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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. - Noon

## 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.



## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,  
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970 CEB

## 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.

October 10, 2021

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Our congratulations to the young people of Holy Rosary Cluster who received the sacrament of confirmation from Archbishop Jackels on October 9. We pray that the Holy Spirit, whose seven-fold gifts they received, guide and direct them always to know and do what God wants for them. I also want to thank all who were involved in preparing our candidates for this sacrament, and also all involved in preparing and hosting the reception after the Mass.

2. Our monthly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration will be held this **Tuesday, October 12, at Lourdes**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 5 p.m. and Benediction at 6 p.m. I will be available for confessions during that hour. In a world of constant noise and busy-ness, you are invited to spend some time in quiet, peace and prayer in Jesus' presence.

3. Join us in the Elma church hall at 2 p.m., next **Sunday, October 17**, for our next viewing of "**The Chosen**". We will watch Episodes 2 and 3 of Season 1. I will begin with a brief reminder of what happened during Episode 1 that we watched last month. You may certainly come even if you didn't see that first episode. Again, there will be a chance for questions and discussion at the end of these episodes; free popcorn and other refreshments will be available. All are welcome!

4. Last week in this space I introduced the United States Catholic bishops' seven themes of Catholic social teaching, the first of which is about the life and dignity of the human person. Theme #2 is: "Call to Family, Community, and Participation":

*"The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society--in economics and politics, in law and policy--directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."*

5. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Another gem from a Reader's Digest collection, especially after last weekend's readings about God as the author of marriage: "My husband, Mike, and I had several stressful months of financial difficulties. So one evening I was touched to see him gazing at the diamond wedding ring that symbolized our marriage. 'With this ring...' I began romantically. 'We could pay off Visa,' he responded."

~Fr. Kopacek

## **Eucharistic Holy Hour**

**Tues., October 12 at Lourdes 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 this time. All are welcome.



## **St. Teresa of Ávila | Feast Day October 15**

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She was canonized on March 22, 1622.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art.

## **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

## Change in Office Hours

The office hours will be from 9:00 AM - 12:00 (Noon) until further notice.

## 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 October 11

### Monday, October 11

St. John XXIII, Pope - Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Vic & Helen Zobeck

### Tuesday, October 12

Weekday - Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Arlene Klobassa

### Wednesday, October 13

Weekday - Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Suzy McGrane

### Thursday, October 14

St. Callistus I - Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-6/Lk 11:47-54  
(Care Center) + Msgr. Joe Slepicka

### Friday, October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus - Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Sister Mary Smith

### Saturday, October 16

Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

**4:00 PM (Elma) + Russ O'Donnell**

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

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

### Sunday, October 17

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Dave Meyer Family

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Tom Fox

## Confirmation

Confirmation will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church this Saturday, October 9 at the 4:00 PM Mass for ALL 5 parishes. A meal will be served following the Mass. Please pray for these young men and women receiving this wonderful sacrament.



## October - The Month of the Rosary

We are asking you to **stop at 12 (Noon) on Saturday, October 16 and pray the rosary.** The Rosary is a powerful form of meditation prayer using a set number of specific prayers. These prayers ask Mary to intercede for us to Jesus. For many, praying the Rosary is a daily must. Please pray for good health and peace around the world.



## I.C. Church, Elma Fall Meal

### Elma I.C. Church Basement

**Saturday, October 16**

**Elma will have the 4:00 PM Mass October 16**

**Carry Out Meal Following Mass**

**Until 6:30 PM or until gone**

***Come to the church basement to pick up your meal to go.***

**Serving:** Sliced Pork Loin Sandwich, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert

**Cost:** Free Will Offering

**Delivery available in Elma city limits. Call by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 15,** Denny O'Brien (641-330-2644) or Samantha Burke (319-240-9497) if you would like a meal delivered to you.

## 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 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! Light refreshments will be served.

## Volunteers Needed for Riceville Food Pantry

ALL Members of the Holy Rosary Cluster are invited to help work at the Riceville Food Pantry. Dates volunteers are needed are on October 20 (4-6 PM), Oct. 26 (6-7 PM) November 3 & 17 (4-6 PM), Nov. 23 (6-7 PM). Men volunteers would be very helpful to carry boxes to vehicles. Please call Mary Thoma at 641-420-4545 if you are able to help.



## 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.



## **+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

### Thank You

A HUGE Thank You to all the people who helped in any way to make our Fall Festival a great success! We appreciated everyone's help and support!

**+ St. Bernard +**

**Vocation Crucifix**

October 9 - Bev & Dick White

October 16 - Donna & Joe Zweibohmer

**Church Cleaners**

Jane Huegel, LouAnn Huegel, Dawn Klein are church cleaners the week of October 10

**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.

**Calendar Events**

**Mass for Mental Illness Awareness**

**Sunday, October 17, 2:00 PM**

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Anyone with mental illness, their families, friends, caregivers and mental health providers are welcome.

Lisa Turner of Catholic Charities will speak at a reception following the Mass. To participate virtually, go to

[www.facebook.com/stpatrickcr](http://www.facebook.com/stpatrickcr)

**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 have 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 at [dbqarch.org/events-1](http://dbqarch.org/events-1). Or pay at the door. Cost is \$25.**



**Sacred Heart Oratory, Meyer, Iowa  
Drive-Thru Turkey & Pork Supper**



Sunday, October 24, Serving 3:30-6:30 PM

Menu: turkey, pork, dressing, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, sauerkraut and cookies. Free Will Offering.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22-24 in Coralville, IA and November 19-21 in Holstein, IA. Register at [lowa-wwme.org](http://lowa-wwme.org) or call Jeff & Janet Francois at 563-608-3305 with any questions.

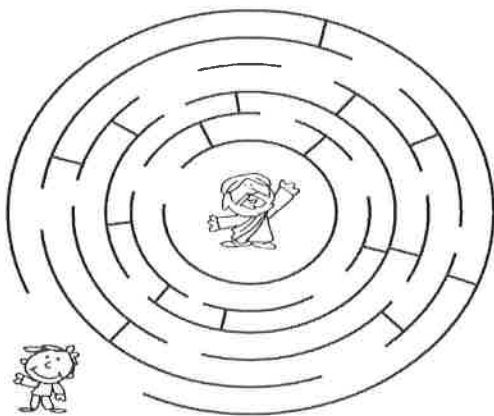
**Financial Stewardship**

**October 2/3**

<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	
Budget Envelopes	\$10,810.63
Offertory	113.00
On-Line Giving	75.00
<b>St. Bernard - Alta Vista</b>	
Budget Envelopes	580.00
Offertory	50.00
On-Line Giving	10.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Elma</b>	
Budget Envelopes	802.00
Offertory	69.00
On-Line Giving	201.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Riceville</b>	
Budget Envelopes	740.00
Offertory	65.00
On-Line Giving	175.00
<b>St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)</b>	
Budget Envelopes	50.00
On-Line Giving	580.00

**PUZZLE**

Help this child find Jesus!



**MISSION**

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.



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