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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

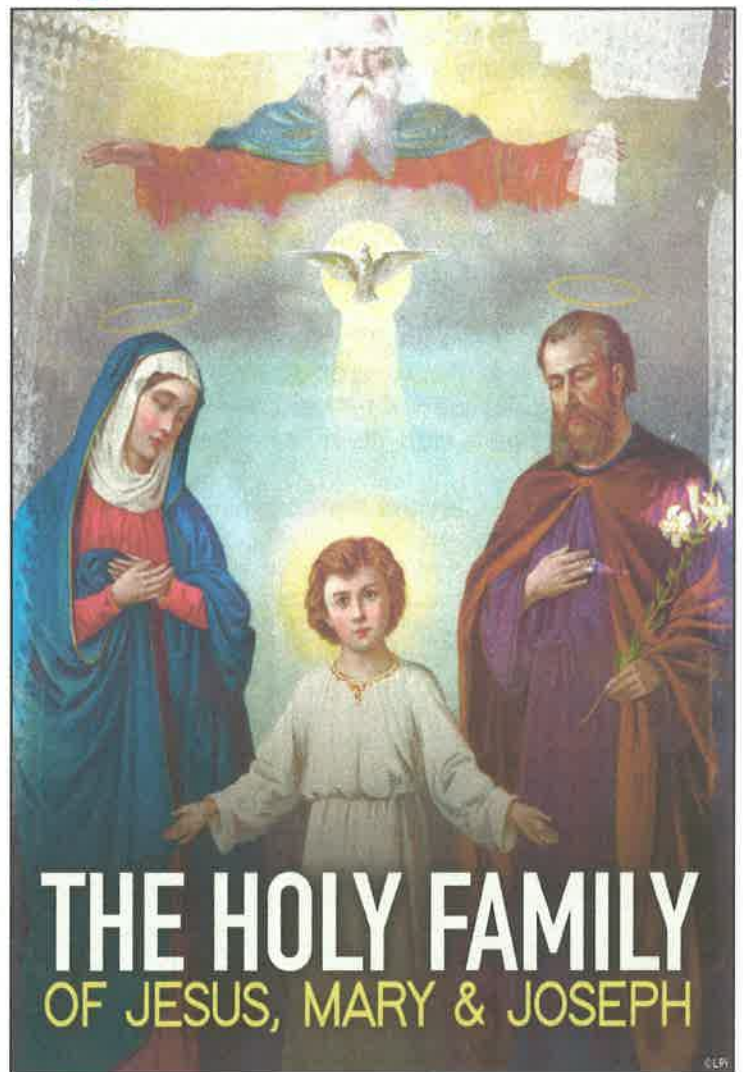
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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. First of all, **thank you so much** for all the Christmas kindness you have shown me--thank you for all the cards, gifts, kind words, goodies, prayers and good wishes with which you have been so generous. You are way too good to me! All your acts of kindness in this holy season and throughout the whole year are such blessings for me, and are deeply appreciated more than I can express in words. I continue to thank the Lord daily for the privilege of being your pastor, and I continue to pray daily for you and all your loved ones.

2. A couple of weekday Mass schedule items:

there will be no 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, Dec. 27 or Tuesday, Dec. 28 (I'm going to take those two days off);

there will be no weekday Masses Tues., Jan. 4, through Fri. Jan. 7. I will be on retreat that week at New Melleray Abbey, the Trappist monastery near Dubuque. I had planned to go there for retreat in late July last year, but the monastery closed down because of the pandemic and it just reopened two months ago in October.

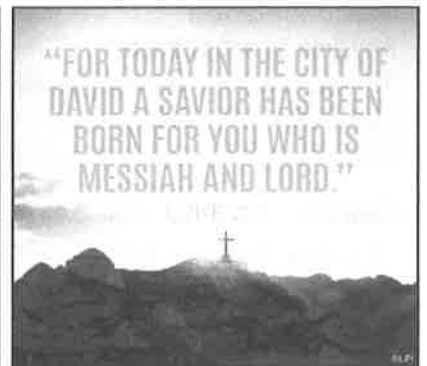
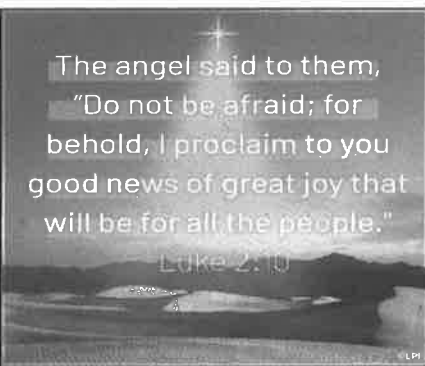
But I will be here for any funerals to be held in our cluster parishes during those days listed above; Nancy will let me know about any such situations.

