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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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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

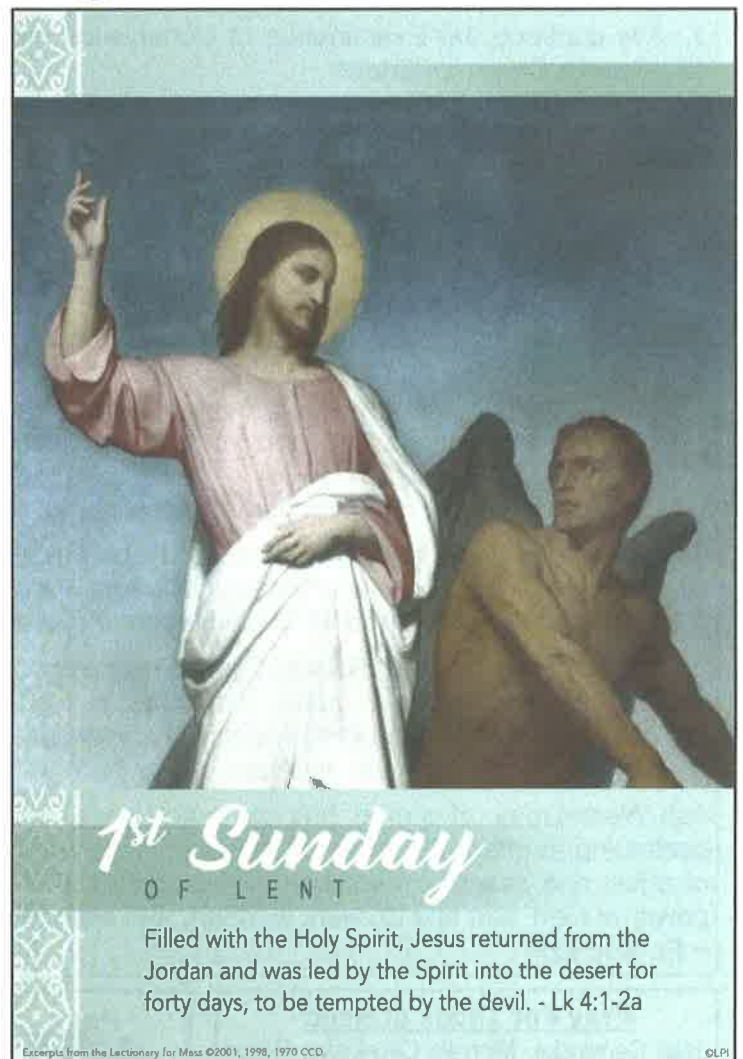
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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!



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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.

March 6, 2022

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please note in the Mass schedule that there is **no 8 a.m. Mass this Monday, March 7 in Elma**. I will be at Wahlert Catholic High School in Dubuque that morning. Also a reminder of our monthly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration this Tuesday, March 8 at 5 p.m. at Lourdes; I will be available for confessions during that hour.

2. We will be doing **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, I'll be available for confessions till 6:30 p.m. at which time we will have Benediction. The schedule is as follows:

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3. We continue the Examination of Conscience given by Archbishop Jackels in his pamphlet on confession. **The Fourth Commandment:**

- For minor children:* Have I disobeyed or shown disrespect to my parents and others who have authority over me (for example, teacher, pastor, police)?
- For adult children:* Have I neglected to give my parents material and moral support when they are in distress, sickness, loneliness, or old age?
- Have I willfully neglected to vote, or pay taxes, or defend my country, or obey laws designed to protect the common good?
- For parents:* Have I neglected my duties toward my children...
- to have them baptized, and prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion, and Confirmation?
- to provide them with faith formation and a good example of lived faith?
- to help them learn and embrace their vocation in life (marriage, holy order, religious life, dedicated single life)?
- to provide them with adequate food, clothing, shelter, protection from harm, health care, and education?

4. In last weekend's homily I referred to Pope Francis' general audience of February 23 in which he expressed his grave concern about the situation in Ukraine. With Russia's invasion of this country and its ongoing attempt to conquer it, the Holy Father's words in his remarks are even more relevant:

*"Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."*

Ash Wednesday, of course, has come and gone. But I would urge all of us to take the pope's words to heart by continuing to offer at least some of our prayers and Lenten penances (including fasting) to God for the intention of a just and peaceful resolution of this conflict. Prayer and fasting, when undertaken with faith and trust in the power of God, can and do work wonders and even miracles--"for nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37)!

~ Fr. Kopacek

## Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Roger Dunn, Ed Duman, 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 Schwick-erath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith



## 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 door

**Meal:** Grilled Pork Chop, Dressing, Green Beans, Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw, Pie; Meal and Raffle tickets are available from parishioners and at several businesses. Raffle sponsored by Catholic Order of Foresters St. Joseph Court #878

# Cluster News

## Live Streaming & Daily Reflections

Watch Mass or Daily Reflections live with Fr. Kopacek. Find them on the cluster website under 'Parish Happenings' or on the cluster Facebook page.



