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Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Thursday & Friday

Staffed: Monday - Wednesday 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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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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. Reminders and schedule notes:

- this Sunday, Nov. 21--we will show the next episode of "The Chosen--Season One" at 2 p.m. in the Elma church hall. Again, I will give a brief summary of what has happened in the earlier episodes, especially for the benefit of those who haven't seen them.
- Tues., Nov. 23--all are welcome to the ecumenical Thanksgiving service to be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Alta Vista at 7 p.m. I will be giving the homily.
- speaking of Thanksgiving: all are also welcome to Thanksgiving Day Mass (Nov. 25) in Elma at 9 a.m. Please note: there will be **no Mass in Elma on Friday, Nov. 26**. I plan to visit friends in Waterloo that day.
- because of the 2 p.m. wedding I have in New Haven on Saturday Nov. 27, I will be late for confessions in Lourdes. I hope to get there somewhere around 3:15 to 3:30 p.m.

2. The seventh and last of the "Seven themes of Catholic Social Teachings from the U.S. bishops is "Care for God's Creation":

"We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored."

Like everything we have that is a gift from our loving and creating God, the earth we live on is of particular importance. And so we are called to be faithful and wise stewards of our physical environment. "As regards the ecological questions, the social doctrine of the Church reminds us that the goods of the earth were created by God to be used wisely by all. They must be shared equitably, in accordance with justice and charity...Modern ecological problems are of a planetary dimension and can be effectively resolved only through international cooperation capable of guaranteeing greater coordination in the use of the earth's resources" (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, n. 481 [2005]).

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" For those of you planning on preparing a turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner, you might enjoy these true stories from the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line where cooks (or would-be cooks...) can bring their questions and/or problems:

- one caller told the operator she had always cut the legs off the turkey before putting it in the oven, thinking that was the method everyone used. She later learned that her mother had been doing that because it was the only way to get the bird in their small oven;
- a disappointed woman called, wondering why her turkey had no breast meat. After talking with the operator, it became apparent that the woman's turkey was upside-down in her pan;
- and finally: a gentleman called to tell the operator he cut his turkey in half with a chain saw and wanted to know if the oil from the chain would adversely affect the turkey.

You know...maybe I'll just have a ham sandwich instead?? I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving, and safe travels to all as you connect with your families and loved ones.

~Fr. Kopacek

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, Roger Nibaur, Laurie Mohrfeld Nock, Fran Palmersheim, Ida Roe, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Linda Zeimetz

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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 November 22

Monday, November 22

St. Cecilia - Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
8:00 AM (Elma) + Al Formauck

Tuesday, November 23

St. Clement I - Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
8:00 AM (Elma) + Msgr. John Hemann

Wednesday, November 24

St. Elizabeth - Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Lee Geerts

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving/St. Andrew -Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74/Lk 21:20-28
9:00 AM (Elma) - Jim Gansen

Friday, November 26

St. Catherine - Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Saturday, November 27

Vigil of First Sunday of Advent - Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People
6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Nick & Regina Gansen

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent-Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS
9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Peter J. Govern
10:45 AM (New Haven) + Dean & Darlene Michels

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.



Volunteers Needed for Riceville Food Pantry

ALL Members of the Holy Rosary Cluster are invited to help work at the Riceville Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed 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 last showing of **The Chosen** for this year will be on the **Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 PM** in the Elma Church Basement. Each episode runs 40-50 minutes. Light refreshments will be served.



Early Bulletin Deadlines

- 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!

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.



Christmas Flowers

We are currently accepting donations and memorial contributions for Christmas flowers in our cluster for the Advent season. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope by Sunday, December 12 and mark it "Christmas Flower Memorial Donation" and include the name(s) of your loved one(s) as well as your parish. **If paying by check make it payable to your parish.** Loved ones names will be included in the bulletin at Christmas. Suggested donation toward a plant is \$10.00.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

November 20 - Lynn & Lyle Ries
November 27 - Suezan & Keith Glaser

Church Cleaners

Becky Mahoney, Sue Mahoney, Colleen Marvin are church cleaners the week of November 21.

Thank You

Thank you to St. Bernard Rosary Society for the donation given to St. Bernard church to be used for energy expenses.

Save the Date

St. Bernard will be celebrating their 125th birthday celebration next year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 23, 2022. A 4:00 PM Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Jackels with a meal to follow. Please share with family members and past parishioners. More details to come at a later date.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Kendra O'Brien family. Kendra's Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, November 9 at Immaculate Conception Church, Elma. May she rest in peace.

Elma Rosary Society News

1. **The Elma Rosary Society is looking for volunteers for all four officer positions for next year, 2022.** The president and treasurer would be a 1 year term and the vice president and secretary would be a 2 year term. If we do not have any volunteers we will hold an election.
2. We will also be updating the Rosary Society Booklet for next year. **If your phone number has changed** or you would like to be put on the retired list **please let us know.**
3. If you are willing to volunteer for any of the officer positions or need to update your information for the booklet, please contact Samantha Burke at 319-240-9497.

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.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLED

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Christ the King • John 18:33b-37

Calendar Events



St. Marys, 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.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 7

5:30 PM - Immaculate Conception, Riceville

Wednesday, December 8

8:00 AM - Immaculate Conception, Elma

6:00 PM - Our Lady of Lourdes



Save the Date

Religious Ed. Christmas Programs

Riceville - Sunday, Dec. 12

Combined Religious Ed. (Lourdes)

Wed., Dec. 15, Soup Supper & Program



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24 - 4:00 PM (Alta Vista)

- 6:00 PM (Lourdes)

- 8:00 PM (Elma)



Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25 - 9:00 AM (Riceville)

- No Mass (New Haven)

Stewardship

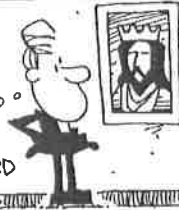
"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ~Winston S. Churchill

Weekly Collection

Due to bulletin deadlines November 21 bulletin had to be submitted early, the financial stewardship for November 13/14 will be in the next bulletin.

CHRIST THE KING

A LOT OF PEOPLE CAN'T RELATE TO CHRIST AS "KING"—IT SOUNDS SO OLD-FASHIONED



OF COURSE, A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM WITH "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"



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