3. I recently learned of the death of Fr. Mel Hemann (age 93), Stacyville native and brother of Msgr. John and Fr. Everett Hemann (both also deceased). He retired several years ago and had been living in Florida. In accord with his wishes, his body has been donated to science; a memorial Mass will be offered sometime after the first of the year. I will let you know the details when I get them. May his soul rest forever in the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

4. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Young Steve forgot his lines in the Sunday School Christmas program. His mother was in the front row to prompt him; she gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it didn't help. Finally she leaned forward and whispered the cue, 'I am the light of the world.'" Steve beamed, and with great feeling and a loud, clear voice, he said, 'My mother is the light of the world.'"

Gotta love those Christmas programs!

~Fr. Kopacek



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## Pray For Those in Need

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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 December 27

### Monday, December 27

St. John - 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1, 2-8

8:00 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

### Tuesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents - 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7-8/Mt 2:13-18

8:00 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

### Wednesday, December 29

Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/Lk 2:22-35

8:00 AM (Elma) + Stan Duffy

### Thursday, December 30

Christmas Weekday - 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40

Care Center + Gerald McGee

### Friday, December 31

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18

8:00 AM - NO MASS

5:30 PM (Elma) + Ed & Anna O'Brien

### Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

4:00 PM (OLL) + For the People

6:00 PM (AV) - Dick Gebel

### Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord - Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Tom Mans

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Miriam Kirst

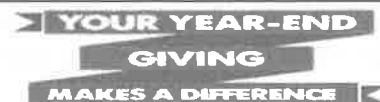
## MEETINGS

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

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

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

Meetings held in the I.C. Elma church basement.



## 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.

## 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.

## The Chosen - DVD Series on the Life of Jesus

The next showing of *The Chosen* will be on **Sunday, January 16 at 2:00 PM** in the Elma Church Basement. Each episode runs 40-50 minutes. Light refreshments will be served.



## 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. Thank you.



## Parish Annual Reports

The 2020-2021 Parish Annual Reports are available in the entryways of your church. Please pick one up.

## + Lourdes +

## Congratulations

We congratulate Phillip and Melissa Smith on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Avriella Rae. Avriella was baptized on December 11. Please welcome and pray for Avriella Rae as she begins her new life in the Church.



**+ St. Bernard +**

**Vocation Crucifix**

December 25 - Mildred Brus

January 1 - Mary McAvoy

**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 and a meal 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 +**

**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 Kathleen Hummel family. Kathleen's Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, December 11 at Immaculate Conception, Riceville. May she rest in peace.

**Congratulations**

We congratulate Jennifer Shane on the occasion of the baptism of her sons Burke James and Porter James. Burke and Porter were baptized on December 12. Please welcome and pray for Burke James and Porter James as they begin their new life in the Church.

**HOLY FAMILY**



**Calendar Events**

**Beauty In Christ Women's Conference**

Archdiocesan Women's Conference Live Stream!

Saturday, January 29, 2022; 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The live stream 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 live stream begins at 9:00 AM.

**Contact Brian McGee**, Director of Faith Formation at [DBQ141FF@dbqarch.org](mailto: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.

**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 [Iowa-wwme.org](http://Iowa-wwme.org) or call Jeff & Janet Francois at 563-608-3305.

↑ **STEWARDSHIP** ↓  
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**Weekly Collection**

Due to bulletin deadlines December 26 bulletin had to be submitted early, the financial stewardship for December 18/19 will be in the next bulletin.

**Financial Stewardship**

**December 11/12**

<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	
Budget Envelopes	\$3,250.00
Act of Kindness	71.00
On-Line Giving	75.00
<b>St. Bernard - Alta Vista</b>	
Budget Envelopes	805.00
Act of Kindness	19.00
On-Line Giving	330.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Elma</b>	
Budget Envelopes	562.00
Act of Kindness	74.00
On-Line Giving	50.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Riceville</b>	
Budget Envelopes	2,105.00
Act of Kindness	199.00
On-Line Giving	5.00
<b>St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)</b>	
Budget	300.00
On-Line Giving	630.00

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