## Mass Intentions Week of March 7

### Monday, March 7

Lenten Weekday - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
**NO MASS** + Please Pray for Vocations

### Tuesday, March 8

Lenten Weekday - Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15  
 8:00 AM (Elma) + Francis Stute

### Wednesday, March 9

Lenten Weekday - Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
 8:00 AM (Elma) + Stan Duffy

### Thursday, March 10

Lenten Weekday - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12  
 Care Center + Kendra O'Brien

### Friday, March 11

Lenten Weekday - Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26  
 8:00 AM (Elma) + Francis Dietrich

### Saturday, March 12

Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

4:00 PM (OLL) + Living & Deceased Members of the Gilbert & Shatek Families

6:00 PM (AV) + Rick Holthaus

### Sunday, March 13

Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

7:15 AM (Elma) + **NO MASS**

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Charles, Daryl, Kim & Ted McPhail

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

## 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.



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

**Young Adults** - Next discussion about 'The Chosen' and the Catholic Faith will be held **Monday, March 14 at 7:00 PM** in the Elma Rectory.



**General Public** -The next showing of **The Chosen** will be on **Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 PM** in the Elma church basement. Light refreshments will be served.

## Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of March 12/13. Elma's collection will be taken on February 20. Designated charity this month is: St. Bernard, Our Lady of Lourdes, I.C., Elma, I.C. Riceville & St. Peter - Catholic Relief Services CRS Rice Bowl

**REMINDER - Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13. Spring ahead one hour.**



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 March 13, 2022

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## CRS Rice Bowls & Daily Meditation Books

-Rice Bowls are available at your church entrances and can be put in the offering baskets in church at the Easter Masses OR donate directly to CRS online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).

-Lenten Daily Meditation Books are also available in your church entrances. Please pick one up.

**+ Lourdes +**

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Kenny Chihak family. Kenny's Funeral Mass was held on Friday, February 25 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May he rest in peace.

**+ St. Bernard +**

## Vocation Crucifix

March 5 - LeRoy Geerts

March 12 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

## St. Bernard's 125th

St. Bernard's...Did you know? The cornerstone of the church was laid in the spring of 1897, with the completion of the building in the fall of the same year. It was called St. Bernard's to honor the patron saint of Bernard Meirick who had encouraged and donated a sizeable amount of money and land toward the erection of the church. It was built under the supervision of the late Rev. F.J. Gunn, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Elma, who celebrated Mass at St. Bernard's every Sunday after the completion of the church until 1900. Submit your memories to Irene Frantzen at 364-6426 or email at [tomirenefrantzen@gmail.com](mailto:tomirenefrantzen@gmail.com).

**+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +**

**Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Linda Zeimetz family. Linda's Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, February 26 at Elma Immaculate Conception Church. May she rest in peace.

**+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

**Congratulations**

We congratulate Zachary & Kelsey Byrnes on the occasion of the baptism of their son Briar Kevin. Briar was baptized on February 27. Please welcome and pray for Briar Kevin as he begins his new life in the Church.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Burke Shane and Porter Shane who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, February 27. God loves you and is with you always.

**Rosary Society News**

St. Anne's Rosary Society will meet Mon., March 7 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

**Stations of the Cross**

The high school religious ed. students will be leading and praying the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 7:45 PM in the church, as well as every Sunday at 8:30 AM. Please join us.

**+ St. Peter +**

**Congratulations**

We congratulate Dylan & Alixandrea Mayer on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Aubrey Marie. Aubrey was baptized on February 26. Please welcome and pray for Aubrey Marie as she begins her new life in the Church.

**Stations of the Cross and R.E. Celebration**

1.The religious education students will lead the Stations of the Cross before Mass on Sunday, March 13 at 10:10 AM. Everyone is welcome to join them.

2.Please join St. Peter's Religious Education students for a meal Sunday, March 13 following the 10:45 AM Mass. Help us celebrate another successful year.

**Lenten Regulations**

1. Everyone 14 years of age and under the age of 59 is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply.

3. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from the fast and abstinence prescribed by the Church.

**Calendar Events**

**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**KC Meeting**

A K of C meeting will be held Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 PM in the Elma Church basement. Please plan to attend.

**26th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022**

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

Go to: [www.archmensconference.org](http://www.archmensconference.org).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. The next weekend is April 23-24 in Epworth, Register at [lowa-wwme.org](http://lowa-wwme.org) or call Jeff & Janet Francois at 563-608-3305.

**Financial Stewardship**

**February 26/27, 2022**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Budget Envelopes	\$625.00
Offertory	109.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

**St. Bernard - Alta Vista (NO MASS)**

Budget Envelopes	75.00
On-Line Giving	160.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma**

Budget Envelopes	1,550.00
Offertory	42.00
On-Line Giving	150.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes	325.00
Offertory	29.00
On-Line Giving	100.00

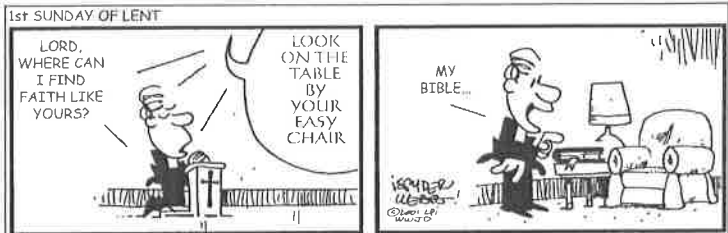
**St. Peter - New Haven**

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Offertory	76.04
On-Line Giving	305.00

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