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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

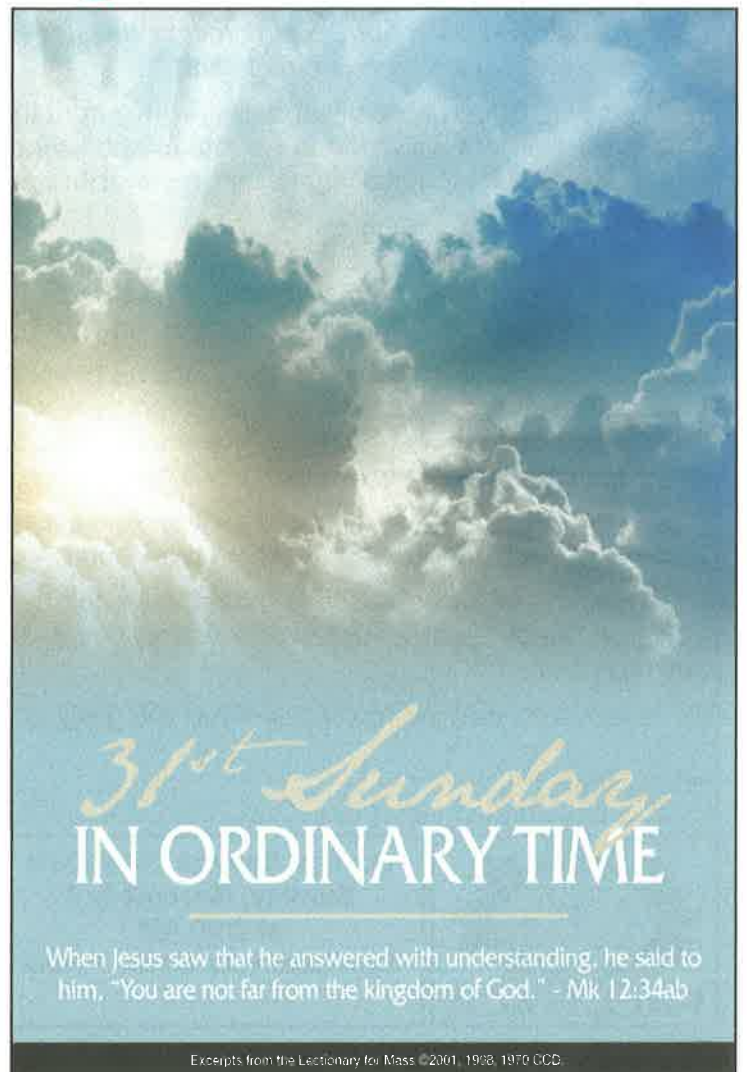
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.



31st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to
him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 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 31, 2021

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. In the homily last weekend I mentioned the "Suscipe" prayer by St. Ignatius of Loyola ('suscipe' is Latin for 'take' or 'accept'). It's a powerful prayer in which we put ourselves completely in God's hands and desire his will for us in all things:

"Accept, O Lord, all my freedom. Accept my memory, my mind, and all my will. Whatever I am or possess, you have graciously given me. I give it all back to you to be completely governed by your will. Give me only your love and your grace, and I am rich enough and I ask nothing more."

This prayer, which has been part of my daily prayer for many years, has helped me to understand more and more the importance of desiring, discerning, and doing the will of God...and learning more and more the peace of mind and soul that can come from doing so. I strongly recommend this prayer to all of you.

2. The fourth of the "Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching" from the U.S. Catholic Bishops is "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable":

"A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt. 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first."

This principle follows logically and necessarily from the right to life and dignity that belongs to every person being a beloved child of God made in his image and likeness, a part of the human community to which we all belong and in which we all have rights and responsibilities regarding ourselves and others--the first three of those "Seven Themes".

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" The current issue of Reader's Digest has this great story about a New York City native's first encounter with a non-city environment; though it takes place in the south-east U.S., we can easily imagine the same thing happening here in rural north Iowa:

"While we drove through rural South Carolina to visit family for Thanksgiving, our Brooklyn [NYC] friend was full of questions. He studied the passing landscape with a worried look. 'How's the economy down here? I see some areas built up, but there are these long gaps between them.' My brother, a southern gentleman, thought for a moment and then answered, 'Down here, we call those gaps 'farms'."

And as we draw near to the end of another harvest season, we thank God for the bounty coming from our farms, and also for the farmers who do all the hard work!

4. And from that same Reader's Digest issue comes this gem: *"Pointing to the employment application question 'Have you ever been convicted of a felony?' a job-seeker asked, 'You only want the felonies?' This was for a banking position."*

Good luck with your job-hunting, sir--you are really going to need it.....

