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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 two weeks before you
would like the item in the bulletin. Thank you.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen. amen. I say to you, it was not Moses
who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true
bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes
down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass - 2001-1998 16th CCD

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 1, 2021

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Last December, Doris Adams from Immaculate Conception Church in Riceville died from COVID. Because of safety and health concerns at that time, her funeral Mass was open only to her family. Doris' family invites you to a Celebration of Life to be held on Sunday, August 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the I.C. Church hall in Riceville (elevator is available). I will lead a brief prayer service and sharing of memories at 2 p.m. All are welcome to join in this celebration of Doris' dedication to her faith, family, friends, and community

2. As you know, I sometimes cancel the 8 a.m. weekday Mass in Elma--for example, if I visit my brother and his family in the Twin Cities. That also happens in some funeral situations. If a funeral Mass is to be scheduled on a Monday, the regular 8 a.m. Mass will be cancelled--that happened, for example, last Monday (July 26) in connection with the funeral for Punk Cerwinski. Monday is generally my day off, but I am always more than willing to have a Monday funeral. For funerals scheduled for Tuesday through Friday, the regular 8 a.m. weekday Mass will still be celebrated.

If I have a funeral or some other commitment out of town, I may need to cancel the weekday Mass depending on time and distance. I'll always let the weekday Mass folks know that ahead of time and also announce it at weekend Masses if possible.

This is perhaps more information than you need, but I just wanted to let you know my overall approach to these situations.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" A few more thoughts (from various comedians) on the forgetfulness that happens more and more often as the years roll by:

My memory is starting to go. I locked the keys in my car the other day. Fortunately, I had forgotten to get out first.

My brother's memory is just as bad as mine. We're both convinced we're an only child.

My grandfather's a little forgetful, but he likes to give me advice. One day, he took me aside...and left me there.

Might as well laugh about such things, right??

~Fr. Kopacek

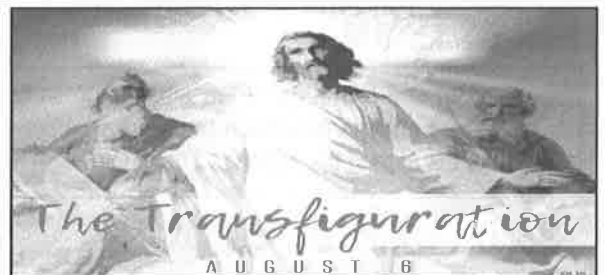
Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6, 2021

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ~Mark 9:2

This (Transfiguration) is about three years into a three and a half year ministry. This is after for months and years those disciples had followed Jesus, they had seen his miracles, they had done miracles in His name. They knew something palpably and objectively about the power and the reality of who Jesus was, and yet, when He began to talk about dying it was staggering to the disciples and they began to wonder if He was really the Messiah. Therefore, for that reason, Jesus took three, Peter, James and John, into a high mountain apart, away from the other apostles. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John into a very secluded place and He begins to pray. He asked the disciples to pray and they fall asleep. Then, as they wake up, they see Jesus standing before them with an ineffable (indescribable) manifestation of light and glory which will be His when he reigns as King in days to come. He had laid aside that external glory and for just a few minutes as they watched they see him transfigured (metamorphized is the Greek word). The point is that the caterpillar had become a butterfly, the one who had so carefully veiled his physical glory took it to himself for a brief moment. The whole purpose of that experience was to reinforce the staggering faith of those apostles.

Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinski, Michelle Cerwinski, 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



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 August 2

Monday, August 2

St. Eusebius - Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21
8:00 AM (Elma) + Maria Woods

Tuesday, August 3

Weekday - Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36
8:00 AM (Elma) + Theresa Farrington

Wednesday, August 4

St. John Vianney - Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28
8:00 AM (Elma) + Clara Enright

Thursday, August 5

Weekday -Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Mt 16:13-23
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Art & Rose Boehmer

Friday, August 6

First Friday/Transfiguration of the Lord - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
8:00 AM (Elma) + John & Caroline Kolbet Family

Saturday, August 7

Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-9/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51
4:00 PM (Lourdes) + **NO MASS**
6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Tom & Mike Mahoney

Sunday, August 8

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-9/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51
7:15 AM (Elma) + Carol Zobeck
9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Donald & Doris Adams
10:45 AM (New Haven) + For the People

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of August 7 & 8. Lourdes' collection will be taken on August 14. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - Elma Boy Scouts, I.C. Elma - Howard County EMS, Lourdes - Howard County EMS, St. Peter - Cally's Cause and I.C. Riceville - Catholic Charities.

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."

~St. Gianna Molla

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tues., August 10 at New Haven 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. Everyone is welcome to attend.



+ St. Bernard +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the LaVern 'Punk' Cerwinske family. Punk's Funeral Mass was held on Monday, July 26 at St. Bernard in Alta Vista. May he rest in peace.

Vocation Crucifix

July 31 - Lyle & Lynn Ries
August 7 - Keith & Suezzen Glaser

Church Cleaners

Linda Gansen, Ashley Geerts, Linda Geerts are church cleaners the week of August 1.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Kathryn Papach family. Kathryn's Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, July 22 at Immaculate Conception Church in Riceville. May she rest in peace.

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, August 6 from 4:00 - 4:40 PM at Immaculate Conception in 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 +

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, December 4 from 3:00 - 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

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.

PUZZLE

Transcramble words from today's Gospel:

FOOD MANNA LIFE
THIRSTY FAITH HUNGRY
MIRACLE BREAD COMES

fodo f o o d
mricael _____
mnana _____
berad _____
lfie _____
cmose _____
hnrury _____
fatih _____
thritys _____

MISSION

If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!



GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:24-25

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

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