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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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## Office Hours (Note Change)

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

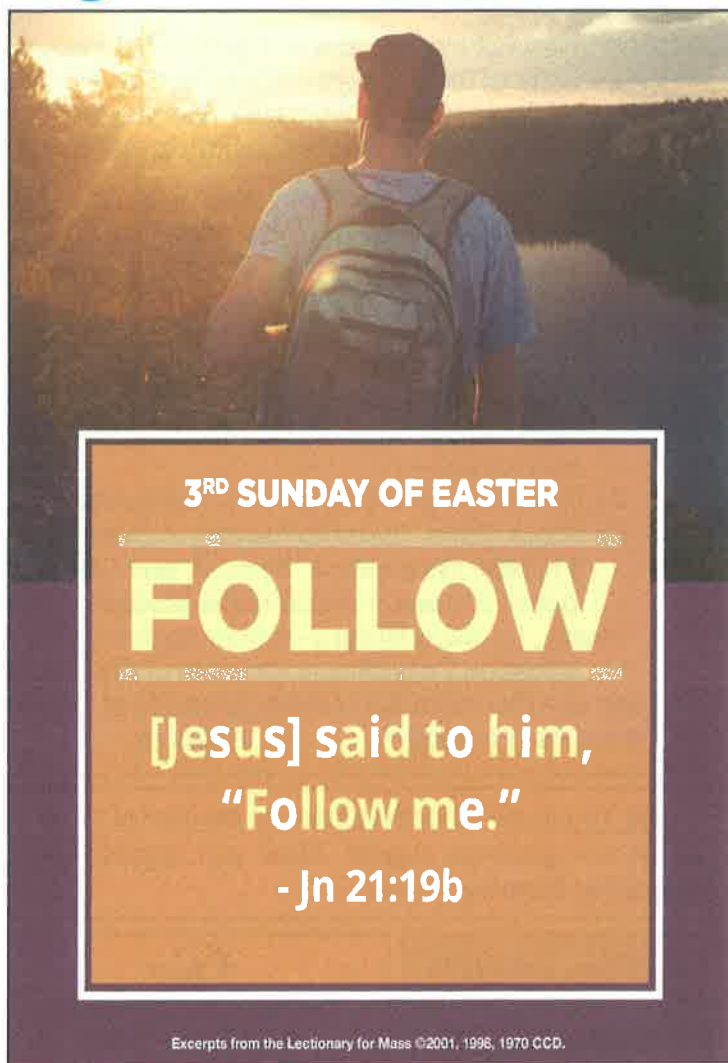
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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. My latest book recommendation: "The Case for Christ--A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus" by Lee Strobel (Zondervan, 1998). This is the book I mentioned in last weekend's homily. Strobel had set out to disprove the claims of the Christian faith, especially regarding the divinity of Jesus and the reality of his resurrection from the dead. But the more he investigated, the more he came to believe in the Christian faith which he ultimately accepted. It's an excellent book--very well-written and well-reasoned; I highly recommend it.
2. Just a quick reminder to our young-adult discussion group about "The Chosen": we will meet Sunday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the rectory in Elma. Please watch episode one of Season 2 ahead of time. Newcomers are more than welcome to attend!
3. Archbishop Jackels has announced the new priest assignments that will take effect on July 12. I am grateful to let you know that I will remain here at Holy Rosary Cluster; I have told a number of people around here that I'd be completely OK if the archbishop just kind of forgets about me and lets me stay here for a long time! I've been here for nearly four years already (talk about time zooming by faster and faster every year...), and I thank the Lord every day for the joy and privilege of serving here.

Although I am not moving, the archbishop did assign me to be the new dean for the New Hampton deanery which consists of the parishes in Charles City, Nashua, Greene, Rockford, Roseville, New Hampton, North Washington, Ionia, Osage, Stacyville and Meyer along with our own five cluster parishes. Fr. Brian Delleart is the current dean, but he will be going to St. Joseph the Worker parish in Dubuque.

Other priest reassignments in our area or of local interest:

Only one priest is retiring from active ministry at this time: Fr. Phil Thompson, pastor of St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids.

Fr. Sean Smith (who served as deacon here in the summer of 2019) will become pastor of St. Patrick in Anamosa and three other parishes in north Linn County (Coggon, Prairieburg, and Central City). He is currently in Lansing and three other parishes in the northeast corner of the archdiocese and the state.

Fr. Bob Gross (currently in Ossian, Calmar, Spillville and Festina) will be going to Bellevue and three other parishes southeast of Dubuque. He will be replaced by Fr. Henry Huber who is currently in Gilbertville and Raymond.

Fr. Jim Goerend will replace Fr. Delleart in New Hampton, North Washington, and Ionia.

Fr. Ralph Davis, currently serving in Greene, Rockford and Roseville, will become pastor of the parishes in Fayette, West Union, Sumner, and Clermont. He will be replaced in Greene by Fr. Frantz Augustin, a priest 'on loan' from his home diocese in the country of Haiti.

