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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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### Office Hours (Note Change)

The office this week: Closed - Monday & Thursday

Staffed: Tuesday, Wednesday & 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!



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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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.

April 24, 2022

# Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. A most sincere **"thank you"** to all of you for all the Easter greetings, cards, gifts and treats--your kindness and generosity are such great gifts to me and are appreciated more than I can tell you! I also want to thank everyone who had any role in preparing for and carrying out all the various Holy Week and Easter liturgies--cluster office staff, volunteers at all five of the parishes, musicians and other liturgical ministers, those who so beautifully decorated our cluster churches...and everyone else who helped in any way. In all these and in so many other ways, you keep reminding me how blessed I am to be your pastor here in Holy Rosary Cluster and how grateful I am to God for that blessing! His grace, peace and joy to you and all your loved ones in this holy season and always.

2. Please note that there will be **no 8:00 a.m. Mass in Elma this Monday, April 25**. On Sunday evening, April 24, I will be in Ames to concelebrate at a special Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on the Iowa State campus to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Catholic Student Center there. I'll be staying overnight in Ames that night and will return to Elma on Monday afternoon. I attended St. Thomas during my college years (1973-77)--it's only a couple of blocks from my old dorm (Bergman House in Welch Hall). I enjoyed being part of a music group there that sang for the Saturday 4:45 p.m. Mass, and it was during that time that I first began to give some serious thought about the priesthood. I look forward to being there for that special Mass...and no, I won't be wearing cardinal and gold vestments (but I'll bet they'd look really good!).

3. I'm glad to announce that our **young adult discussion group about "The Chosen"** will resume gathering next **Sunday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Elma rectory**. We will discuss the first episode of Season 2; please watch that episode ahead of time if you can. We will meet once a month on the first Sunday evening; this is a change from our Season One practice of meeting every other week on Mondays and discussing two episodes each time.

We had a wonderful series of discussions about the eight episodes of Season One, and that was the case even if some of the participants had not watched the episodes beforehand. I mention this because what often happened was that someone would mention a particular character or event in an episode, and that would lead to great questions and discussion about the gospels in general, about Jesus or Mary or the apostles, and about how we can make connections with them and the content of the gospels in our own lives. Of course, it would be helpful to watch these episodes first; still, I strongly encourage any of our young adults who weren't able to join us for our prior discussions to do so for Season Two--you will get caught up in no time!

4. **"Don't Forget to Laugh!"** After instructing the first graders for weeks about Easter, the teacher asked, "What does Easter mean to you?" One little guy shouted, "the Easter Bunny!"; another said, "Easter baskets and candy". The teacher was a little upset because all her hard work seemed to have been wasted. Then she called on another child who said: "It means Jesus died for our sins and was put in the tomb, and on the third day he came out and if he saw his shadow we would have six more weeks of winter." Maybe that's why we have had so much cold, windy, cloudy weather lately?? ~Fr. Kopacek

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

The next showing of **The Chosen** will be on **Sun., May 15 at 2:00 PM** in the Elma church basement. Light refreshments will be served.



**Young Adult Discussion:** Sun., May 1 at 7 PM

## 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 25

### Monday, April 25

St. Mark - 1 Pt 5:5-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
**NO MASS** + Please Pray for Vocations

### Tuesday, April 26

Easter Weekday - Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7-15  
8:00 AM + Tom Keane

### Wednesday, April 27

Easter Weekday - Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Clarence & Geneva Gansen

### Thursday, April 28

Easter Weekday - Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36  
(Care Center) + Alan Shane

### Friday, April 29

Easter Weekday - Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bob Voves

### Saturday, April 30

Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter - Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

**4:00 PM (Lourdes)** + Beatrice Havlik & Beata Kubik

**6:00 PM (Alta Vista)** + Kathleen Meirick

### Sunday, May 1

Third Sunday of Easter - Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

**7:15 AM (Elma)** + For the People

**9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed)** + Robert Marr Jr. & Robert Marr Sr.

**10:45 AM (New Haven)** + **NO MASS**

## MEETINGS

**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

Lourdes - May 7 at 4:00 PM Mass

Alta Vista - May 14 at 6:00 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 still put the rice bowls in the offering basket marked for Rice Bowls through Sunday, May 1st or donate directly at [csrricebowl.org/give](http://csrricebowl.org/give).



## 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.

## Donations for Ukraine

**Catholic Relief Services** is a trustworthy organization to donate to for Ukraine. Go on-line to, "Catholic Relief Services and Ukraine" or send donations by regular mail to: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303



## + 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.

### Rosary Society News

1. The Rosary Society needs volunteers to step forward and serve as officers and hostess/co-hostesses. There are many veteran members who will assist.
2. **There is an urgent task that needs to be accomplished ASAP.** The downstairs hall, kitchen, backroom, entryway and bathrooms need to be cleaned. **This must be completed by Friday, April 29**, due to the Ukraine Aid Fundraiser sponsored by the Holy Rosary Cluster Faith Formation programs, which will be held on Saturday, May 7. There are many jobs to be done and as always, **"Many Hands Make Light Work for All!"**.
3. **Please contact Doris Anderson at 641-330-0011.**
4. Let Doris know who and when you can help. Please make time to help, for this worthy event.



**+ St. Bernard +**

**Vocation Crucifix**

April 23 - Mary McAvoy

April 30 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

**+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +**

**Rosary Society Meeting**

1. The Elma Rosary Society will have a meeting on Monday, April 25 at 5:30 PM in the Elma Church hall.

2. All Hostesses and Co-hostesses - please plan on attending this meeting so we can plan for the year.

**+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

**Rosary Society Meeting**

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

**First Communion/May Crowning Celebration**

**May 1st**, St. Anne's Rosary Society will serve a breakfast honoring the First Communion students. All are welcome to attend.

**Senior Recognition/Mother's Day Celebration**

St. Anne's Rosary Society will be serving a breakfast on **Sunday, May 8** to recognize all the Religious Education students along with Senior Recognition and to celebrate Mother's Day.

All students should meet in the church basement before Mass.

**+ 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.

**Senior Recognition & May Crowning**

St. Peter Church will have May Crowning on Sunday, May 8 and also recognize all Seniors with a blessing at this Mass.

**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.

**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

**Financial Stewardship**

April 9/10

**Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)**

Budget Envelopes \$170.00  
On-Line Giving 75.00

**St. Bernard - Alta Vista**

Budget Envelopes 1,420.00  
Act of Kindness 76.00  
Easter 1,185.00  
On-Line Giving 60.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma**

Budget Envelopes 941.00  
Act of Kindness 76.00  
Easter 120.00  
On-Line Giving 50.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes 560.00  
Act of Kindness 115.02  
Easter 50.00  
On-Line Giving .00

**St. Peter - New Haven**

Budget 685.00  
Act of Kindness 99.64  
Easter 150.00  
On-Line Giving 95.00

**April 16/17**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Budget Envelopes \$2,925.15  
Act of Kindness 65.00  
Easter 1,775.00  
On-Line Giving 75.00

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

Easter 615.00  
On-Line Giving 160.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma**

Budget Envelopes 747.00  
Offertory 64.00  
Easter 1,820.00  
On-Line Giving 85.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes 790.00  
Offertory 166.00  
Easter 1,745.00  
On-Line Giving 105.00

**St. Peter - New Haven**

Budget 295.00  
Offertory 234.00  
Easter 615.00  
On-Line Giving 145.00

**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

LAST NIGHT,  
I DREAMED  
THAT NO-ONE  
LEFT MASS  
AFTER  
COMMUNION.

*Very poor blessing  
on the way!*



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