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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.

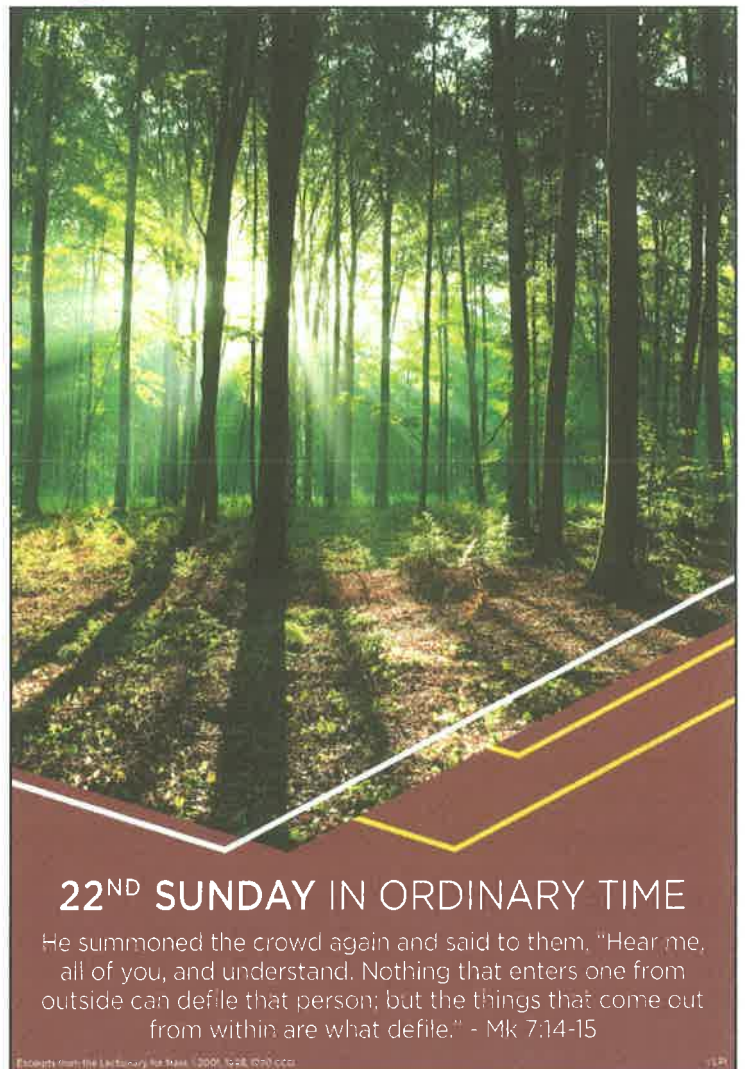
Elma - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

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.**

Early Bulletin Deadline

The September 12 bulletin will be sent in on Friday, September 3. Please have items for the September 12 bulletin to the church office by Wednesday, September 1st.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass | 2001, 1988, 1970 CCC

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 29, 2021

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

We priests recently received the following emails from Archbishop Jackels:

1. (dated August 17) **"Please consider taking up a second collection in your parish(es) for Haiti relief.** Thousands were killed in the earthquake last weekend, many more thousands injured, buildings collapsed, and public utilities were cut off. Humanitarian aid groups sprang into action almost immediately, not only providing help in the affected areas, but also calling upon a global solidarity for donations. There are local connections to Haiti. Many parishes have sister-parishes there. And we have a priest from Haiti, Fr. Frantz Augustin, serving with Fr. Kevin Earleywine [Hampton and Ackley].

"The major earthquake that struck Haiti this past weekend is only one in a long string of tragedies: Many other devastating earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding, a cholera epidemic, COVID, gang violence, the assassination of its president, crushing poverty, just to name a few...Absolutely 100% of what's donated will be donated to Catholic Relief Services."

I recently contacted the office of the missionary group that was supposed to present our annual mission appeal in July to see if they wanted to reschedule; I have not heard back from them (as of today, August 24, when I'm writing this column). Since it thus appears that we will not have a mission appeal this year, and since this appeal for relief for Haiti is a most worthwhile and urgently needed cause, I therefore encourage you to contribute to this appeal (I will be doing so as well).

If you write out a check, make it out to your parish and note it is for "Haiti relief" (or similar words)--you can either put your check in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the cluster office. If you'd like to make a cash donation, put it in an envelope and mark it "Haiti relief" and drop it in the collection basket. We will then write one check for each of the cluster parishes from your donations which will then be sent to Dubuque. As the archbishop said, 100% of our donations will go to Catholic Relief Services which is involved in this Haitian relief effort. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

2. (dated August 18) The archbishop forwarded to us **the following message from Pope Francis encouraging us to receive the COVID vaccination:**

"In a brotherly spirit, I join in this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together.

"Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies.

"Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future."

I'm well aware of the controversies surrounding the vaccination issue and the strong and conflicting opinions regarding whether vaccination should be required and other related issues. Of course, you need to make your own decision based on a well-formed conscience as well as your own particular situation. I offer these words from the Holy Father because they do remind us of an important factor in our decision-making: the need to prayerfully consider the common good of all along with our own personal circumstances. In any event, I'm sure we all agree on the need to continue praying for an end to the pandemic and for the relief of those suffering from the virus or other illnesses.

~Fr. Kopacek

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 30

Monday, August 30

Weekday - 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30
8:00 AM (Elma) - Fr. Harry Koelker

Tuesday, August 31

Weekday - 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
8:00 AM (Elma) + Mike LaCasse

Wednesday, September 1

Weekday - Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
8:00 AM (Elma) + Marilyn O'Connor

Thursday, September 2

Weekday - Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Alan Shane

Friday, September 3

First Friday/St. Gregory the Great -Col 1:15-20/Ps100:1-5/Lk5:33-39
8:00 AM (Elma) + Frank Goodale

Saturday, September 4

Vigil of Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 35:4-7/Ps 146:7-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Donald Praska

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + **NO MASS**

Sunday, September 5

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 35:4-7/Ps 146:7-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

7:15 AM (Elma) + Eleanor Burke

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + John Sullivan & Maddie Kruse

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tues., September 14 at Elma from 5 - 6 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:00 PM, Benediction at 6:00 PM. Fr. Kopacek will be available for confessions during the Holy Hour. All are welcome.

Religious Education News

Parents of new students or first graders need to call their respective DREs or call the cluster office to register their child for religious education this fall. Chad Buckley (515-290-5867) - Elma, AV or OLL
Debbie Oulman (641-985-2791) - Riceville
Meg Schutjer (641-713-3366) - New Haven



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

August 28 - Tony & Deann Meirick

September 4 - Mildred Brus

Church Cleaners

Suezen Glaser, Pat Halvorson, Betty Jo Hastings are church cleaners the week of August 29.

Rosary Society News

St. Bernard Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM in the church.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Rosary Society News

St. Anne's Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 29 at 7:00 PM in church basement.

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, September 3 from 4:00-4:40 PM at Immaculate Conception in Riceville.

Religious Education News

1. Religious Education classes begin Wednesday, September 8 in Riceville, 6:30-8:00 PM.
2. Riceville religious ed. is still looking for catechists for 5th and 6th grades. Call Debbie Oulman at 641-985-2791 if you are interested.

+ St. Peter +

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, September 3 from 3:00-3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

Religious Education News

1. Religious Education classes begin Sunday, September 12 in New Haven.
2. 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 +

1. Religious Education classes begin Wednesday, September 8 in Lourdes. Parents and Students please meet in the Lourdes Hall at 6:30 PM. We will have registration at that time.
2. Combined Religious Ed. needs catechists for 6th grade and High School. We are also in need of substitute catechists. Contact Chad Buckley at dbq075ff@dbqarch.org or Call 515-290-5867.

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

+ St. Patrick of St. Cecilia +

St. Patrick of St. Cecilia will have an outdoor Mass on Monday, September 6 at 9:00 AM. Please bring a lawn chair.



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

Color the areas marked with a dot.



MISSION

I will open doors for others and say, "Have a happy day!"



Calendar Events

+ Knights of Columbus +

KC Pancake Breakfast at Lake Hendricks

Riceville and New Haven Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake breakfast:

Sunday, September 5 from 8 AM - Noon
at Lake Hendricks, Riceville

Cost: Adults/\$7, Children 6-12/\$4, 5yrs & under/Free

Take Outs Available

Proceeds to Benefit Riceville and New Haven Communities

**Notre Dame, Cresco - New Fair Fun Day
Saturday, September 11, 2021**

4:30-6:30 PM - Custom made Sausage/Turkey Dinner
5:00-8:00 PM - NERF Wars, Bouncy House, Bingo, Cake Walk, Moo Mobile, Farmer's Market, Outside Concessions and more!

7:00 PM - 5K Family GLOW Run/Walk

8:00 PM - Free Outdoor Family Movie

All activities located on the Notre Dame parish grounds, basement and school.

Save the Date

Holy Family Parish in New Hampton will hold their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 19, 11 AM - 2 PM.

Financial Stewardship

August 21/22

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$352.00
Offertory	112.00
On-Line Giving	195.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	520.00
Offertory	28.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	692.00
Offertory	45.00
On-Line Giving	49.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	205.00
On-Line Giving	.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	585.00
Offertory	24.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

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