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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

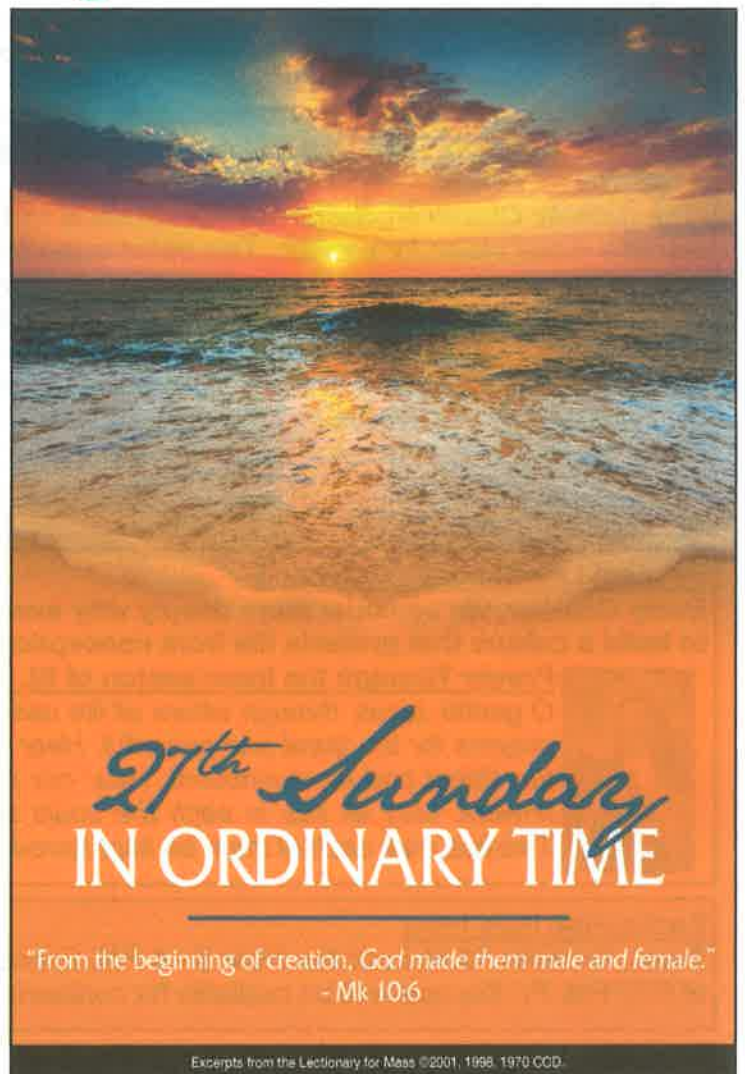
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.



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 3, 2021

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Huge thanks to Sue Sweeney for her presentation last Sunday at New Haven about her second cousin Father Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma priest who was killed in Guatemala in 1981 because of his defense of the rights of the poor against the powerful who were concerned only about their own interests. He was beatified in 2017 and so is now known as Blessed Stanley Rother. If a miracle (e.g. an unexplained healing) can be attributed to his intercession, he can then be canonized as a saint.

His story is truly a fascinating one and inspiring as well, and is the subject of an excellent book by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda titled "The Shepherd Who Didn't Run" (Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2015). I highly recommend it!

2. We recently received from our archdiocesan vocations office the new poster of our current seminarians--our theology students at Mundelein Seminary (near Chicago) and our philosophy students at Loras College in Dubuque. They are posted in or near the main entrance of each of our cluster church buildings. Please take a look and see who they are, thank God for calling them to discern what He wants for them (and pray for an increase in their number), and then pray for them as well. May the Lord guide them to know His will for them, and may the Holy Spirit help us to get the priests that we need.

3. In the homily last weekend I mentioned the United States bishops' recent summary of Catholic social teaching in seven key themes. The first of those themes is "Life and Dignity of the Human Person":

"The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."

~Fr. Kopacek

Respect Life Sunday - October 3

Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.



Prayer Through the Intercession of St. Thérèse

O gentle Jesus, through whom all life came to be, hear our prayers for all men and women. Hear our prayers for the great and powerful. Hear our prayers for the weak and broken. Hear our prayers for the littlest and most innocent. Hear our prayer for tall human cedars and the very littlest of human flowers. May all see in each the souls so precious to You, and through the intercession of Saint Thérèse may each of them be kept saved and loved. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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 Zeimet

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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 October 4

Monday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi - Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
8:00 AM (Elma) - Fr. Harry Koelker

Tuesday, October 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos - Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1-4, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Taylor

Wednesday, October 6

St. Bruno - Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
8:00 AM (Elma) - Bernard & Helen Dunn

Thursday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary - Mal 3:13-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
10:00 AM (Care Center) + Elsie Ludwig

Friday, October 8

Weekday - Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
8:00 AM (Elma) + Leo & Evelyn Huffman & Mary Lee Geerts

Saturday, October 9

Vigil of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 7:7-11/Ps
90:12-17/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Dr. Frank A. Havlik

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, October 10

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-17/
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

7:15 AM (Elma) + Rose Nibaur & Denny Burke

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Dallas Bushbaum

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the week-end of October 9 & 10. St. Bernard's collection will be taken on October 16. Designated charity this month is: St. Bernard, I.C. Elma, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Peter and I.C. Riceville - Tri-County Citizens for Life



I.C. Church, Elma Fall Meal

Saturday, October 16

Serving 4:30-6:30 PM or until gone

Carry Out & Curbside Pick-Up

Elma will have the 4:00 PM Mass October 16

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.

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. Riceville Fall Festival

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Riceville Immaculate Conception Church

Drive-Thru Only Meal/Cost \$13

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 for Cash, a Quilt and Gift Certificates.

Please come support our yearly fundraiser!



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.



Confirmation

Confirmation will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on 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.



Volunteers Needed for Riceville Food Pantry

ALL Members of the Holy Rosary Cluster are asked to help work at the Riceville Food Pantry on October 6 & 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 welcome and appreciated to help 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.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

October 2 - Monica Marvin

October 9 - Bev & Dick White

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-Elma +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Keith Roethler family. Keith's Funeral Mass was held on Monday, September 27 at Immaculate Conception Church, Elma. May he rest in peace.

PUZZLE
Unscramble words from today's Gospel readings:

Jesus	husband	divorce
Moses	wife	papers
law	married	joined

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MISSION
Pray for kids who know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.

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Calendar Events



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.

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.**

Stewardship

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

Financial Stewardship

September 25/26

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On-Line Giving	10.00
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Budget Envelopes	817.00
Offertory	85.00
On-Line Giving	49.00
Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)	
Budget Envelopes	10.00
On-Line Giving	.00
St. Peter - New Haven	
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Offertory	81.75
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