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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.**

**Regular Bulletin Deadline** - Please have bulletin items  
to the office Friday before Noon the week before you  
would like the item in the bulletin. Thank you.



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was  
moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a  
shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

## Marriage

Please contact the priest at least six months in advance.

## Baptism

Make baptism arrangements by phoning the Cluster Office  
(393-2520) during office hours.

July 18, 2021

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please continue to pray for the recovery of Pope Francis. He recently had surgery to remove part of his colon because of an obstruction. As of today (July 13) he is still hospitalized in Rome. May he be fully healed and strengthened so that he can continue to shepherd the Church and do what God wants him to do.
2. In the homily last weekend I mentioned St. Maria Goretti, the young Italian girl who was killed by a young man who was enraged when she resisted his attempts to rape her. I also spoke about the repentance and conversion of that young man, Alessandro Serenelli. If you are interested in learning more about his story, I highly recommend "Alessandro Serenelli: A Story of Forgiveness" by Charles Engel (Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2020). It is less than 100 pages in length, but it tells the story of Maria's murder and Alessandro's conversion in a really powerful and inspiring way.
3. Nancy Theis, our cluster business manager, will be out of the office the week of July 26-30 for a well-deserved vacation--she is going on RAGBRAI this year (pray for her safety and that of all the other bicyclists). I wanted to inform you about this so that you are not surprised or frustrated if no one answers if you phone the cluster office. I'll be around that entire week but won't necessarily be in the office every moment. Don't hesitate to leave a message; that's what the answering machine is for!
4. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" This was submitted to Country Magazine by a mother from Missouri: "Years ago, as I was hurriedly slathering on some facial cream, my daughter, who was 3 at the time, asked 'What is that for?' To avoid a lengthy explanation, I answered, 'to make me look pretty.' She looked up at me and said very seriously, 'it isn't very good, is it?'" (ouch...)

And this one from a proud grandma in Illinois: "My 3-year-old grandson gave me a big hug and kiss and said, 'Oh, Grandma, I love you.' Since he's a bit partial to me, I said, 'Now go tell Grandpa that; he likes to hear it, too.' So he ran over to his grandfather, put his arms around him and said, 'Oh, Grandpa, I love your wife.'"

Art Linkletter was right: "Kids say the darnedest things!"

~Fr. Kopacek

## July 23 – The Feast Day of St. Bridget of Sweden

From an early age, St. Bridget had remarkable religious visions that influenced her entire life and outlook. As a young teenager in 1316 she married Ulf Gudmarsson, later governor of the province of Nericia. She bore eight children, including St. Catherine of Sweden.

On the death of her husband in 1344, Bridget retired to a life of penance and prayer near the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra on Lake Vetter. To the prior, Peter Olafsson, she dictated the revelations that came to her, and he translated them into Latin. One was a command to found a new religious order, which she was not able to fulfill until near the end of her life, receiving papal permission from Pope Urban V for her order of cloistered nuns in 1370. She went to Rome in 1350 and, except for several pilgrimages, remained there for the rest of her life, constantly accompanied by Catherine. She exercised a wide apostolate among rich and poor, sheltering the homeless and sinners, and she worked untiringly for the end of the Avignon papacy and for the pope to return to Rome. She was spurred by a vision to visit the Holy Land in 1372, and she died soon after her return to Rome. In 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the patron saints of Europe.



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# Cluster News

## Live Streaming

Watch Mass live with Fr. Kopacek on Sunday mornings at the 9:00 AM Mass in Riceville. Find it on the cluster website under 'Parish Happenings' or on the cluster Facebook page.



## Daily Reflections

Fr. Kopacek's daily reflections can be found on Facebook and on the Holy Rosary Cluster website under 'Parish Happenings'.

## Mass Intentions Week of July 19

### Monday, July 19

Weekday - Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1-6/Mt 12:38-42  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Gansen Finley

### Tuesday, July 20

St. Appollinaris - Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15:8-10,12, 17/Mt 12:46-50  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Kristy & Mark Shultz

### Wednesday, July 21

St. Lawrence - Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Fay Freidhof

### Thursday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene - Sg 3:1-4/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Art & Rose Boehmer

### Friday, July 23

St. Bridget - Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Michael Ungs

### Saturday, July 24

Vigil of Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-18/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15  
4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For OLL 2020 Cemetery Committals  
6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

### Sunday, July 25

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-18/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15  
7:15 AM (Elma) + Deceased Members of the Bill & Alice Burke Family  
9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Deceased Members of St. Anne Rosary Society  
10:45 AM (New Haven) + **NO MASS**

## Missionary Co-op Appeal

This weekend, July 17/18 Holy Rosary Cluster is hosting a missionary speaking at all five Masses. The missionary comes from the Community of St. Paul, an international missionary group and a Public Association of the Faithful in the Catholic Church, made up of priests and lay men and women from various countries and is headquartered in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The Missionary helps children, women and men, health services, job creation and skill training, development projects, education and more. Above all, the group hopes to follow St. Paul's example, always faithful to his spirit of universality. **If writing a check please write it out to your parish and put in the memo "Mission Appeal".**



## MEETINGS

Wed., July 21, 6:30 PM - HRC Faith Formation

Thurs., July 22, 6:30 PM - HRC Liturgy Comm.

