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Congratulations to the couples from the Holy Rosary Cluster who have been married 50 years or more!

St. Bernard, Alta Vista

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"Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth." -Pope Francis

"The sacrament (of marriage) is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses."
-Pope Francis

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. A reminder to the young adults in our cluster: you are invited to join in the restart of the young adult faith/Bible discussions that used to be held. **On Monday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Elma rectory**, we will begin a series of discussions on Season One of "The Chosen"—the series about the gospel accounts of Jesus and those he chose to follow him. Please watch episodes 1 and 2 of Season one before our Feb. 14 gathering. You can watch these and all episodes for free on "The Chosen" app-- www.thechosen.tv/app to download. We also have DVD copies of the series at the cluster office that you are welcome to borrow and watch at home.

2. You may remember that during the Advent season before this last Christmas, I included excerpts in this column from Archbishop Jackels' brochure "Going to Confession" on the importance and power of this sacrament of the mercy of God.. With Ash Wednesday (March 2) and the season of Lent being less than a month away, I thought it may be helpful to include more of that brochure in this column over the next several weeks to get us all thinking about this sacrament and making use of it...especially if it has been some time since we have done so. In particular, I'll be giving you the examination of conscience (based on the Ten Commandments) that the archbishop provides. The questions he offers are meant to remind us of our sins or failings, to acknowledge and 'own up' to them, and then bring them to the sacrament of confession.

"First Commandment: 'I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange Gods before me.'"

Have I rejected or been indifferent to the existence of God?

Have I rejected or been indifferent to a truth of doctrine or morals revealed in Scripture or Tradition, and taught by the Catholic Church?

Have I abandoned the practice of Catholic faith by formal associating with non-Catholic denominations or another religion?

Have I shown contempt towards or mistreated sacred persons, places, or things?

Have I been guided in making decisions by something contrary to faith in God, for example, love for money, or superstition, or occult practices?

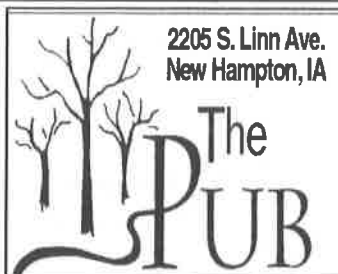
Have I despaired, thinking wrongly that my sins are greater than the mercy of God, and so I have no hope of forgiveness or heaven?


Have I presumed on God's mercy, expecting forgiveness of sin without really being sorry or intending to change my ways?"

[to be continued....]


3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" In honor of Valentine's Day: One nine-year-old boy had a crush on one of his classmates. So for Valentine's Day, he bought her a box of chocolates and took it to school to give it to her. When his mother returned home from work, she found him on the couch eating that same box of candy; she asked "what happened?" "Well, I thought about it for a long time (he said between chews), and I decided that, for now, I still like candy more than girls." Ah, the challenges of young love.... ~Fr. Kopacek

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Eucharistic Holy Hour-Tues., March 8 at Lourdes from 5 - 6 PM. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:00 PM, close with Benediction at 6:00 PM. Fr. Kopacek will be available for confessions during this time. All are welcome. 

The Chosen - DVD Series on the Life of Jesus

The next showing of **The Chosen** will be on **Sunday, February 20 at 2:00 PM** in the Elma church basement. Each episode runs 40-50 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. 

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, 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 February 14

Monday, February 14

St. Cyril - Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76/Mk 8:11-13
8:00 AM (Elma) + Special Intention

Tuesday, February 15

Weekday - Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
8:00 AM (Elma) + Virgil Zeimetz

Wednesday, February 16

Weekday - Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-5/Mk 8:22-26
8:00 AM (Elma) + Gerald McGee

Thursday, February 17

Weekday - Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-7/Mk 8:27-33
Care Center + Fr. Phil Schmitt

Friday, February 18

Weekday - Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-6/Mk 8:34-9:1
8:00 AM (Elma) + Ed & Anna O'Brien

Saturday, February 19

Vigil of Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

4:00 PM (OLL) + Harold Thiele

6:00 PM (AV) + Mary Lee Geerts

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

7:15 AM (Elma) + Eleanor Burke

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

St. Bernard's Annual St. Patrick's Pork Chop Dinner

(Drive-thru Meal)

Location: AV Hall - Pay & Pick Up
Sunday, March 13 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM
(Snow date is March 20)

Cost: Adults & Children: \$14/in advance; \$15/at the door

Meal: Grilled Pork Chop, Dressing, Green Beans,
Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw, Pie

Meal and Raffle tickets are available from
parishioners and at several businesses.

