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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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*

## 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.

August 15, 2021

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please pray for the blessed repose of the soul of Fr. Harry Koelker, a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, who died on August 6 at the age of 79. Fr. Koelker grew up near Petersburg (west of Dyersville) and was ordained to the priesthood in 1968. Among his many assignments: he served as associate pastor in Protivin (1968-70 and taught at Notre Dame High School in Cresco) and in Oelwein (1970-72 and taught at Sacred Heart High School there). He also served as pastor of St. Joseph's in Mason City (2003-07) and in Oelwein/Fairbank (2007-12). In addition to his various parish and school assignments, he also did missionary work in Zambia in southern Africa. He retired in 2012 because of the progression of his Parkinson's disease. Fr. Koelker was a good, humble and holy man and a faithful and dedicated priest. May he rest forever in the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

2. In last weekend's homily about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, I mentioned 'transubstantiation'--the Church's teaching that the consecration of bread and wine at Mass leads to the change of the entire substance of that bread and wine into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ; all that remain of bread and wine are their outward appearance as such.

This is certainly 'mystery' in the deepest sense of that word, and we cannot fully comprehend this with our limited human intellects (as is the case, for example, with our belief in God as Trinity). I recently read an excellent description of this idea of 'substance' in "Dying to Live: From Agnostic to Baptist to Catholic" by Ian Murphy (Ignatius Press, 2020). A brief excerpt: "The substance of a thing is the heart of what it truly is in its entirety. As a human person, you are substantially a complex, body-soul unity that reflects the image of God...which is so much more than just your physical cells....Substance is not the same thing as material building blocks. Substance is no more the physical particle than a home is a pile of wood and nails. The consecrated Host is substantially *him*, yes, while the building blocks *appear* to remain the same."

Murphy goes on along these lines about what the Church means about bread and wine becoming the true Body and Blood of Christ in a way that I found very helpful. Beside that, the story of his conversion to the Catholic faith is one of the most interesting and actually exciting ones that I have ever read. I highly recommend it!

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" The U.S. Postal Service recently issued a stamp commemorating Yogi Berra, one of the most famous and beloved baseball players of all time. He was also famous for what came to be called his "Yogi-isms"--quotations that left you laughing out loud, scratching your head, or maybe both at the same time. For example:

"The other teams could make trouble for us if they win." (yes, I suppose so...)

"You have to give 100% in the first half of the game. If that isn't enough, in the second half, you have to give what's left." (what's left after you already gave 100%??)

"We made too many of the wrong mistakes." (as opposed to the *right* mistakes?)

and last but not least: "I really didn't say everything I said." (Yes, Yogi, you did--and thank you for doing so...)

Yogi Berra--an American classic! He was a faithful Catholic who died six years ago at the age of 90--may he rest forever in the peace of the risen Christ.

~Fr. Kopacek

## Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle 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 & Daily Reflections

Watch Mass or Daily Reflections live with Fr. Kopacek. Mass is Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Riceville. Reflections are posted after daily Mass. Find them on the cluster website under 'Parish Happenings' or on the cluster Facebook page.



## Mass Intentions Week of August 16

### Monday, August 16

St. Stephen - Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43,44/Mt 19:16-22  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bob & Kay Recker Intention

### Tuesday, August 17

Weekday - Jgs 6:11-24/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Linda Smith

### Wednesday, August 18

Weekday - Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Charles & Gert Lentz

### Thursday, August 19

St. John Eudes - Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-10/Mt 22:1-14  
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Paul & Anna Meyer

### Friday, August 20

St. Bernard - Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Michael Ungs

### Saturday, August 21

Vigil of Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jos 24:1-2, 15-17,18/  
Ps 34:2-3, 16-23/Eph 5:21-32

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Clem & Judy Smith

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Helen Geerts

### Sunday, August 22

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jos 24:1-2, 15-17,18/Ps 34:2  
-3, 16-23/Eph 5:21-32

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + **NO MASS**

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Bob Slaughter

## **+ Lourdes +**

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Dr. Omer and Shirley (Stevenson) Frank family. A funeral service was held for Omer and Shirley on Saturday, August 7 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May they rest in peace.

## **+ St. Bernard +**

### Vocation Crucifix

August 14 - Gary & Julie Swehla

August 21 - Ed & Irene Huegel

### Church Cleaners

Liz Geerts and Bethany Glaser are church cleaners the week of August 15.

## Catholic Charities Counseling

Catholic Charities counseling ministry can be accessed from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Telehealth allows counselors to meet remotely with individuals. Please call 563-588-0558



## **MEETINGS**

### Parish Corporate Meetings

Tues., Aug. 17, 6:30 PM - Lourdes

Wed., Aug. 18, 6:30 PM - Alta Vista

Thurs., Aug. 19, 6:30 PM - Riceville

Thurs., Aug. 26, 6:30 PM - Elma

Meetings will be in their respective church halls, except Alta Vista will be in I.C. Elma's church hall.

## **+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +**

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Matilda 'Tillie' Havlik family. Tillie's Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, August 7 at Immaculate Church in Elma. May she rest in peace.

### Rosary Society News

The Elma Rosary Society will meet Sunday, August 22 in the church basement following 7:15 AM Mass.

## **+ 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.

### Thank You

Thank you to the Sue Marr family for planting the sweetcorn to be used for our annual parish dinner and thank you to all the people who helped take care of the corn. We appreciate all your time and talent.

## **+ St. Peter +**

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Vernon & Rose Smith as new members of St. Peter Parish. We are happy to have them join us.

### 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.

## Legacy Planning Workshop

On Tuesday, September 14 a panel of experts will answer your questions about estate planning, creating and updating a will, charitable gifts and more! Choose to attend the hour-long event at 10 AM or 6 PM. Workshop is located at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 East Spring St. Sponsored by The Catholic Foundation and MercyOne.

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

seel	humble	Mighty
spirit	servant	great
Savior	blessed	holy

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## MISSION

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.



## GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Assumption of Mary • Luke 1:39-56

## Calendar Events

### Assumption Parish, Little Turkey Annual Picnic

Assumption Parish in Little Turkey will hold their Annual Picnic on **Sunday, August 15.**

**Mass at 3:00 PM**

**Meal from 4:00-8:00 PM:** \$12 for 3 pcs chicken, real mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade dressing, corn, colestaw, relish, kolache and cookies

Outdoor dining only, Carry-Outs or Drive-Thru  
Live music by Marc Frana & Jim Busta Band, Games, Bingo, Kolache Sales, Raffle and Facebook Auction.

### Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting

Tri-County Citizens for Life meeting will be Monday, August 16 at 6:30 PM in the I.C. Elma Church Hall. A potluck will be shared. Everyone is welcome.

### Czech Days in Protivin

Holy Trinity Parish of Protivin welcomes all of you to their 43rd Annual Czech Days Celebration. Czech Days will be held August 20, 21, & 22. You will find a full listing of events online at '[Christ Our Hope Cluster.com](#)'.

## Financial Stewardship

August 7/8

### Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	\$45.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

### St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	1,410.00
Act of Kindness	51.00
On-Line Giving	10.00

### Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	492.00
Act of Kindness	49.00
On-Line Giving	59.00

### Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	5,732.78
Act of Kindness	205.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

### St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	285.00
Act of Kindness	66.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

### ASSUMPTION

THE ISRAELITES WERE SO EXCITED WHEN THEY BROUGHT THE ARK INTO JERUSALEM, THEY THREW A HUGE PARTY!



IS THAT WHY IT'S CALLED THE 'CELEBRATION' OF THE MASS?



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