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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

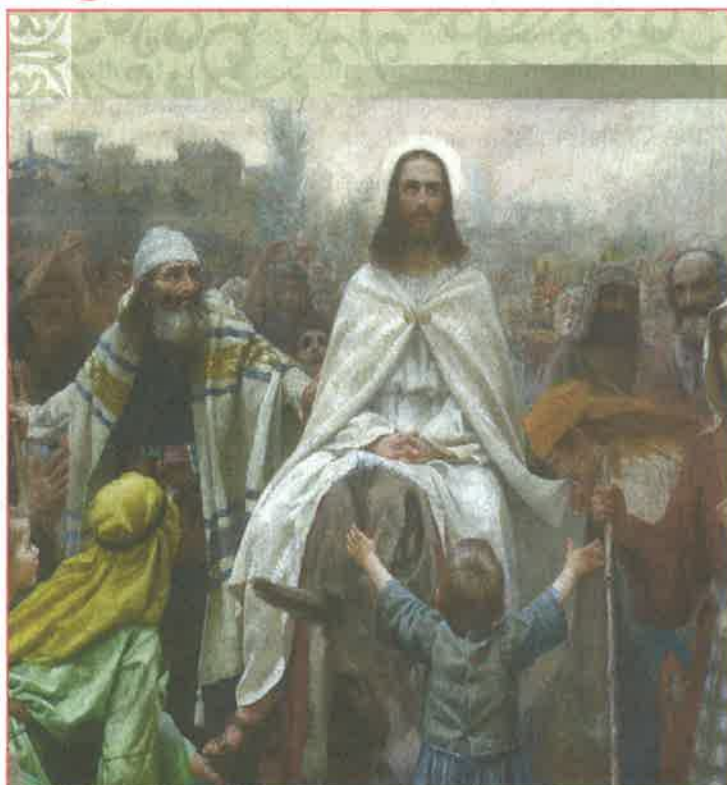
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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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. A few notes about this week's schedule:

- there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass in Elma on Tuesday, April 12. I will be attending the Chrism Mass at the cathedral in Dubuque at 2 p.m. that day, and will be meeting others beforehand. The Chrism Mass is the occasion during which the archbishop blesses and consecrates the oils to be used for the sacraments during the upcoming year and during which we priests renew the promises we made when we were ordained. This is always a very special occasion, and I look forward to it more than usual this time since it is the first time since 2019 (pre-pandemic) that we will all be able to be present.
- as you know, we have had a Eucharistic Holy Hour on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at one of the cluster parishes. The second Tuesday of April is the 12th--the day when I'll be at that Chrism Mass, and I will not be back by 5:30 p.m. So for this month that Holy Hour will be **Monday, April 11**, at 5:30 p.m. in Alta Vista. As usual, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at 5:30 with Benediction at 6:30; I'll be available for confessions during that time.

2. Please note elsewhere in this bulletin the full schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. This will be the first time since 2019 (again, pre-pandemic) that we will be able to have the full celebration of these beautiful and powerful liturgies: we were not able to gather at all in 2020, and last year the services were significantly reduced and minimized. I strongly encourage you to attend these services--they are at the very heart of the entire church year, because we solemnly commemorate our Lord's death and resurrection which is the central foundation of the Christian faith and of our hope for eternal life and joy.

3. You may be wondering why the Easter Sunday schedule is so strange, with the Mass times being the usual Sunday times but in different places. Up until a few years ago, all five parishes in the cluster had Mass at either the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday night) or on Easter Sunday. That was possible because another priest was able to help on Sunday morning--that way, there could be two Masses at 8 a.m. and two Masses at 10 a.m. These days, finding a priest to help on Easter Sunday morning is nearly impossible, and I must confess to being unwilling to have four consecutive Masses myself that morning. So...Elma will continue having the Easter Vigil Mass, and I'll have three Masses on Sunday morning among the other four parishes--each year that schedule will rotate in terms of time and place and regarding who will not have Mass. We've been doing the same kind of rotation for the Christmas Eve/Day Mass schedule the last several years, and it seems to work quite well. In any event, I thank you most sincerely for your understanding and flexibility!

4. I am very happy to report that Holy Rosary Cluster will indeed be doing Totus Tuus this summer! I recently received notice from the office in Dubuque that a team is available to be with us to put on the program; they will be here the week of July 17-22. As more information becomes available, I will certainly get it to you. Please pray for our team and for the young people who will be taking part in this opportunity to learn more about Jesus and about the beauty of our Catholic faith.

~ Fr. Kopacek

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NOTE: Time change for April 10th.



Eucharistic Holy Hour-Change in Date

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.



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, 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.



