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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

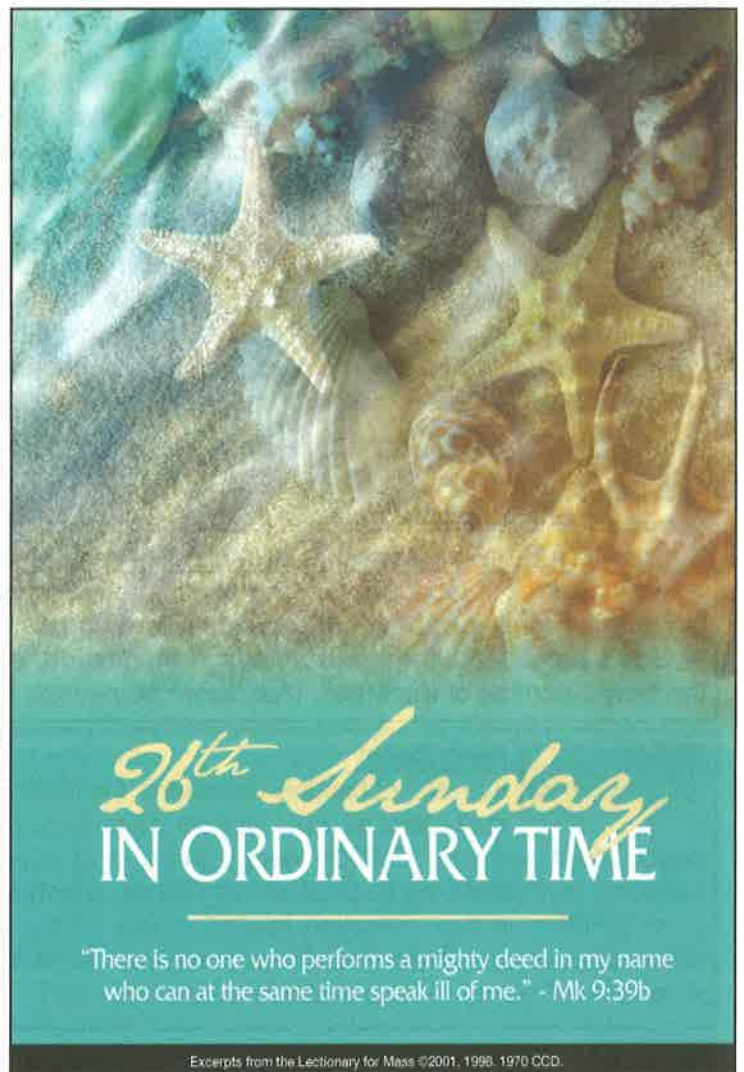
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please note: there will be no 8 a.m. Mass in Elma on Monday, Sept. 27. Instead, you are welcome to attend the funeral Mass that day for Keith Roethler--it will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception in Elma.

2. Speaking of funerals, I also want to inform you of the death of another of our retired priests. Msgr. Joseph Slepicka died on September 17 in Mason City at the age of 92 after suffering from a stroke earlier that day. He was born and raised in Mason City and was ordained to the priesthood in 1955. Most of his 45 years of active ministry was spent in north Iowa at the parishes and schools of Charles City, Waukon, Manly, Mason City and Clear Lake. Even after his retirement in 1999 Msgr. Slepicka remained active and helping with Masses and confessions whenever he could.

On a personal note, I got to know Msgr. very well. Soon after my ordination in 1988, I joined the priest support group that he belonged to and have been with that group ever since. We usually meet about once a month and enjoy good conversation and prayer time together. Msgr. Slepicka was truly devoted to Christ and to the Church, and he wanted others to know the blessings of that faith as well. May his soul rest forever in the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

3. Starting next weekend--October 2/3--the cluster bulletins will no longer be placed in each of the individual pews in the churches; instead, they will be placed near each of the entrances in our five cluster church buildings. You will be able to pick them up yourselves either as you are arriving for weekend Mass or when you are leaving. Copies will also be available during the week in the usual places as before. My sincere thanks to all who have been putting the bulletins in the pews and picking them up again after the weekend Masses--your work is greatly appreciated!

4. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Another winner from Reader's Digest and a true story:
"We invited some old friends to help celebrate my 40th birthday. My husband went out to buy a gift, and he saw some cute little music boxes. A blue one was playing 'Happy Birthday to You.' Thinking they were all the same, he picked up a red one and asked the clerk to have it gift-wrapped. When we sat down to dinner, he gave it to me, asked me to open it and--surprise--out came the tune to "'The old gray mare, she ain't what she used to be.'"

Moral of the story: husbands, make sure you know what you are giving your wife...

