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New Haven, IA

# 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.



25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**RECEIVE**

"Whoever receives one  
child such as this in my  
name, receives me."

- Mk 9:37a

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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. In last weekend's homily about Jesus' question to his disciples "who do you say that I am??", I mentioned a very interesting book I recently read by Trent Horn titled, "Counterfeit Christs: Finding the Real Jesus Among the Impostors", published by Catholic Answers Press in 2019. The author addresses a wide variety of responses that have been proposed over the years to the question of who and what Jesus is--responses from atheists, non-Christians, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and many others. He then considers those responses in the light of the gospels and other biblical testimony and history in general and demonstrates convincingly the truth of the Church's teaching about Jesus. I highly recommend this book.

2. I also mentioned last weekend a passage from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians that expresses so well who we as Christians say Jesus is; we might even call this passage a sort of 'mini-Creed':

*"Though he [Jesus] was in the form of God, he did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross! Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name. So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!" (Phil. 2:6-11)*

This is one of those Bible passages that we would do well to become especially familiar with because it summarizes so powerfully who Jesus truly is and why we gladly and gratefully place our faith in him.

3. I am very much looking forward to our public showing of "The Chosen" that begins this Sunday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m. in the Elma church hall. I'll begin with a brief introduction of this series and how it came about, as well as a few pointers on who and what to look for. After each viewing there will be an opportunity for questions/answers and discussion. We will finish up somewhere around 4 p.m. Popcorn and other refreshments will be available.

I also learned last Sunday that the Watts Theater in Osage will be showing the eight episodes of Season One of "The Chosen" during the month of October--check the poster in the church entrance for times and dates.

Admission is free. The more opportunities there are to see this excellent presentation of the life of Jesus, the better!

~Fr. Kopacek



## Haiti Relief

We are collecting donations for Haiti Relief. A 7.2 earthquake caused widespread, serious damage, especially in a country like Haiti 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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# 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 September 20

### Monday, September 20

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon - Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 8:16-18  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Russ O'Donnell

### Tuesday, September 21

St. Matthew - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Living & Deceased Members of the Clarence & Geneva Gansen Family

### Wednesday, September 22

Weekday - Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Denny & Rose Trca and Sara Ristau

### Thursday, September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina - Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 9:7-9  
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Arlene Klobassa

### Friday, September 24

Weekday - Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1-4/Lk 9:18-22  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Joe Gansen

### Saturday, September 25

Vigil of Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Mary Ann Odle  
6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

### Sunday, September 26

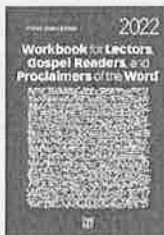
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
7:15 AM (Elma) + Joe & Margaret McGrane  
9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + **NO MASS**  
10:45 AM (New Haven) + Elizabeth Fox

## 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: September 19, 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.

## 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 St. Peter, New Haven following the 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 (Central America) where he served his poor parishioners with great love and compassion. The situation in Guatemala in the 1970s and early 1980s was dangerous; 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.

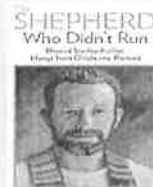


Photo: Sue Sweeney

## **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**

**Raffles:** We will also be having raffles for Cash, a Quilt and Gift Certificates. Please come support our yearly fundraiser!

## Save the Date - Confirmation

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



## **+ Lourdes +**

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Abram Karels and Christina Collins who were married at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Lourdes on Saturday, September 11.

### 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 18 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer  
September 25 - Jean Cerwinske

### Get to Know the STO

Did you know that **39% of the students** who attended an Archdiocesan school in 2020-21 received tuition assistance from the Our Faith STO? To qualify, a family must live in Iowa, and their adjusted income must be less than 400% of the Federal poverty rate. **Did you know that anyone who wishes to pay less in Iowa income taxes can donate and receive a 75% credit?** Supporting Catholic education and saving money on your taxes makes good sense.

For more information visit - [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org)



### Calendar Events

#### Holy Family Fall Festival, New Hampton

Holy Family Parish in New Hampton will hold their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 19, 11 AM - 2 PM. Drive-Thru Meal/\$10 Meal Ticket: Mexican Meal, Turkey Tender & Pork Loin Dinners, Pasta Salad, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn and Dessert. Raffle Tickets Available. Masks are encouraged.

#### Visitation Parish Fall Festival, Stacyville

Visitation Catholic Church Parking Lot in Stacyville will hold their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 19, 4:00 - 6:00 PM (or until gone). Drive-Thru Meal/Free Will Donation: Pork Loin Sandwich, BBQ Baked Beans, Chips, Cookie and Water/Milk. In town delivery, call 641-220-3438. Raffle tickets are available to purchase.

#### 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.

#### 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.

### Stewardship

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

### Financial Stewardship

September 4/5

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$460.00
Offertory	114.60
On-Line Giving	75.00

#### St. Bernard - Alta Vista (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	260.00
On-Line Giving	10.00

#### Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	827.00
Offertory	59.00
On-Line Giving	191.00

#### Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	1,050.00
Offertory	70.00
On-Line Giving	200.00

#### St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	345.00
Offertory	75.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

September 11/12

#### Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	\$ .00
On-Line Giving	75.00

#### St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	2,145.00
Act of Kindness	50.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

#### Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	437.00
Act of Kindness	85.00
On-Line Giving	49.00

#### Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	770.00
Act of Kindness	197.00
On-Line Giving	.00

#### St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	210.00
Act of Kindness	91.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

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