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Holy Rosary Cluster

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Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday

Staffed: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

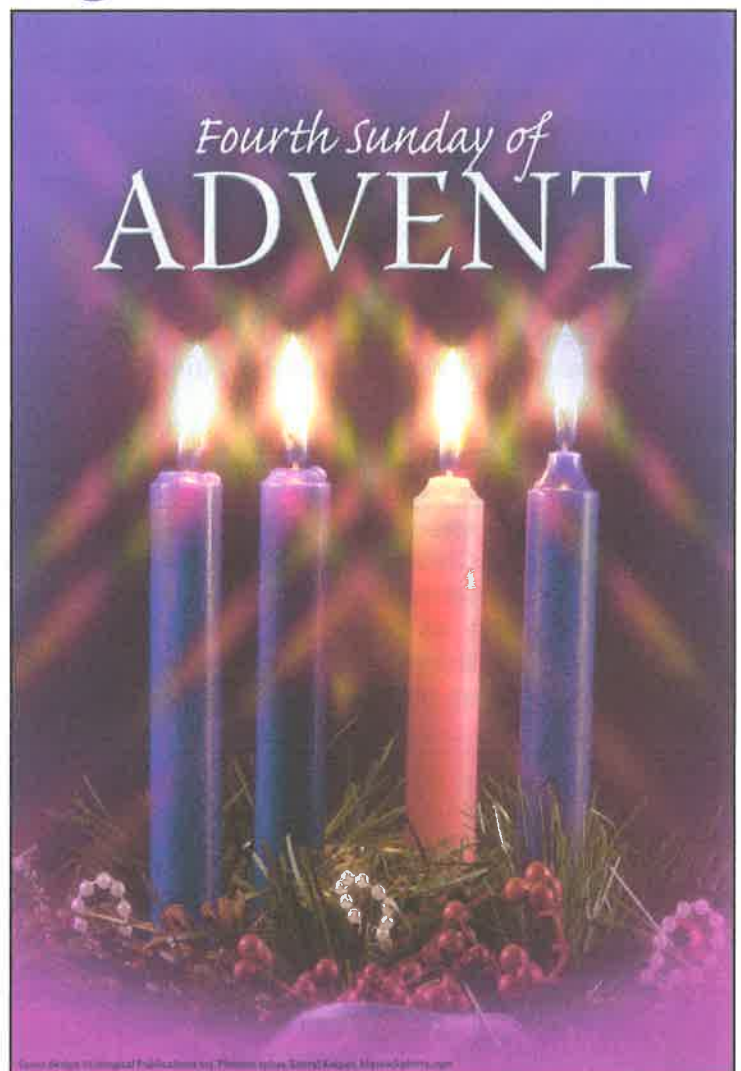
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.



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. Please note elsewhere in this bulletin the Christmas Mass schedule for Christmas Eve (Friday) and Day (Saturday morning). We will then have our regular weekend Mass schedule Saturday night (the 25th) and Sunday morning (the 26th) for the feast of the Holy Family.

2. You are welcome to pick up a copy of "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen" at the entrance of each of our cluster churches as our Christmas gift to you. Some of you will remember when Bishop Sheen hosted a TV show called "Life is Worth Living" (it ran from 1952 to 1957) in which he explained very effectively the Christian and Catholic faith. He wrote many books and devotionals; I have read a number of them, and his deep faith and profound knowledge came through clearly. This book is a collection of quotations from his various writings, one for every day of the year. Here are just a few examples to whet your appetite:

May 2: *Prayer begins by talking to God, but it ends by listening to Him. In the face of Absolute Truth, silence is the soul's language.*

May 6: *God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us.*

May 31: *Humility is not underestimating oneself, such as the talented singer denying that he can sing. Humility is truth, or seeing ourselves as we really are—not as we think we are, nor as the public believe us to be, or as our press notices us.*

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" From a Reader's Digest collection:

"Kelsey, my seven-year-old daughter, surprised me when she said she couldn't wait for her first confession so she could wipe her soul clean. 'Then,' she added, 'there's no way I can be on Santa's naughty list!'"

Seems like a good time to remind you to check elsewhere in this bulletin for the extra times I'll still be available for confessions this week—join Kelsey in getting off of 'Santa's naughty list'!

