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Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday

Staffed: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 PM

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

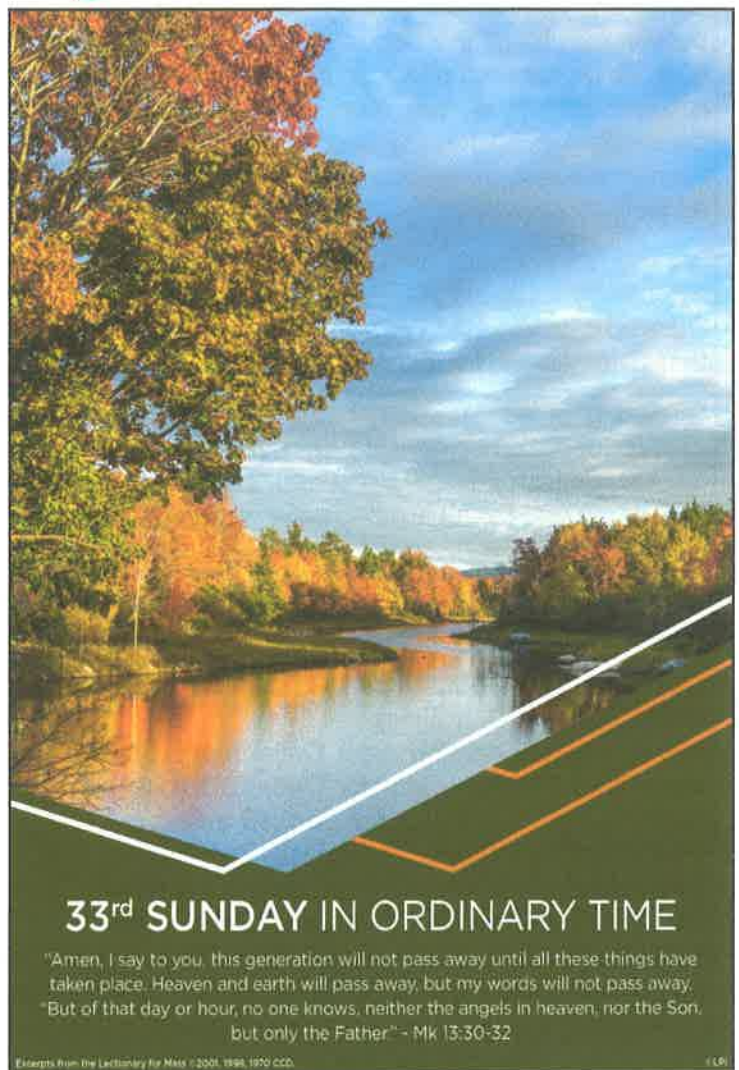
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Join us next Sunday afternoon, November 21, at 2 p.m. for our showing of the next episode of "The Chosen" in the Elma church hall. All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't been present for our first two showings--I'll give some background and a brief summary of what happened in those earlier episodes to get you all caught up.

2. The sixth of the "Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching" from the U.S. Catholic Bishops is "Solidarity":

"We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope [St.] Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict."

This principle of solidarity is based on the fundamental commandment of love: to love God with one's whole being and to love one's neighbor as oneself...and there is no one who is not our neighbor. Of course, no one person can fill all the needs of every person, but the fact that we are all made in God's image and likeness and that Jesus came to redeem the entire human race means that we cannot close in ourselves and think "I have no responsibility to anyone else." Jesus' teaching on the Last Judgment (Matt. 25: 31-46) reminds us that what we do or do not do for our brothers and sisters in need will have a direct bearing on our eternal destiny. As I mentioned last weekend: "actions have consequences", to which we need to add "inaction has consequences" as well.

3. This Wednesday evening (Nov. 17) at 6:30 p.m. in the Lourdes church, the second-graders in our combined RE program for the Alta Vista, Elma and Lourdes parishes will receive their first Reconciliations, and the other RE students will also have the opportunity for confession. Know that you are welcome to come for confession at that time as well; I will have another priest there to help me with confessions.

