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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.



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

# SACRIFICE

“For the Son of Man did  
not come to be served  
but to serve and to give  
his life as a ransom for  
many.” - Mk 10:45

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 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.

October 17, 2021

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. You may remember last month I spoke about the Iowa Catholic Conference--the four bishops of Iowa and others who are the public voice of the Church in the state legislative decision-making process. I am the priest representative for the Archdiocese of Dubuque on the ICC board and will be attending its semi-annual meeting this Thursday morning, October 21, in Ankeny. I'll be staying overnight there on Wednesday and will return Thursday afternoon.
2. Our congratulations to the 24 young people of Holy Rosary Cluster who received the sacrament of confirmation from Archbishop Jackels at the 4 p.m. Mass in Lourdes on October 9. It was a beautiful Mass and celebration of the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon our confirmandi. I am grateful to everyone who contributed in any way: our cluster office staff, DREs and catechists, organist and choir members, sacristan, all who arranged and served the meal afterward...and everyone else as well: many thanks for a job very well done! May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and guide our newly-confirmed to follow Jesus ever more faithfully and to be open to know and do what he calls them to do.
3. Last weekend I spoke about Felix and Elisabeth Leseur: how she prayed for her non-believing husband, how he discovered her spiritual writings after her death and returned to the practice of the Catholic faith...and ultimately to becoming a priest. Their story is a fascinating one, and demonstrates the power of the Holy Spirit's gift of wisdom in guiding both Felix and Elisabeth to a deeper awareness and appreciation for the love of God and the truths of our faith. If you are at all interested in learning more about their story, I highly recommend reading "Salt and Light: The Spiritual Journey of Elisabeth and Felix Leseur" by Bernadette Chovelon (Ignatius Press 2020).
4. I'm sure you have all learned by now of the death of Msgr. John Hemann on October 9. A native of Stacyville, he had many other local area connections--especially as pastor of the Alta Vista, Elma and Lourdes parishes from 2001 to 2005. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1960 and celebrated his 60th anniversary last year. After serving in a variety of parish assignments throughout the archdiocese, he retired in the late 2000's...but never stopped serving as a priest. Besides providing weekend Mass coverage for many of us priests during his retirement (I will always be grateful for his help!), he also came out of retirement a number of times to serve at parishes when a pastor needed time away for health reasons.

On a personal level, I am grateful to God for the chance to know Msgr. Hemann very well. He was pastor of my home parish of St. Wenceslaus (Duncan) in the 1990's, and we were in the same priest support group since I joined that group in the early 1990's. Msgr. was a man and a priest of great joy (and with a hearty laugh!), a profound faith, a genuine love of God and for the priesthood. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him; may he rest forever in the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

~Fr. Kopacek

## Reminder to Pray the Litany to St. Joseph

Archbishop Jackels encourages everyone to continue to pray the novena of 19s in honor of the Year of St. Joseph. On the 19th of each month (from March to November) pray this Litany to St. Joseph for charity, unity, and humility in our Church, and in our Country.



## 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 18

### Monday, October 18

St. Luke - 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Deceased Members of the Clarence & Geneva Gansen Family

### Tuesday, October 19

St. John de Brebeuf - Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Fr. Ray Ludwig & Joe & Mary Ludwig

### Wednesday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross - Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-8/Lk 12:39-48  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Janet Mead

### Thursday, October 21

Weekday - Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53  
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

### Friday, October 22

St. John Paul II - Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Gansen Finley

### Saturday, October 23

Vigil of Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-6/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Gervase, Kathryn & Dave O'Brien

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Leo & Mildred Kobliska

### Sunday, October 24

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-6/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

7:15 AM (Elma) - **NO MASS**

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Stan & Sharlene Milewski  
Intention

10:45 AM (New Haven) + For the People

## Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed

**St. Bernard, Alta Vista:** Emily Geerts, Megan Pickar and Ethan Swehla

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** Miranda Buckley and Will Ludwig  
**I.C. Elma:** Brooklyn Burke, Chloe Burke, Kimberly Jordan and Brady Wilberding

**I.C. Riceville:** Brooke Dvorak, Spencer Dvorak, Taylor Hemann, Madison Mauer, Taylor McElroy, Andrew Pridgen and Tyler Sprung

**St. Peter, New Haven:** Darren Adams, Eleanor Alonzo, Landon Christensen, Nicholas Fox, Brady Hovde, Bryce Hovde, Olivia Huisman and Jake Miller

Thank you to everyone who was involved or helped with this celebration.



## 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.



## World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is October 24. Envelopes are available in the entryway of your church. You may pick one up and mail your donation to: Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003

**Make checks payable to: "Society for the Propagation of the Faith".**

Donations given for World Mission Sunday help support priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need around the world. Thank You!

## Those Interested in the Word of God

The Workbook for Lectors, available for purchase through the Cluster for \$13.00. If interested call the cluster office by October 29. **Please make your check payable to your parish.**



**+ St. Bernard +**

**Vocation Crucifix**

October 16 - Donna & Joe Zweibohmer

October 23 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

**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 position for next year; if you would like to volunteer to be president please let Lynn know.

Treasurer is continuing and we have a volunteer for vice president and secretary. If there is no volunteer for president we will hold an election.

**+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

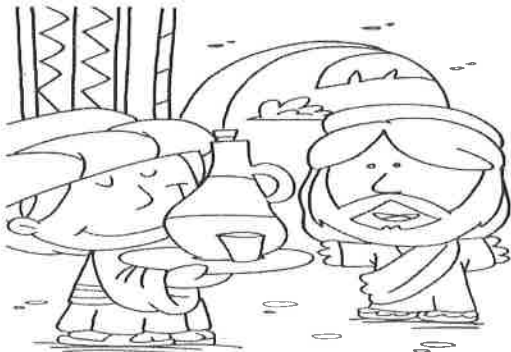
**Thank You** - A HUGE Thank You to all the people who helped in any way to make our Fall Festival a great success! We appreciated everyone's help and support!



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mark 10:33-45

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Calendar Events**

**Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting**

Tri-County Citizens for Life would like to invite you to a potluck supper and meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 PM in the I.C. Elma Church basement. Everyone is welcome.

**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)**

It's not too late to sign up for the ACCW Convention 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. Please plan to attend. 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 [Iowa-wwme.org](http://Iowa-wwme.org) or call Jeff & Janet Francois at 563-608-3305 with any questions.

**Financial Stewardship**

October 9/10

<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	
Budget Envelopes	\$505.00
Act of Kindness	142.00
On-Line Giving	75.00
<b>St. Bernard - Alta Vista (NO MASS)</b>	
Budget Envelopes	100.00
On-Line Giving	1,010.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Elma</b>	
Budget Envelopes	662.00
Act of Kindness	91.00
On-Line Giving	49.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Riceville</b>	
Budget Envelopes	810.00
Act of Kindness	78.00
On-Line Giving	.00
<b>St. Peter - New Haven</b>	
Budget	175.00
Act of Kindness	75.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

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