~Fr. Kopacek

September 26 - Priesthood Sunday: A Prayer For All Priests

O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them by your intercession to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen.~ St. Charles Borromeo



Haiti Relief

We are collecting donations for Haiti Relief.. An earthquake caused widespread damage, especially where most people already suffer under deep poverty; as of August 23, more than 2200 people died, another 12,000+ were injured, and hundreds were still missing and the first recovery efforts were seriously hampered by tropical storm Grace, which hit Haiti just days after the earthquake. You can either put your donation in the collection basket at any of the churches or mail it to the cluster office; please mark your check or envelope "Haiti Relief" and have your donation in by September 30. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will go far to help those in desperate need.

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, Laurie Mohrfeld Nock, Fran Palmersheim, Ida Roe, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Linda Zeimetz

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Mass Intentions Week of September 27

Monday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul - Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Lk 9:46-50
NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus - Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56
8:00 AM (Elma) + Special Intention

Wednesday, September 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael-Dn7:9-10,13-14/Ps138:1-5/Jn1:47-51
8:00 AM (Elma) - Mary Lee Geerts

Thursday, September 30

St. Jerome - Neh 8:1-7-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12
10:00 AM (Care Center) + John Hale

Friday, October 1

First Friday/St. Therese of the Child Jesus - Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bob Voves

Saturday, October 2

Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Joe & Shirley Praska

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Norbert Kramer

8:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Norbert Kramer

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Sunday, October 3

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Living & Deceased Members of the Frank & Emma Praska Family

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

I.C. Riceville Fall Festival

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Riceville Immaculate Conception Church Drive-Thru Only Meal

Serving: Roast Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Sweet Corn, Fresh Fruit, Bun, Milk and Assorted Pies!

Serving from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM / Cost \$13

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Those Interested in the Word of God

The Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word is available for purchase through the Cluster for \$13.00. If interested call the cluster office (641-393-2520) by October 29. Please make your check payable to your parish.



Presentation on Blessed Stanley Rother

Sunday, September 26 at New Haven following 10:45 Mass, Sue Sweeney will give a special presentation about Blessed Stanley Rother. Fr. Rother is a relative of Sue Sweeney. He was a priest of the then-Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, ordained in 1963. He served as a missionary priest in Guatemala where he served his poor parishioners with great love and compassion. The 1970s and early 1980s were dangerous in Guatemala; those who promoted the dignity of the poor and marginalized were seen as a threat to those in power. Fr. Rother was killed on July 28, 1981-40 years ago-and was beatified as a martyr for the faith a few years ago. Learn more about Fr. Rother's incredible life and continued journey to sainthood.



Save the Date - Confirmation

Confirmation will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday, October 9 at the 4:00 PM Mass for ALL 5 parishes.



+ Lourdes +

Rosary Society Meeting

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Society will have a meeting on Wednesday, September 29 at 5:30 PM in the church hall.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

September 25 - Jean Cerwinske

October 2 - Monica Marvin

Church Cleaners

Michelle Hubka, Bonnie Huegel, Irene Huegel are church cleaners the week of September 26.

Funeral Dinners-We are looking for men who would be willing to help at funeral dinners if needed. Call Lynn R. (364-5201) if you would consider this ministry.

Also, if any women have had a change in your work schedule and you would be willing to be on the extra help list please let Lynn know.

Rosary Society Officers-We will need to fill the president and secretary positions for next year; if you would like to volunteer for either of these offices please let Lynn know.

Treasurer is continuing and we have a volunteer for vice president. If there are no volunteers we will have elections like we normally do.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

First Friday Confessions will be heard on Oct. 1 from 4 - 4:30 PM at I.C. Riceville.

The Chosen - DVD Series on the Life of Jesus

The DVD series, *'The Chosen'* will be shown in the Elma Church Basement on the following **Sundays beginning at 2:00 PM: October 17, November 21 and December 12.** Each episode runs 40-50 minutes. The best portrayal by far of the story of Jesus that Fr. Kopacek has ever seen. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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For more information visit - www.ourfaithsto.org









Calendar Events

KC Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be after the following Masses:

Saturday, September 25 - Alta Vista & Lourdes

Sunday, September 26 - Elma

Funds collected go to local organizations for mentally and emotionally challenged persons. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Calendar Events

Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting

Tri-County Citizens for Life meeting will be Tuesday, September 28 at 6:00 PM at the home of Norb & Mary Gansen in Cresco. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)

The upcoming ACCW Conference is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 23, 2021 at Holy Trinity Church in Protivin, IA. We will be having a continental breakfast beginning at 8 AM followed by a keynote speaker, celebration of Mass, noon luncheon, commission presentations and door prizes. Closing will be at 1:15pm. Plan to attend this important event. **Register** by going to dbqarch.org/events-1. **Before 10/1/21 the fee is \$20 and at the door will be \$25.**

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September 18/19

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St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

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Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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St. Peter - New Haven

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