Speaking of confessions, I will soon be setting extra confession times at all five cluster parishes during the season of Advent that will begin very soon. Along with that schedule, I'll also give in this column some further background on this very powerful and grace-filled sacrament and why we should approach it regularly--and not only when we are aware of mortal or serious sin.

~Fr. Kopacek

Early Bulletin Deadlines

- 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



The office will return to regular hours
from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Tuesday -
Friday, Closed Monday.

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!

Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Kenny Chihak, 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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Mass Intentions Week of November 15

Monday, November 15

St. Albert - 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150/Lk 18:35-43
8:00 AM (Elma) + Msgr. John Hemann

Tuesday, November 16

St. Margaret - 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bille Kobliska

Wednesday, November 17

St. Elizabeth - 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/Lk 19:11-28
8:00 AM (Elma) + Willie & Lillian Chihak

Thursday, November 18

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne - 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Care Center - Elsie Ludwig

Friday, November 19

Weekday - 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10-12/Lk 19:45-48
8:00 AM (Elma) + Jim Jacoby

Saturday, November 20

Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33-37

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

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Ron Gebel

Sunday, November 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33-37

7:15 AM (Elma) + Linus Lentz

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Michael & Delphine Mitchell

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

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: November 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.



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.



MEETINGS

Liturgy Comm. - Mon., November 15 at 6:00 PM

Social Justice - Tues., November 16 at 6:30 PM

Both meetings will be held in the Elma I.C. church basement.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Zion Lutheran Church, Alta Vista will host the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Tues., November 23 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited! A collection will be taken up and refreshments will be served after the service.

Holy Rosary Cluster Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us at I.C., Elma on Thursday, November 25 at 9:00 AM for the Holy Rosary Cluster Thanksgiving Day Mass. Take time to give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed on us.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

November 13 - LeRoy Geerts

November 20 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

Sr. Judy Sinnwell Celebrates 60th Jubilee

Sister Judy (Mary Neil) Sinnwell, OSF, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, of Dubuque, celebrated her Diamond Jubilee on Sunday, October 24, at Mount St. Francis Center in Dubuque. Sister Judy was born in Alta Vista, the oldest of four children of Urban and Adella (Recker) Sinnwell. Sister Judy entered Mount St. Francis in August 1960.

Her first mission was teaching junior high students in Melrose Park, Ill, followed by the same at St. Edward in Waterloo, where she also served as administrator. In 1984 she was appointed to serve as co-director of initial formation. Seven years later, she completed certification-licensure as a massage therapist, she opened a private practice, co-founded *Windsor Wellness Center*, and later *Integrating Wellness*, each in Dubuque.

From 2007-2015, she was missioned to Mississippi and retired in 2015. She continues to seek volunteer opportunities. **Cards may be sent to Sister Judy at 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001.**



+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Mary Ann Shane family. Mary Ann's funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, November 3 at Immaculate Conception, Riceville. May she rest in peace.

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.



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Calendar Events

+ Knights of Columbus +

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. This is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Upcoming dates are February 11-13, Ankeny and April 23-24, Epworth. Register at lowa-wwme.org or call Jeff & Janet Francois at 563-608-3305 with any questions.

St. Mary's, Waucoma-Fall Festival

Pork Cutlet Drive-Thru Meal

Sunday, November 21, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Waucoma Event Center

Serving: Pork Cutlets, Home Grown Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Country Fair Dressing, Vegetable, Sweet & Savory Salads, Pies and Desserts.

Cost: \$12 in advance (from any St. Mary parishioner) or \$13 at the door.

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 On-Line Giving 50.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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 On-Line Giving 275.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

Budget 50.00
 On-Line Giving 80.00

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mark 13:24-32

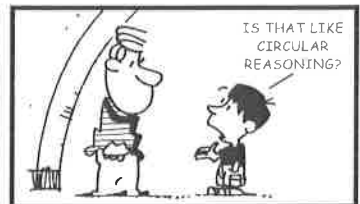


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