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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

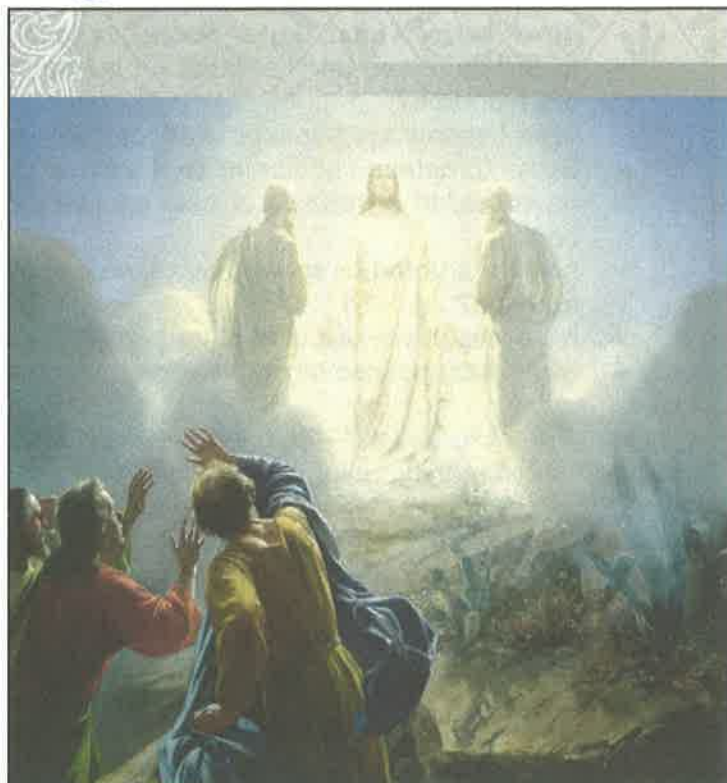
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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!



## 2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance  
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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.

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. With all the appeals for financial support that we regularly receive from so many places (including our own Catholic Charities appeal, the Archdiocese One special campaign, and our Holy Rosary Cluster/parish needs), I hesitate to mention any others.....but we are all aware of the devastating war in the Ukraine and what it's doing to the millions of innocent men, women, and children of that victimized country. If you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you to help them in their desperate material needs, **Catholic Relief Services is one good place to send your donation.** Google "Catholic Relief Services and Ukraine" and follow the directions there to make an online donation. Or you can send your donation by regular mail to: Catholic Relief Services, P. O. Box 17090, Baltimore MD 21297-0303.

2. We continue the Examination of Conscience given by Archbishop Jackels in his pamphlet on confession. The **Fifth Commandment: 'You shall not kill.'**:

- have I desired, planned, or attempted to kill myself?
- have I endangered my life or health, or that of others, by reckless behavior?
- have I abused food, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco?
- have I murdered another innocent human being, including by abortion, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research?
- have I encouraged or supported another person to procure an abortion, or to commit suicide?
- have I threatened and/or inflicted another person with bodily harm, or with verbal or emotional abuse?
- have I failed or refused to help another person whose life, health, or reputation was threatened with harm?
- have I harbored or shown hatred, prejudice, or unjust discrimination towards another person, or sought revenge?
- have I been envious of another person?
- have I scandalized others, leading them to commit mortal sin by my bad example?

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh" -- yes, even during Lent and even during these critical times in our history! Maybe you have heard of this prayer: *"Dear Lord, so far today I've done all right: I haven't gossiped; lost my temper; been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for the kind of day You have given me. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen."* I imagine we can all identify at least a little with that kind of prayer, right??

~Fr. Kopacek

## March 16 Prayer Service for Ukraine

The current war in Ukraine is cause for great concern for the whole world. Pope Francis has encouraged us to pray for peace. Archbishop Jackels will preside at a **live-streamed Archdiocesan prayer service** at St. Raphael Cathedral on **Wednesday, March 16 beginning at 6:30 pm and concluding at 7:30 pm.** Join us for part or all of the prayer service. A collection to assist the refugees of Ukraine will be announced. Let us pray for peace! To participate virtually, visit [www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts](http://www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts).



## Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Roger Dunn, Ed Durman, 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. 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 March 14

### Monday, March 14

Lenten Weekday - Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Jim Malek

### Tuesday, March 15

Lenten Weekday - Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 1-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Linda Zeimetz

### Wednesday, March 16

Lenten Weekday - Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Kenny & Marilyn Kiernan

### Thursday, March 17

St. Patrick - Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31  
Care Center + Calvin & Marcella Linkenmeyer

### Friday, March 18

St. Cyril - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Joe Kubik

### Saturday, March 19

Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 3:1-8, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9  
4:00 PM (OLL) + For the People

6:00 PM (AV) + Dean Folkers, Louis & Donna Kolbet

### Sunday, March 20

Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 3:1-8, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

7:15 AM (Elma) + Willie & Lillian Chihak

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + NO MASS

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Pete Schaefer

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Tues., April 12 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.



