not want to bother you so it's important to let the person know you want to listen.

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/>

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.

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