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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

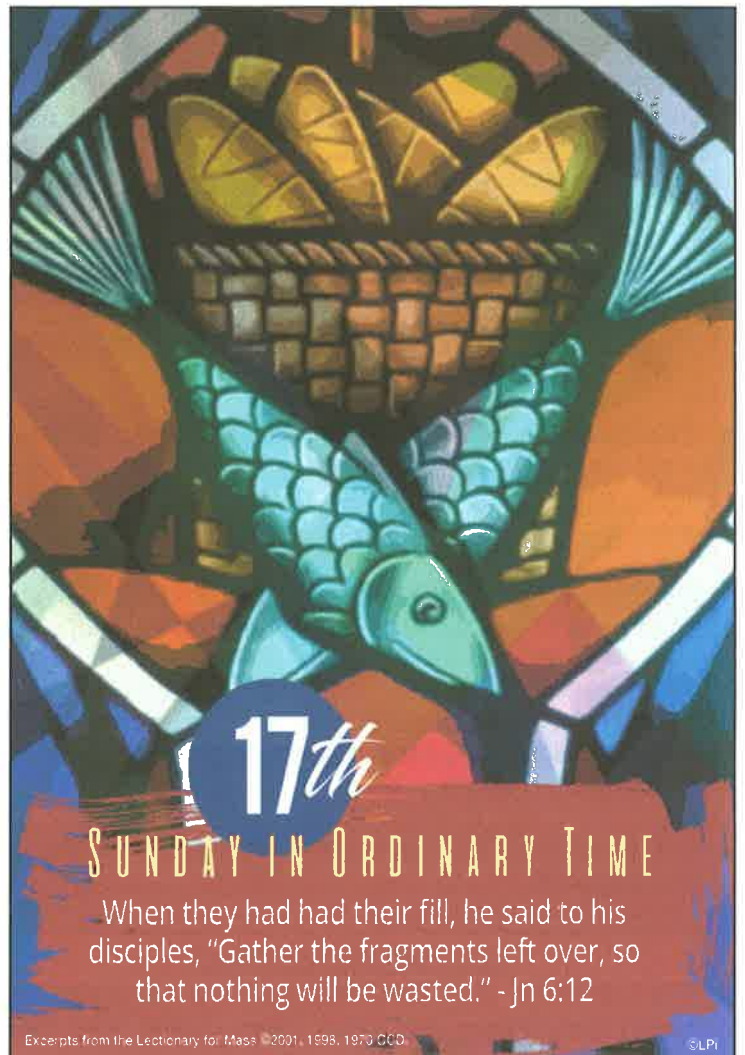
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.



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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 25, 2021

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. First of all, a big and most sincere "Thank You!" to all of you for all the birthday cards, gifts, good wishes and everything else regarding my recent Birthday #66 (my, that's a big number...). You folks are way too good to me, but believe me--that's not a complaint! I really do appreciate so much all your kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness that you express in so many ways. I continue to thank God daily for the privilege of being your pastor, and I continue to pray daily for every one of you and for all your loved ones.

2. A couple of brief reminders about this coming week:

Nancy, our business manager, will be riding on RAGBRAI this week and so will be out of the office. I should be around most of the time, but don't be afraid to leave a phone message if I'm not in when you call. If you want or need to come to the cluster office, please call ahead of time to make sure I'll be here.

Mass at Lourdes this coming Saturday, July 31, will be at **6:00 p.m.** instead of the usual 4 p.m. because of Steeple Days. There will be no Mass at Alta Vista as per the usual schedule.

3. In case you didn't notice, the holy water fonts at the church entrances in all five of our cluster churches have been refilled after a very long dry spell! It is one of the Church's sacramentals--those objects (e.g. holy water, medals, scapulars) or actions (e.g. blessings) that signify or indicate spiritual effects from the intercession of the Church. They are to be distinguished from the seven sacraments which were instituted by Christ and which bestow grace by the celebration of the rite itself (baptism, etc.). You may now again bless yourselves with holy water on entering or leaving the church; you are also free, of course, to refrain from doing so.

4. In the homily last weekend I mentioned a reflection from Clarence Enzler's "Everyman's Way of the Cross" from the Third Station--Jesus Falls the First Time" that expressed so well the reality of the weakness and fatigue that Jesus experienced fully in his human nature. I offer it here as well; I think it expresses so very well how we can find consolation in our weakness by realizing that Christ is with us at those times because he experienced the very same thing:

"The God who made the universe...becomes, as man, too weak to bear a piece of timber's weight. How human in his weakness is the Son of Man...Lord Jesus, how can I refuse? I willingly accept my weaknesses, my irritations and my moods, my headaches and fatigue, all my defects of body, mind, and soul...Make me content with all my discontents, but give me strength to struggle after You."

5. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Speaking of birthdays: one of the occupational hazards of the aging process, of course, is a growing forgetfulness. Consider this (true) story from "1000 Unforgettable Senior Moments" (2006):

"In 1984 the members of the Oxford Library Club for Retired Professional People and Others Interested were especially looking forward to hearing a guest speaker on the subject of 'Old Age, Absent-Mindedness, and Keeping Fit.' Unfortunately, the speaker forgot to turn up."

As the years roll by, it gets easier and easier to see how something like that could happen!

~Fr. Kopacek

Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Punk Cerwinske, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, Ken Gebel, Joann Heying, Rose Heying, Jimmy Holmen, Diane Kovarik, Arlene Kuennen, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Lois McAvoy, Gladys McGrane, LaVern McGrane, Fran Palmersheim, Ida Roe, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Linda Zeimetz

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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 26

Monday, July 26

St. Joachim & St. Anne - Ex 32:15-24,30-34/Ps106:19-23/Mt13:31-35
8:00 AM (Elma) + Deceased Members of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Court 878

Tuesday, July 27

Weekday - Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bille Kobliska

Wednesday, July 28

Weekday - Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bernard & Helen Dunn

Thursday, July 29

St. Martha -Ex 40:16-21,34-38/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Jn 11:19-27
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Louis Link

Friday, July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus - Lv 231,4-11,15-16, 27,34-37/Ps 81:3-6,10-11/Mt 13:54-58

8:00 AM (Elma) + Joe & Margaret McGrane

Saturday, July 31

Vigil of Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

6:00 PM (Lourdes) + Living & Deceased Members of the Adolph & Bea Havlik Family

(Alta Vista) + **NO MASS**

Sunday, August 1

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

7:15 AM (Elma) + Elizabeth Fox

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Wade Machin

Office Adjustment The Week of July 26-30

Nancy Theis will be out of the office the week of July 26-30. Fr. Kopacek will be around the entire week but won't necessarily be in the office every moment. The office wanted to notify you of these adjustments so if you try to call the office you are not surprised or frustrated if no one answers. Please don't hesitate to leave a message on the answering machine and Fr. Kopacek will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

In the end everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts. ~Pope Francis

MEETINGS

Tues., August 10, 6:15 PM- New Haven Corporate, Finance & Parish Council Mtg in St. Peter Church Hall.

Tues., August 17, 6:30 PM- OLL Corporate, Finance & Parish Council Mtg. in OLL Church Hall.

Wed., August 18, 6:30 PM- Alta Vista Corporate, Finance & Parish Council Mtg. in Elma Church Hall.

Thurs., August 19, 6:30 PM-Riceville Corporate, Finance & Parish Council Mtg. in Riceville Church Hall.

Thurs., August 26, 6:30 PM- Elma Corporate, Finance & Parish Council Mtg. in Elma Church Hall.

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 Info. Contact Brad Shatek (641-330-8646)

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Vocation Crucifix

July 24 - LeRoy Geerts

July 31 - Lyle & Lynn Ries

+ 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 and 6th grade. Please call Debbie Oulman at 641-985-2791 if you are interested.

+ St. Peter +

Religious Education News

New Haven religious ed. is looking for one catechist for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact Meg Schutjer at 641-832-8033.

+ Combined Religious Education +

Combined Religious Ed. is in need of Catechists for 6th grade and High School. We are also in need of substitute teachers. Please contact Chad Buckley at dbq075ff@dbqarch.org or 515-290-5867.

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 from 2:30-4:30 PM 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.



Calendar Events

Holy Land Tour

The Newman Catholic Student Center at The University of Iowa is sponsoring a 10-day tour of the Holy Land March 10-19, 2022. Tour hosts will be Fr. Jeff Belger and Newman Center rep, April Rouner. Cost is \$4059 per person from Chicago. A charter bus will take travelers to/from O'Hare from Iowa City. Price includes round trip air, first class accommodations, most meals, professional tour director, sightseeing entrance fees, optional daily Mass and more. Contact April Rouner, april@newman-ic.org or 319-337-3106 Ext. 119 for more information or a registration brochure.

Stewardship

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

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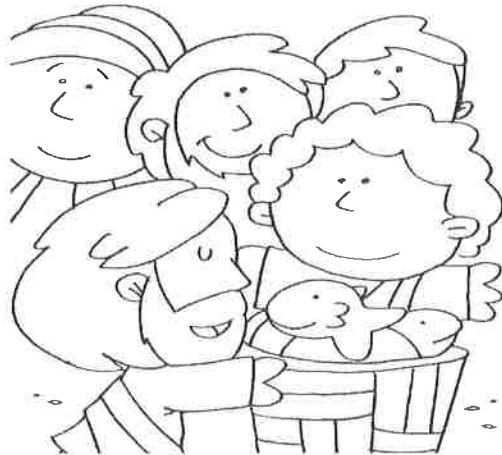
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Act of Kindness	100.00
On-Line Giving	124.00
Immaculate Conception - Riceville	
Budget Envelopes	830.00
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On-Line Giving	130.00
St. Peter - New Haven	
Budget Envelopes	205.00
Offertory	19.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

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