## 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.

**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. The schedule is as follows:

**Fri., March 18 -- Lourdes**

**Fri., March 25 -- Alta Vista**

**Fri., April 1 -- Riceville**

**Fri., April 8 -- New Haven**

Please join us for these times of prayer, meditation on our Lord's suffering and death, and silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

## + St. Bernard +

### Vocation Crucifix

March 12 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

March 19 - Suezen & Keith Glaser

### Save The Date

St. Bernard will be celebrating their 125th birthday on 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.

### St. Bernard Church Memories

If you have any memories or facts about St. Bernard that you would like to share, please submit them to Irene Frantzen at 364-6426 or email at [tomirenefrantzen@gmail.com](mailto:tomirenefrantzen@gmail.com). Please keep stories to a few sentences or a short paragraph and we will share some of them in the bulletin.

## + Immaculate Conception-Elma +

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Daniel O'Brien family. Daniel's funeral was held on Saturday, March 5 at Immaculate Conception, Elma. May he rest in peace.

## + Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

### 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 +

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

The religious education students will lead the Stations of the Cross before Mass on Sunday, March 13 at 10:10 AM and then 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.

Be Faithful in Small Things, Because it is in them that Your Strength lies. ~Mother Teresa

## + Knights of Columbus +

### Thank You

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #11592 for the pizza parties for the Immaculate Conception (Riceville) and St. Peter (New Haven) Religious Education program. It was delicious!



### Grief Support Group

Howard County Community Hospice (HCCH) is offering a Grief Support Group beginning in April. The group will be facilitated by our social work team and is designed to be a supportive, educational setting for adults seeking support and understanding during their grief journey. The group will meet from 6:00-7:45 PM for eight consecutive weeks, from Monday, April 4 through Monday, May 23 at HCCH building in Cresco. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, March 30. To register or for more information, please contact Brecka Putnam at 563-547-2989.

### Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable

Catholic Charities is the largest provider of social services in the U.S., second only to the government. There are approximately 160 Catholic Charities agencies in the U.S., all working together to reduce poverty and help the most poor and vulnerable among us. Consider supporting these services with your gift to Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.

Mail your gift to: Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003 or visit [www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate).

### ArchdioceseOne Appeal

ArchdioceseOne will provide funds to help make much needed repairs to the Cathedral of St. Raphael Church which is our mother church for the whole Archdiocese of Dubuque, sustain the Priest Retirement Fund, Seminarian Education and Immigration Legal Services. Contact Jeff Schneider, Archdiocesan Stewardship Development Director, at 563-556-2580 x219 or [jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org](mailto:jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org).



### Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

We are looking for Catholic, college-age men and women disciples to serve on teams during the summer of 2022 for Totus Tuus. These are paid positions with training and most expenses provided for during the summer. The application information can be found at [www.dbqarch.org/TotusTuus](http://www.dbqarch.org/TotusTuus). Any questions Contact Joanne Pohland at [j.pohland@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org).



## Calendar Events

### 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).

### Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting

Tri-County Citizens for Life would like to invite you to a potluck supper and meeting on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 PM in St. Peter Lutheran Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

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

## Stewardship

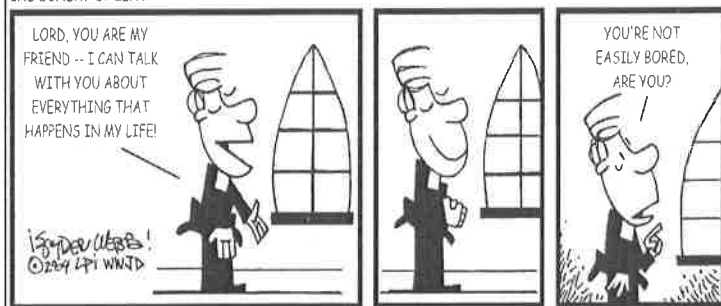
"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ~Winston S. Churchill

## Financial Stewardship

March 5/6

<b>Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)</b>	
Budget Envelopes	\$230.00
On-Line Giving	75.00
<b>St. Bernard - Alta Vista</b>	
Budget Envelopes	455.00
Offertory	47.00
On-Line Giving	60.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Elma</b>	
Budget Envelopes	633.00
Offertory	76.00
On-Line Giving	92.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Riceville</b>	
Budget Envelopes	1,225.00
Offertory	168.80
On-Line Giving	75.00
<b>St. Peter - New Haven</b>	
Budget	575.00
Offertory	106.76
On-Line Giving	95.00

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