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+ Lourdes +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Dolores Opat-Ludwig Family. Dolores' Funeral Mass was held on Friday, February 4 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May she rest in peace.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

February 12 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

February 19 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

Church Cleaners

Julie Swehla, Diane Tenge, Bev White are church cleaners the week of February 13

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Congratulations

We congratulate Allen and Kacie Koenigs on the occasion of the baptism of their son Landon Lee. Landon was baptized on February 6. Please welcome and pray for Landon Lee as he begins his new life in the Church.

+ St. Peter +

Mary Blonigen Website

Mary Blonigen was born in New Haven in 1895 and died in 1925. Mary attended school at Saint Mary's Academy in New Haven and graduated in 1912. It was customary for students to maintain a diary of their school days. Mary was given a book specifically for this purpose her senior year. In very great detail she wrote about her time at St. Mary's Academy, friends and things they did as young girls. The address to read the book can be found at: Maryblonigen.homesteadcloud.com.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Tim & Jane Niess to St. Peter Parish. We are happy to have them join us.

+ Combined Religious Education +

We are in much need of substitute catechists for our Religious Education Program. You are welcome to sit in on some classes to get a feel for the position. Please contact DRE, Chad Buckley at (515-290-5867) if you can be a substitute or have any questions.

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KC Free Membership

The online promotion to join the KCs for free has been extended to June 30, 2022. Please Visit www.kofc.org/joinus using promo code MCGIVNEY 2020. Local KC councils to join are Riceville and New Haven Council #11592 and Alta Vista, Lourdes and Elma



Special Rosary Rally

Special Rosary Rally - Take time on Saturday, February 19 to pray the rosary along with hundreds of others around the United States.



ArchdioceseOne Appeal

On September 29, 2019, in response to real needs, and after broad consultation, Archbishop Jackels announced the start of a special appeal, called **ArchdioceseOne**, to help the poor and to support the mission of the Church. In March of 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic forced us to pause active fundraising for ArchdioceseOne. In mid-February, we'll be restarting our fundraising efforts for this special appeal. You likely received a letter in the mail recently regarding this subject, but if not, **Archbishop has made a video for you about this important effort he'd like you to see. It will only take about 5 minutes of your time to watch.** Simply scan this QR code with your smartphone camera. Then click the link that pops up on your phone's screen. This will take you to his video. **If you don't have a QR enabled smartphone, type the following link into your internet browser: <https://archdioceseone.org/splash> Thank you!



Two Weeks Left to Complete Synod Survey on Parish Viability

This is your chance to have your voice heard on parish planning in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Here's a reminder to complete the synod survey **no later than March 1, 2022**. You can complete the survey you received in the mail and mail it to: Survey Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003. Or better yet, you can access the survey in English, Spanish or French at www.dbqarch.org/survey or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera and click on the link that pops up on your phone.



Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

We are looking for Catholic, college-age men and women disciples to serve on teams with other men and women like them during the summer of 2022 for Totus Tuus leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. These are paid positions with training and most expenses provided during the summer. As college men and women are "home for the holidays", consider encouraging them to apply! The application information can be found at www.dbqarch.org/TotusTuus. Any questions Contact Joanne Pohland at j.pohland@dbqarch.org.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Calendar Events

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. The next weekend is Ankeny and April 23-24, Epworth. Register at Iowa-wwme.org or call Jeff & Janet Francois at 563-608-3305.

Archdiocesan Men's Conference Saturday, March 19, 2022

Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids
(In Person or Live-Streamed)

26th Annual Men's Conference! Held on the Feast of St. Joseph, this conference will highlight the example of St. Joseph as a model for all men. Keynote speaker will be Mark Hartfiel. Lunch session will be presented by Devin Schadt, founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph men's ministry. Mass celebrate by Archbishop Jackels. For more information go to: www.archmensconference.org.

Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage June 6-17, 2022, stops include the home of St. John Paul II, Shrine of Divine Mercy, Auschwitz Concentration Camp and more. Daily Mass in great Churches and Cathedrals. Cost is \$4,199, departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307-4th St. North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870

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February 5/6, 2022

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