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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

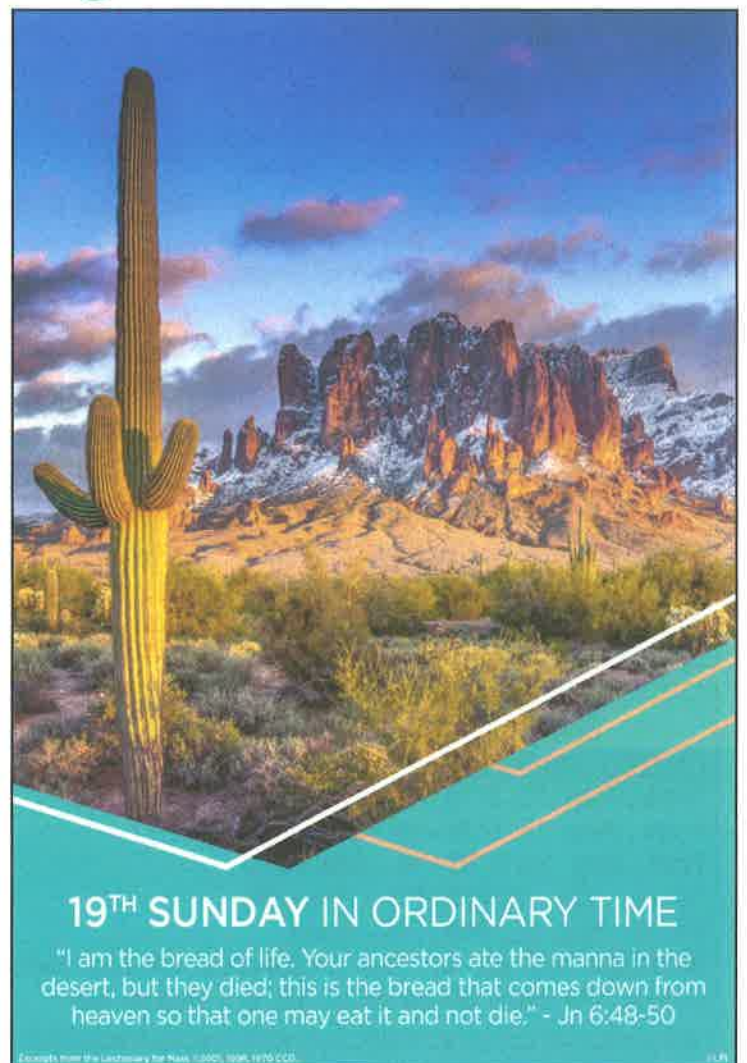
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the
desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from
heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

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 8, 2021

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. With the new school year just a few weeks away, this is also the time of year when many parishes begin planning to work with those who have ever thought about joining the Catholic Church. If you are in that situation, please contact me--I'd be very glad to visit with you about what that would involve. Oftentimes it happens that someone has been raised in another Christian communion (for example, Lutheran, Baptist, or Methodist) and already has a solid foundation of the basics of Christianity. In such cases, the main focus would be simply learning about the specifically Catholic elements of Church teaching--the seven sacraments (especially confession and the Eucharist), the close connection between the Church and her leadership and the Bible, what we believe about the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, etc. For those who are not baptized or who have had little or no background in the Christian faith, we would begin with 'the basics': our belief in one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit (God as Trinity) and Jesus as the Son of God who became one of us (the Incarnation) and whose death and resurrection has reconciled us with the Father and opened the gates of heaven for us (the Paschal Mystery).

And for those of you who are Catholic, you may know of someone who is not Catholic but may be interested--perhaps your spouse or other family member, relative, in-law, or friend. Have you ever asked them if they have ever thought about joining the Church or learning more about the Catholic faith? It often happens that a simple, friendly invitation like that is just the encouragement that someone needs to take the next step forward.

2. I've mentioned to you more than once "**The Chosen**"--the best portrayal by far of the story of Jesus that I have ever seen. It is not available on regular TV (cable, etc.) nor on Netflix, but it is available on the internet. It is also available on DVD, and beginning in September all are invited to the Elma church hall to see it. The dates for the remainder of 2021 are:

Sunday, **September 19**

Sunday, **October 17**

Sunday, **November 21**

Sunday, **December 12**

All of these sessions will be held on these **Sunday** dates at **2 p.m. in the Elma church hall**. We will show one episode per session; each episode runs about 40-50 minutes. This will then be followed by some time for questions/discussion. Although I certainly encourage you to see all the episodes, you'll get a lot out of however many or few you are able to see.

~Fr. Kopacek

MEETINGS

Parish Corporate Meetings

Tues., Aug. 10, 6:15 PM - New Haven

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.

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 Zeimet

Saint Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier was one of the most prolific missionaries of Roman Catholic history. He was instrumental in the establishment of Christianity in India, the Malay Archipelago, and Japan. Modern scholars estimated that he baptized some 30,000 converts during his lifetime.



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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 August 9

Monday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta - Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
8:00 AM (Elma) + Deceased Members of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Court 878

Tuesday, August 10

St. Lawrence - 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
8:00 AM (Elma) + Harold Thiele

Wednesday, August 11

St. Clare - Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
8:00 AM (Elma) + Deceased Members of the Quinten & Lucille Fangman Family

Thursday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal-Jos 3:7-11,17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21-19:1
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Joe & Margaret McGrane

Friday, August 13

St. Pontian - Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12
8:00 AM (Elma) + Merle McGrane

Saturday, August 14

Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Deceased Members of the Louis Praska Family
6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
7:15 AM (Elma) + **NO MASS**
9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Nicholas & Mary Kolbet
10:45 AM (New Haven) + Deceased Members of the Paulus and Wihlm Family

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.



"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

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

August 7 - Keith & Suezen Glaser
August 14 - Gary & Julie Swehla

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Rosary Society News

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

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Celebration of Life

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). Fr. Kopacek 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

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.

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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, coleslaw, 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.

For more information go to the parish Facebook page:
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Little Turkey, Iowa.

Stewardship

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

Financial Stewardship

July 31/August 1

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On-Line Giving	191.00
Immaculate Conception - Riceville	
Budget Envelopes	820.00
Offertory	95.00
On-Line Giving	100.00
St. Peter - New Haven	
Budget Envelopes	685.00
Offertory	50.00
On-Line Giving	180.00

The Kindergartener

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"
"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

PUZZLE

Find and circle eight things that are different.



MISSION

The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.



GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:41-51

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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