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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

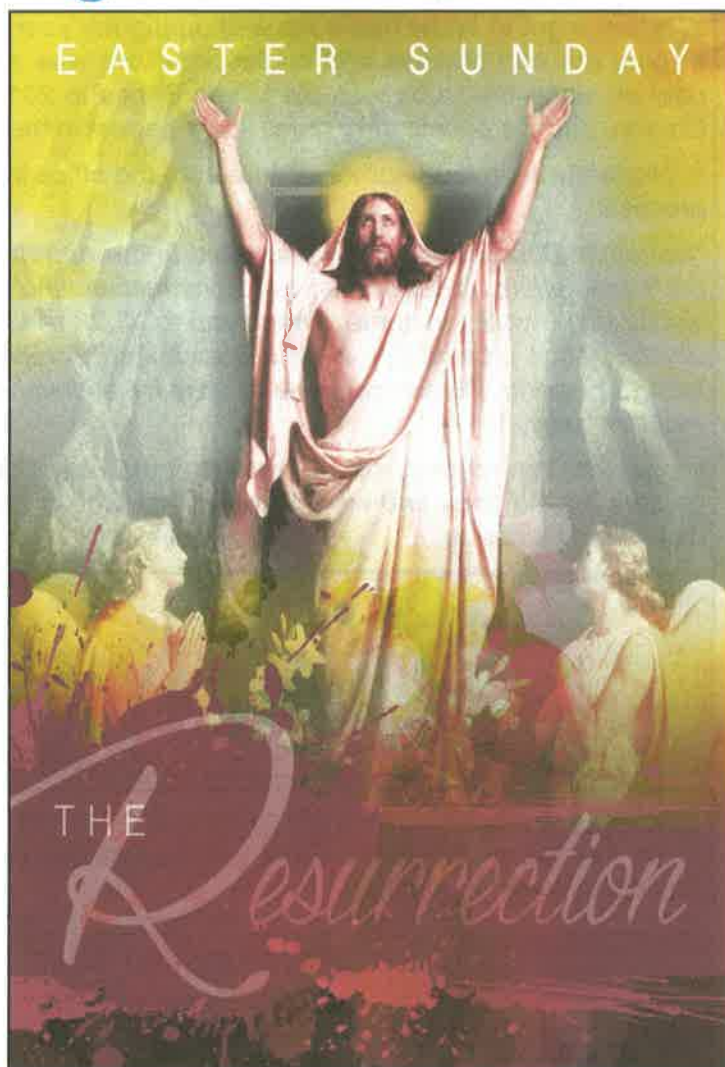
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



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. "Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness!... This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld!" This brief excerpt from the Exultet, the great hymn of praise sung on Holy Saturday night at the Easter Vigil, expresses so well the great joy we all experience, the greatest news headline throughout all of human history: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! I pray that all of you and all your families and loved ones will know today and always the joy and peace of Jesus' resurrection. May your faith be strengthened, your hope made more secure, and your love be more genuine because of our hope for eternal joy that comes from this great feast of Easter!

2. I want to inform you of the recent death of another of our retired priests, Msgr. Paul Steimel, who died on April 2--one day short of his 95th birthday. He grew up near Waterloo and was ordained to the priesthood in 1952. He served in a variety of assignments throughout the archdiocese, including associate pastor at St. Joseph in Mason City and also as pastor at Charles City and Roseville. He retired in 1997 and moved to Waterloo near Columbus Catholic High School where he was a regular fixture with the students who he loved and who loved him in return. I got to know him quite well during my years at St. Edward in Waterloo; he was always so generous in helping out with Masses and confessions. He was a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan, and his lifelong loyalty finally paid off when the Cubs won the World Series in 2016! Msgr. Steimel was a great priest who loved Jesus, his Church, and his people very much--may he rest in the eternal peace and joy of the risen Christ.

3. I recently received another update from the office in Dubuque coordinating our archdiocesan planning process:

"Nearly 16,000 households participated in the Archdiocesan Synod Survey on parish vitality. This far surpassed our expectations. Your honest and constructive input will help map the plan as we work to ensure strong parish vitality in the years to come. Thank you to all those who participated. We are now working to analyze the wealth of information provided by all who participated. A report to the archdiocesan family will be sent to all households later this spring. Please continue to pray for all involved in this important undertaking that the Holy Spirit will direct their work."

I echo that last request--please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the archbishop and everyone involved in this process so that they and we will know what God is calling us to do and how to serve as the Church in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. ~Fr. Kopacek



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Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tues., May 10 at Riceville 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 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, 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 18

Monday, April 18

Easter Weekday - Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
8:00 AM (Elma) + Ray Ptacek

Tuesday, April 19

Easter Weekday - Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
8:00 AM (Elma) + Linda Zeimetz

Wednesday, April 20

Easter Weekday - Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
8:00 AM (Elma) + Kristy Shultz

Thursday, April 21

Easter Weekday - Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
(Care Center) + Fr. Loras Otting

Friday, April 22

Easter Weekday - Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14 15
8:00 AM (Elma) + Leo & John Freitag Family

Saturday, April 23

Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter - Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15,
22-24/Rv 1:9-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) - Living & Deceased Members of the
St. Bernard Rosary Society

Sunday, April 24

Second Sunday of Easter - Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv
1:9-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

7:15 AM (Elma) + Joe & Margaret McGrane

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + John Sullivan & Maddie Kruse

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.

First Communion Dates

New Haven - April 24 at 10:45 AM Mass

Riceville - May 1 at 9:00 AM Mass

Alta Vista-Combined Religious Ed.-May 14, 6:00PM

May Crowning

Alta Vista - May 14 at 6:00 PM Mass

Lourdes - May 7 at 4:00 PM Mass

Elma - May 1 at 7:15 AM Mass

Riceville - May 1 at 9:00 AM Mass

New Haven - May 8 at 10:45 AM Mass

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.



+ Lourdes +

Our Lady of Lourdes News

Our Lady of Lourdes has been offered \$3000 for the merry-go-round and swing set located north of the tennis court. These items have been flagged by OLL insurer as needing attention. If you would like to bid more than the current offer please contact Tom Shatek (641-330-8626) by April 25th.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

April 16 - Mildred Brus

April 23 - Mary McAvoy

Save The Date

St. Bernard will be celebrating their 125th birthday on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Archbishop Jackels will celebrate a 4:00 PM Mass with a meal/reception to follow at the Municipal Hall. Please share with family and past and present parishioners. If you have a story to share about St. Bernards email it to Irene Frantzen at tomirenefrantzen@gmail.com.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Edward Chihak family. Ed's Funeral Mass was held on Friday, April 8 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May he rest in peace.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Rosary Society Meeting

St. Anne's Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

+ St. Peter +

First Communion Celebration

First Communion will be Sunday, April 24 at St. Peter in New Haven. Donuts and juice will be served following the Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Easter Sunday • John 20:1-9

Calendar Events

Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting

Tri-County Citizens for Life would like to invite you to a potluck supper and meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM at the home of Norb & Mary Gansen in Cresco. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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



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

Weekly Collection

Due to bulletin deadlines the April 17 bulletin had to be submitted early, the financial stewardship for April 9/10 will be in the next bulletin.

Financial Stewardship

April 2/3

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes \$535.00

Offertory 79.00

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St. Bernard - Alta Vista (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes 160.00

On-Line Giving 160.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes 411.00

Offertory 62.00

On-Line Giving 302.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes 1,440.00

Offertory 216.00

On-Line Giving 100.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget 1,350.00

Offertory 83.92

On-Line Giving 95.00

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