Both meetings will be held in the IC Elma Church basement. Please plan to attend.

## 23rd Annual Steeple Day

Saturday, July 31, 2021

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Lourdes, Iowa**

- 10 AM - Tractor Pull** (Registration at 9 AM)  
Contact Tom Shatek (641-330-8626)
- 11 AM - Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull (Sanctioned)**  
Contact George or Julie Freidhof  
(641-257-8665)
- 11 AM - Garden Tractor/UTV Pull** (Registration 10)  
Contact Chad Cutsforth (563-379-8170)
- 11 AM - Bean Bag Tournament**  
\*Draw Partners, Single Elimination, Multiple Games  
Contact Dan Shatek (641-364-7636)
- 6 PM - Mass**  
Cash Raffle \$20 a ticket; 30 Winners;  
Top Prize \$1,000  
Food & Beverages Available on Grounds.  
General Information Contact Brad Shatek  
(641-330-8646)
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Food and Fellowship!**

## **+ St. Bernard +**

### Vocation Crucifix

July 17 - John & LouAnn Huegel

July 24 - LeRoy Geerts

### Church Cleaners

Wanda Folkers and Irene Frantzen are church cleaners the week of July 18.

## **+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

### Religious Education News

Riceville Religious Ed. is looking for teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. Needed are teachers for 5th grade, 6th grade and combined 11th & 12th grades. Please call Debbie Oulman at 641-985-2791 if you are interested.

### Catholic Charities Counseling

Catholic Charities counseling is available via telehealth. Please call 563-588-0558

### Volunteer with Catholic Charities

Go to [www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/get-involved/volunteer/) for online applications.

## Natural Family Planning Virtual Summit

In celebration of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, which is July 25-31, the Archdiocese of Dubuque will host a NFP Virtual Summit on July 25 for anyone who would like to learn about what NFP is and why it is beneficial. The event includes a keynote talk by Archbishop Jackels, breakout session talks by local experts and married couples, opportunities to network and ask questions, and more. Fr. Kopacek will be giving one of the breakout sessions: a brief summary of what the Church teaches about marital love and sexuality, and why. Please register for this FREE virtual event at [nfp.dbqarch.org/nfp-virtual-summit](http://nfp.dbqarch.org/nfp-virtual-summit).



## Stewardship

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ~Winston S. Churchill

## Financial Stewardship

July 3/4

### Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	\$520.00
On-Line Giving	65.00

### St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	240.00
Offertory	92.00
On-Line Giving	10.00

### Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	1,055.00
Offertory	53.00
On-Line Giving	191.00

### Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	1,120.00
Offertory	56.00
On-Line Giving	175.00

### St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	955.00
Offertory	59.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

July 10/11

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$345.00
Act of Kindness	103.00
On-Line Giving	65.00

### St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	545.00
Act of Kindness	51.00
On-Line Giving	10.00

### Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	792.00
On-Line Giving	59.00

### Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	1,710.00
Act of Kindness	275.00
On-Line Giving	.00

### St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	315.00
Act of Kindness	121.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

PLACE	GOING	SHEPHERD
APOSTLES	BOAT	PEOPLE
ALONE	CROWD	TEACHING

F T G E R T H A O S P  
 E A L O N E L R T U E  
 R P N D I T O J S H O  
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## MISSION

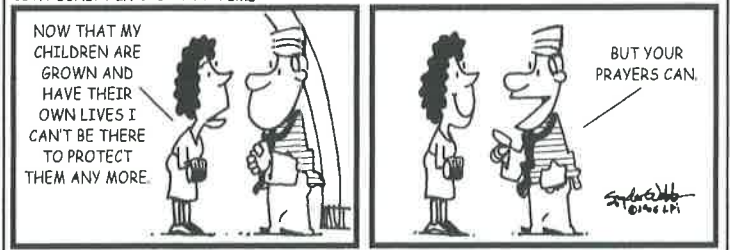
Spend some alone time with Jesus tonight! If you get interrupted because someone else needs help, that's okay. Go help, and then come back to your alone time with Jesus again.



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