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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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HEALED

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1968, 1970 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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please note that **Mass this Monday, September 6** (Labor Day) will be held at **9 a.m. at St. Patrick/St. Cecilia** on the cemetery grounds. As of now (I write this on August 31), the weather forecast for Labor Day looks good, but morning temperatures will be in the mid-to-upper 50's to around 60, so be sure to dress accordingly. If conditions change and rain and/or storms show up, we will have Mass in Elma instead.

2. I know it's only the beginning of September, but I want to give you a little advance notice about a change in the Christmas Mass schedule. First of all, this year December 25 falls on a Saturday, which means Masses on Friday night and Saturday morning. Then on that Saturday night we go directly into the regular weekend Mass schedule for the feast of the Holy Family. Secondly, I know that for the last several years all five cluster parishes have had a Christmas Mass either on the Eve or on Christmas morning. But I have also noticed in my time here that attendance at the Christmas morning Masses has been quite sparse--by far the great majority attended the Christmas Eve Masses.

In light of these two factors, there will be four Christmas Masses this year instead of five. The schedule will be as follows:

Christmas Eve (Friday, Dec. 24):

4 p.m. at Alta Vista

6 p.m. at Lourdes

8 p.m. at Elma

Christmas Day (Saturday, Dec. 25):

9 a.m. at Riceville

I realize that this will be a disappointment for the New Haven parishioners who will not have a Christmas Mass this year, and I truly regret that. But I need to be aware of how many Masses I can celebrate well and prayerfully in a short amount of time (in this case, from Friday at 4 p.m. through Sunday at 10:45 a.m.). There will be an annual rotation of parishes not having a Christmas Mass so that no one parish will have to bear that burden any more than the others.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" A grade-school teacher shares this classroom experience: "I was going over a basic math concept with my Grade 1 students, but they were having a great deal of difficulty. After the umpteenth attempt, I was running out of patience--apparently, this was evident to my students. I had to chuckle when one of the girls proclaimed to the class, 'Uh-oh! That's the same look my mom gets before she tells me I'm driving her up the wall.'"

I think we've all seen that look....and have probably given that same look to others!

~Fr. Kopacek

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* HAPPY *

LABOR DAY



A Prayer for Labor Day

Creator Lord, the source of all wisdom and purpose, and the blessing of those who labor; be with us in our work to guide and govern our world. Give to all people work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

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Cluster News

Live Streaming & Daily Reflections

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Mass Intentions Week of September 6

Monday, September 6

Labor Day - Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
9:00 AM (St. Cecilia) - Deceased Members of St. Cecelia Parish

Tuesday, September 7

Weekday - Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
8:00 AM (Elma) + Fr. Harry Koelker

Wednesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
8:00 AM (Elma) + Duane Smith

Thursday, September 9

St. Peter Claver - Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 6:27-38
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Elsie Ludwig

Friday, September 10

Weekday—1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
8:00 AM (Elma) + Clem & Mable Smith

Saturday, September 11

Vigil of Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + **NO MASS**

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Kathleen Meirick

Sunday, September 12

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Dan & Mary Shane

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Joe Paulus

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.



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.

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the week-end of September 11 & 12. Lourdes' collection will be taken on September 18. Designated charity this month is: St. Bernard, I.C. Elma, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Peter and I.C. Riceville-Catholic Charities Diocese of Des Moines: Justice for Immigrants

Religious Education News

Parents of new students or first graders need to call their DRE or the cluster office to register their child for religious education

Chad Buckley (515-290-5867) - Elma, AV or OLL

Debbie Oulman (641-985-2791) - Riceville

Meg Schutjer (641-713-3366) - New Haven

+ 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. Also needed are substitute teachers. Contact Chad Buckley at dbq075ff@dbqarch.org or Call 515-290-5867.

Save the Date

Sunday, September 26, St. Peter's will have a special presentation about Blessed Stanley Rother.

+ Lourdes +

OLL Cemetery Clean & Fix Up Day

Wednesday, September 15 at 9:00 AM there will be a clean up and fix up day at the cemetery. Many hands make light work. Please consider helping with the upkeep of our cemetery. For more information contact Dennis Smith (641-330-8843) or Francis Nibaur (319-830-1464).

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

September 4 - Mildred Brus

September 11 - Mary McAvoy

Rosary Society News

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

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Congratulations

Congratulations to Aaron Burke and Whitney Johnson who received the sacrament of marriage at Immaculate Conception, Elma on August 29.

+ Immaculate Conception-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 teachers for 5th and 6th grades. Please call Debbie Oulman at 641-985-2791 if you are interested.

+ St. Peter +

Congratulations

Congratulations to Christian Fox and Bridget Haley who were married at St. Peter, New Haven on Saturday, August 28.

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.

PUZZLE
Find and circle these words from today's stamp!

GALILEE	TOUCH	SPIT
DEAF	FINGERS	TONGUE
TALK	EARS	AMAZED

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MISSION
Copy the library and find out how to say "Jesus lives you" in each language. On the way home pretend you cannot hear or speak.

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Calendar Events

+ Knights of Columbus +

Elma KC Meeting

KC Council #4144 will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 PM in the Elma Church basement.

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

Meal and Activities during this time, 4:30-8:00 PM
 Custom made Sausage/Turkey Dinner, NERF Wars, Bouncy House, Bingo, Cake Walk, Moo Mobile, Farmer's Market, Outside Concessions, 5K Family GLOW Run/Walk, Free Outdoor Family Movie
 All activities located on the Notre Dame parish grounds, basement and school.

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 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.

Financial Stewardship

August 28/29

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$285.00
Offertory	121.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	250.00
Offertory	.52.00
On-Line Giving	10.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	1,102.00
Offertory	94.00
On-Line Giving	49.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	640.00
Offertory	60.00
On-Line Giving	25.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	450.00
On-Line Giving	190.00

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