~Fr. Kopacek



The Christmas Prayer of Pope John XXIII

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen. —Pope John XXIII

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Confession Schedule for Advent

Tuesday, December 21
(New Haven) 4:30-5:30 PM
Wednesday, December 22
(Elma) 4:30 - 5:30 PM
Thursday, December 23
(Elma) 11:00 AM - Noon



Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Kenny Chihak, Roger Dunn, 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, Peggy Vogt, Linda Zeimetz

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 December 20

Monday, December 20

Advent Weekday - Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-38

8:00 AM (Elma) + Joe Gansen

Tuesday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius - Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33:2-3,11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

8:00 AM (Elma) + Maurice & Elaine Deutsch

Wednesday, December 22

Advent Weekday -1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56

8:00 AM (Elma) + Joe & Margaret McGrane

Thursday, December 23

St. John of Kanty - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66

Care Center + Ann Connolly

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve - Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

4:00 PM (AV) + Art & Agnes Schmitt

6:00 PM (OLL) + Tom Flaherty

8:00 PM (Elma) + Linus Lentz

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas - Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

9:00 AM (RV) + For the People

New Haven - **NO MASS**

Saturday, December 25

Vigil of The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

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

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, December 26

The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

7:15 AM (Elma) + Kendra O'Brien

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Jim Marr

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Wade Machin

Early Bulletin Deadlines

December 22 - items due for January 9 bulletin

Please know the earlier you get items to the church office for the bulletin the better the chances the items will get in the bulletin on time. Thanks for your help and understanding!



MEETINGS

Social Justice - Tues., January 25 at 6:30 PM

Liturgy Comm. - Tues., February 1 at 6:00 PM

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

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Year End Contributions

IRS regulations require that any 2021 contributions must be given or post-marked by December 31, 2021. The parish books close on Dec. 31, 2021.

Update Your Address, Phone, and Email

PLEASE call the Cluster Office if you have changed address, phone number or email, especially with the end of year contribution letters going out. This helps us to contact you and keep our records current.



Parish Annual Reports

The 2020-2021 Parish Annual Reports are available in the entryways of your church. They include information of parish leadership, financial stewardship, and religious education.

Budget Envelopes

The 2022 budget envelopes are available to be picked up in the church entrances.

Please help out the office by:

1. **discarding your old 2021 envelopes and using the new 2022 envelopes.**
2. **writing your Name on your Budget Envelopes If using a plain envelope please write your Name, Parish and Envelope Number on it. This is a great help and saves a lot of time in the office. Thank You!**

Retirement Fund for Religious

Give in thanksgiving. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. The Retirement Fund for Religious, helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. **Please make checks payable to your parish and put in memo 'Retirement Fund for Religious'.** Donations are due by February 1, 2022.

O Come, Let Us Adore Him



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

December 18 - Deann & Tony Meirick
December 25 - Mildred Brus

Church Cleaners

Deann Meirick, Karen Meirick, Melissa Meirick are church cleaners the week of December 19.

Christmas Church Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, December 20 at 5:30 PM. Circle 2 would appreciate any help from men, women and teens.

Rosary Society News

1. Members who no longer have a home phone, please call Lynn (364-5201) and let her know your cell number.
2. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 4 at Schucky's at 6:00 PM. All members, outgoing and incoming officers, chairs and co-chairs are encouraged to attend.

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 +

Christmas Decorating

I.C. Elma will be decorating the church after Mass on Sunday, December 19. All help is very much appreciated.

Rosary Society News

1. **We will be holding officer elections on Sunday, December 26 for all four positions.** This is a worthwhile opportunity for you to help out your parish.
2. We will also be updating the Rosary Society Booklet for next year. **If your phone number has changed or is incorrect or if you would like to be put on the retired list please call Samantha Burke at 319-240-9497 by December 30, 2021.**

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Irene Anderlik family. Irene's Funeral Mass was held on Monday, December 6 at Immaculate Conception, Riceville. May she rest in peace.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Calendar Events

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)

Beauty In Christ Women's Conference

Archdiocesan Women's Conference Livestream!
Saturday, January 29, 2022; 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The livestream will be hosted by St. John's School of Religion at 823 W. Main St., New Hampton (across the street from New Hampton High School). Doors open at 8:00 AM and livestream begins at 9:00 AM.

Contact Brian McGee, Director of Faith Formation at DBQ141FF@dbqarch.org or **call 641-394-2105** for more information on how to sign up.

Admission price will depend on number of enrolled participants. Deadline to enroll is Friday, January 7, 2022 by 4:30 PM.

✠ **STEWARDSHIP** ✉
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of us than we have.

Weekly Collection

Due to bulletin deadlines December 19 bulletin had to be submitted early, the financial stewardship for December 11/12 will be in the next bulletin.

Financial Stewardship

December 4/5

Our Lady of Lourdes	
Budget Envelopes	\$3,715.34
Offertory	100.00
On-Line Giving	75.00
St. Bernard - Alta Vista	
Budget Envelopes	1,600.00
Offertory	32.00
On-Line Giving	250.00
Immaculate Conception - Elma	
Budget Envelopes	2,247.00
Offertory	67.00
On-Line Giving	292.00
Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)	
Budget Envelopes	220.00
On-Line Giving	175.00
St. Peter - New Haven	
Budget	4,540.00
Offertory	107.51
On-Line Giving	80.00

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