Finally, Fr. Mark Murphy--former pastor here in Holy Rosary Cluster, will become the new archdiocesan Vocation Director and chaplain of the Catholic student center at UNI in Cedar Falls.

You can see the entire list of reassignments at the website for the Archdiocese of Dubuque ([dbqarch.org](http://dbqarch.org)--click on "Priest Assignments"). ~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.



## 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 [csrcricebowl.org/give](http://csrcricebowl.org/give).



## Mass Intentions Week of May 2

### Monday, May 2

St. Athanasius - Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Lee Geerts

### Tuesday, May 3

St. Philip & St. James - 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Msgr. Paul Steimel

### Wednesday, May 4

Easter Weekday - Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bernard & Helen Dunn

### Thursday, May 5

Easter Weekday - Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
(Care Center) + Elsie Ludwig

### Friday, May 6

First Friday - Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Arlene Klobassa

### Saturday, May 7

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter - Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14-17/Jn 10:27-30

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Willie & Lillian Chihak

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

### Sunday, May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14-17/Jn 10:27-30

7:15 AM (Elma) + Russ O'Donnell

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Peter J. Govern

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

## MEETINGS

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

Tues., May 31 - Parish Life @ 6:00 PM

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

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

## Rosary Rally

A nation wide Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, May 14. Please take time to pray the rosary.



## Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of May 7/8. Alta Vista's collection will be taken on May 14. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - Alzheimer's Association; Our Lady of Lourdes - Alzheimer's Association; Elma, I.C. - Fire Fighters of Elma; Riceville - Sister Nancy Meyerhofer, serving in Honduras; St. Peter-Riceville Ambulance Endowment Fund-Howard County Comm. Foundation

## 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 +

### Rosary Society News

The Rosary Society needs volunteers to step forward and serve as officers and hostess/co-hostesses. There are many veteran members who are willing to assist.

### May Crowning

Our Lady of Lourdes will have May Crowning on Saturday, May 7 at the 4:00 PM Mass.

## + St. Bernard +

### Vocation Crucifix

April 30 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

May 7 - Jean Cerwinske

### Thank You

Thank you to the Arlene Klobassa family for the memorial donation given to St. Bernard Church and Mt. Calvary Cemetery in memory of Arlene.

### First Communion/May Crowning Celebration

**May 14** St. Bernard will have May Crowning and also celebrate First Communion for the Combined Religious Education students at the 6:00 PM Mass.



**+ 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.

**First Friday Confessions**

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, May 6 from 4:00-4:40 PM at Immaculate Conception in Riceville.

**+ St. Peter +**

**First Friday Confessions**

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, May 6 from 3:00 - 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to our students, Spencer Johanns, Vince Taylor, Braxton Vroom and Kat Walk, who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 24.



**Senior Recognition & May Crowning**

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

**Spring Cleaning**

Spring church cleaning will take place the week of May 2-5. St. Peter Church will be unlocked from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. All help will be appreciated.

**St. Bernard's...Did You Know?**

Under the direction of Fr. Cyperian Jungeman, funds were collected to begin building a rectory in 1901. It was completed in 1902. The following year, he invited Miss Mamie Butler of Dyersville to teach school for 13 enrolled children at the new rectory. A few years later, in 1906, Fr. Jungeman asked the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque to undertake the direction of the school he planned to build. By then, 75 pupils were being taught at the rectory, which was also the Sisters home. St. William's School, so called because of the generosity of pioneer William Gardner who supported the school, was ready in the fall of 1908.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**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**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

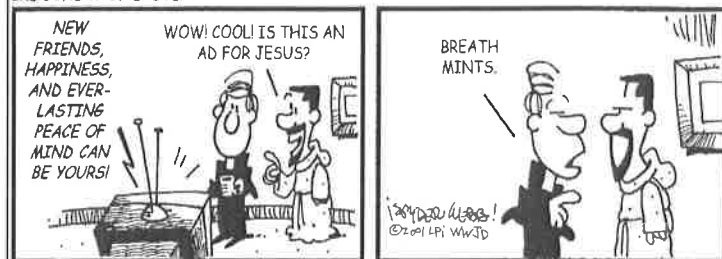
Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. This is a Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. The next weekend is September 9-11 in Dubuque and then November 18-20 in Holstein. Register at [Iowa-wwme.org](http://Iowa-wwme.org) or call Jeff & Janet Francois at 563-608-3305.

**Financial Stewardship**

April 23/24

<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	
Budget Envelopes	\$2,945.00
Offertory	83.00
Easter	810.00
On-Line Giving	60.00
<b>St. Bernard - Alta Vista</b>	
Budget Envelopes	545.00
Offertory	16.00
Easter	1,250.00
On-Line Giving	205.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Elma</b>	
Budget Envelopes	1,457.00
Offertory	61.00
Easter	80.00
On-Line Giving	100.00
<b>Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)</b>	
Budget Envelopes	105.00
Easter	50.00
On-Line Giving	.00
<b>St. Peter - New Haven</b>	
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Offertory	125.92
Easter	.00
On-Line Giving	295.00

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