~Fr. Kopacek



Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 7
at 2:00 AM
Turn back your clocks 1 Hour

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tues., November 9 at Alta Vista 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



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 November 1

Monday, November 1

All Saints Day - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12
5:30 PM (RV) - David Allen Block

Tuesday, November 2

All Souls' Day - Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40
8:00 AM (Elma) + For All the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 3

St. Martin de Porres - Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
8:00 AM (Elma) + Harold Thiele

Thursday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo - Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10
Care Center - Geraldine Richards

Friday, November 5

First Friday - Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
8:00 AM (Elma) + Paul Herrig

Saturday, November 6

Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Bob Voves
6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, November 7

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
7:15 AM (Elma) + Brian Burke & Shelby Burke
9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Ray Maravetz
10:45 AM (New Haven) + **NO MASS**

All Saints Day Mass

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, November 1 - 5:30 PM, I.C. Riceville

This Mass will include remembering the deceased of our Cluster from this past year. Everyone is welcome to join us at this special Mass.



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 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 (641-420-4545) if you can help.



Gifts of Grain

IRS regulations require the farmer to:

- 1) inform the elevator that he/she is **gifting** the grain to their parish.
- 2) the farmer needs to sign a donation form to the elevator.
- 3) the elevator will complete the form and inform the parish office of the gift.
- 4) the parish will immediately tell the elevator to sell the grain and send proceeds to the parish.

At no time in this process can the farmer receive payment from the elevator for the grain; the grain must be gifted through the elevator to the parish. If you have any questions contact the cluster office.

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: 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.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

October 30 - Irene & Tom Frantzen
November 6 - LouAnn & John Huegel

Rosary Society News

1. Ballots for president are available on the table in church until our meeting November 2nd. Please cross off your name after you vote. Hope to see you on November 2nd for the Rosary Society meeting at 7:00 PM at the church.
2. Chairs, please contact the next person on your list to be your replacement starting in January 2022.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Thank You

Thank you to all the Rosary Society officers and workers for lining up and helping with our church supper on October 16. Thank you to all the people who supported the meal. It was greatly appreciated!

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Raffle Winners from the Fall Festival

Quilt - Steve Gebel; \$100 - Sheryl Adams, Gary Wagner; \$50 - Teresa Gaffey, Alex Adams, Greg Drilling, Lucas Bauer; 10th Hole \$50 certificate - Jim Miller, Margaret Fox, Sharlene Milewsky and Sullivan Head.

Rosary Society News

St. Anne's Rosary Society will have a meeting on Monday, November 8 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO)

Save money on your 2021 Iowa Income Taxes. Iowa gifts the STO over \$4 Million in incentivized tax credits because they recognize the value of the education received in our accredited non-public schools and wish to keep them strong. As a taxpayer, you can help qualifying families choose Catholic education while saving big on your taxes. A sample tax scenario is on the bulletin insert and our website www.OurFaith.STO.org has great information. Talk to your tax professional or call Deacon Brian Zeman at 563-556-2580 ext. 296 with any questions.

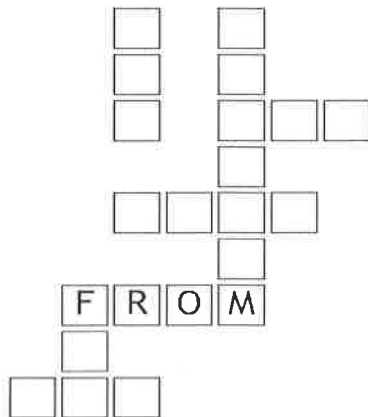
Early Bulletin Deadlines

- November 2 - items due for Nov. 9 bulletin
 - November 9 - items due for Nov. 21 bulletin
 - November 12 - items due for Nov. 28 bulletin
 - November 18 - items due for December 5 bulletin
 - November 30 - items due for Dec. 12 bulletin
 - December 6 - items due for Dec. 19 bulletin
 - December 10 - items due for Dec. 26 bulletin
 - December 16 - items due for January 2 bulletin
 - December 22 - items due for January 9 bulletin
- Please know the earlier you get items to the church office for the bulletin over the next two months the better the chances the items will get in the bulletin on time. Thanks for your help and understanding!**

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not far from God's kingdom



MISSION

Pretend you are a scribe. Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting. Hang it up in a place where you will read it every day.



Calendar Events

Zion Lutheran Church, Alta Vista

Drive-Thru Turkey Dinner

Saturday, November 6, Serving 4:00-7:00 PM
 Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Roll and Desserts.
 Cost: Adults (8+)/\$13, 7 & Under/\$7
 Pay at Drive-Thru
 200 S. White Ave



+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Marian Council #4144 will be offered on Monday, November 8 at 6:00 PM at Immaculate Conception in Elma. Deceased members from 2020 and 2021 will be honored. Light refreshments following Mass in the church basement.

Riceville & New Haven Tootsie Roll Drive

Riceville & New Haven KCs will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive on Sunday, November 14 following the Masses.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates are November 19-21 in Holstein, IA. Register at lowa-wwme.org or call Jeff & Janet Francois at 563-608-3305 with any questions.

Financial Stewardship

October 23/24

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$1,400.00
Offertory	74.00
On-Line Giving	195.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	560.00
Offertory	65.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	693.00
On-Line Giving	99.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	2,485.00
Offertory	87.00
On-Line Giving	.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget	240.00
Offertory	106.00
On-Line Giving	80.00

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