Mass Intentions Week of April 11



Monday, April 11

Monday of Holy Week - Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
8:00 AM (Elma) + Willie & Lillian Chihak

Tuesday, April 12

Tuesday of Holy Week - Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Wednesday, April 13

Wednesday of Holy Week - Is 50:4-9/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

8:00 AM (Elma) + Janet Flaherty

Thursday, April 14

Holy Thursday - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

6:30 PM (Riceville) + David Allen Block

Friday, April 15

Good Friday - Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

12:00 (Noon) - (Elma) - Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM (Alta Vista) + The Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 16

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ez 36:16-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

8:30 PM (Elma) + For the People

Alta Vista - **NO MASS**

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday - Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

7:15 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Nicholas & Mary Kolbet

9:00 AM (New Haven) + Joan Wegman

10:45 AM (Lourdes) + Tom Flaherty

Change In Office Hours

Closed: Mon., April 11; Open 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, April 12-14.; Open 9:00 AM-Noon, Fri., April 15

Meetings - Thurs., April 21 - Parish Life @ 6:00 PM

Tues., April 26 - Faith Formation @ 6:30 PM

Thurs., May 12 - Social Justice @ 6:30 PM

Tues., June 7 - Liturgy @ 6:00 PM

Meetings are in the I.C., Elma Church basement.

Good Friday Fasting

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics ages 18-59 and abstinence from meat for age 14 onward. A person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal.



Collection for the Holy Land

Parishioners are asked to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Contributing to this collection makes you an instrument of peace. Collection will be taken at the Good Friday Liturgy.

Rice Bowls

Thank you for participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection. You may put the rice bowls in the offering basket marked for Rice Bowls at the Easter Masses through Sunday, May 1st OR donate directly to CRS online at crsricebowl.org/give.



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.

Ukraine Aid Fundraiser

The religious education programs for Holy Rosary Cluster are sponsoring a fundraiser to help aid Ukraine.

Date: Saturday, May 7; Time: 4:30-6:30 PM

Location: Lourdes Church Hall

**Serving: soup, sandwiches, rolicky and bars
Free Will Offering**

Proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services in their work to provide aid for the victims and refugees of the war in Ukraine. Come join us and please continue to pray daily for an end to this war and for the relief of those victimized by that war.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

April 9 - Deann & Tony Meirick

April 16 - Mildred Brus

Save The Date

St. Bernard will be celebrating their 125th birthday on Saturday, July 23, 2022. A 4:00 PM Mass is scheduled with a meal/reception to follow at the Municipal hall. Please share with family and past and present parishioners.



Palms - Palm Sunday, April 10

Palms are blessed and should be displayed at home. Old palms may be buried or burned, separate from regular trash. Never throw them away in the regular trash.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Lloyd "Jim" Hughes family. Jim's Funeral Mass was held on Friday, April 1 at I.C., Riceville. May he rest in peace.

Rosary Rally

America needs prayers! Please carve a little time out on Saturday, April 16 to pray the rosary.



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

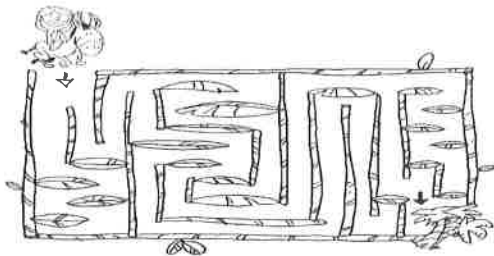
In 1902, a fire caused some damage to the church, after which it had to be remodeled. In 1903, the spire of the church was struck by lightning, which caused some damage that was quickly repaired. It was in 1923, that a contract was signed to enlarge and reconstruct the church due to limited space. The church was sided with brick and brick veneer. Up to that time, it was a wooden frame building. Visit the cluster Facebook page for photos.

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. Any questions Contact Joanne Pohland at j.pohland@dbqarch.org.



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MISSION
I will say good words about my family and friends each day.



Calendar Events

I.C., North Washington's Swiss Steak Drive Thru Dinner

Sunday, April 10 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Cost: \$15 Adults / \$8 kids 10 and under
Serving: Swiss Steak, All the Fixings and Pie
 Quilt & Cash Raffle-10(\$100 bills) \$10 each/3 for \$20

Calendar Events

Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule

Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 14 - 6:30 PM - I.C. Riceville

Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 15 - Noon - Stations of the Cross - Elma

April 15 - 6:30PM - St. Bernard, Alta Vista

Easter Vigil Mass

Holy Saturday - April 16 - 8:30 PM - I.C., Elma

Easter Mass Schedule - Sunday, April 17

7:15 AM - I.C., Riceville

9:00 AM - St. Peter, New Haven

10:45 AM - Our Lady of Lourdes



+ Knights of Columbus +

KC Easter Egg Hunt

Knights of Columbus Council #4144, along with the Elma Boy Scouts will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 in the Elma Park at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

12:00 - 6:00 PM

At the Riceville Community School Rec Center

Call Darlene Seidel at 641-220-3788 for

an appointment

Shrines of France Pilgrimage

11 Days: October 17-27, 2022

Hosted by Fr. Mark Murphy and St. Jude Catholic Church. Cost is \$3,999 per person from Chicago. For more information, please contact Michelle Tressel (319-390-3520) or email: m.tressel@dbqarch.org

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Weekly Collection

Due to bulletin deadlines the April 10 bulletin had to be submitted early, the financial stewardship for April 2/3 will be in the next bulletin.

PALM SUNDAY

JESUS TOOK SUFFERING AND DEATH AND TURNED IT INTO GLORY AND ETERNAL LIFE.



ANY TIME YOU HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT ON YOUR SIDE, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!



PALM SUNDAY

LIKE JESUS, GREAT LEADERS ARE OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD DURING THEIR LIFETIMES.



I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TRY THAT LINE WITH MY BOSS.



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