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Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday

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

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!



4th Sunday OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 80031, 1998, 1970 C.C.O.

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. In last weekend's homily I shared with you Pope Francis' prayer for peace in the Ukraine that he offered at his March 16 general audience. Here is the text of that prayer:

"Forgive us for war, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners! Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!"

"Forgive us, O Lord. Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slake our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons. Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death. Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother. Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel. Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain. Forgive us for war, O lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord."

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain! Illumine our consciences. May our will not be done. Abandon us not to our own actions! Stop us, O Lord, stop us! And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother. O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord! Amen."

I also mentioned last weekend that the U.S. bishops referred to prayer as a "weapon of hope". The pope's prayer would be a good addition to our 'spiritual arsenal'.

2. We conclude the Examination of Conscience given by Archbishop Jackels in his pamphlet on confession. **The Seventh Commandment: "You shall not steal." The Tenth Commandment: "You shall not covet your neighbor's goods."**

- have I stolen, taking something of value that does not belong to me?
- have I vandalized another's property, resulting in serious economic loss?
- have I failed to make restitution for stealing or vandalizing another's property?
- have I failed to pay a living wage to an employee, or to give a full day's work to an employer for a full day's pay?
- have I failed to share what I have to benefit the mission of the Church and the poor?
- have I neglected to perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy?
- have I cheated in business, on my taxes, on a test, in sports, or in games of chance?
- have I failed to pay off my debts or to make good on a promise?
- have I gambled away money that should have been used to provide for my needs, or for those dependent on me, or for the poor?
- have I willfully misused natural resources or abused animals?

This is just one of many examinations of conscience that are available; you can search "examination of conscience" to find others on the internet. It is an important step in preparing for confession and, as we know, Lent is the most fitting time of the year to approach this sacrament of God's healing and forgiveness.

~ Fr. Kopacek

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The Chosen - DVD Series on the Life of Jesus
General Public - The next showing of *The Chosen* will be on **Sunday, April 10 at 1:00 PM** in the Elma church basement. Light refreshments will be served.
Young Adults - Next discussion about 'The Chosen' and the Catholic Faith will be held **Sunday, March 27 at 7:00 PM** in the Elma Rectory.
NOTE: Change of date for Young Adults and Time change for April 10th.



Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, 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

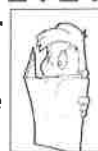
Cluster News

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.



Early Bulletin Deadlines: Items for April 10th bulletin due by April 4th. Items for April 17th bulletin due April 8th.



Mass Intentions Week of March 28

Monday, March 28

Lenten Weekday - Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
8:00 AM (Elma) + Fr. Paul Schmitt

Tuesday, March 29

Lenten Weekday - Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
8:00 AM (Elma) + Ray Maravetz

Wednesday, March 30

Lenten Weekday - Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
8:00 AM (Elma) + Michael Odel

Thursday, March 31

Lenten Weekday - Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Care Center + Jim Marr

Friday, April 1

First Friday - Wis 2:1, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bille Kobliska

Saturday, April 2

Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent - Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

4:00 PM (OLL) + Linda Smith & Janet Flaherty

6:00 PM (AV) + **NO MASS**

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
7:15 AM (Elma) + Eleanor Burke

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Pete Schaefer

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

Donations for Ukraine

A trustworthy organization to donate to for Ukraine is Catholic Relief Services. Google "Catholic Relief Services and Ukraine" and follow the directions there to make an online donation **OR** send your donation by regular mail to: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303.

Eucharistic Holy Hour-Change in Date for Holy Hour Mon., April 11 at Alta Vista 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.



Fridays-Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of this Lenten season. We will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m., followed by Stations. After that, Fr. Kopacek will be available for confessions till 6:30 p.m. at which time we will have Benediction. Please join us. The schedule is as follows:

Fri., April 1 -- Riceville & Fri., April 8 -- New Haven

+ Lourdes +

Welcome

We would like to welcome Paul & Toni Wickman and their children Rebecca, Karly, Brooke, Russel, Ruby, Jesse and Makayla to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. We are happy to have them join us.

Steeple Day Meeting

A Steeple Day meeting will be held on Monday, April 4 at 5:30 PM in the Lourdes Church Hall. Please plan to attend, everyone is welcome!

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

March 26 - Julie & Gary Swehla

April 2 - Irene & Ed Huegel

Rosary Society Meeting

St. Bernard Rosary Society will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 PM at the Alta Vista Library.

Thank You

St. Bernard Parish would like to thank everyone who helped or supported the pork chop supper in anyway. Also, a big Thank You to the Raffle Committee and to those who supported the raffle. It was a great success!

St. Bernard's...Did you know?

Father Albert Peikert, the first resident pastor, purchased two acres of land in 1900 for \$200 from the late pioneer William Vick, about one-half mile west of town for the cemetery, which he named Mt. Calvary. Visit our cemetery and you will see that some of the earliest headstones are unique. One marker is even shaped as a cross. Another has inscriptions not just on the front but on each side.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, April 1st from 4:00 - 4:40 PM at I.C. in Riceville.

Confessions

Fr. Kopacek will do confessions both at 4:00 PM for First Friday and during the Eucharistic Holy Hour between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM on April 1st.

+ St. Peter +

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Confessions will be heard on First Friday, April 1st from 3:00 - 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

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