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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!



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LOVE

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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

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. Two weekday Mass notes:

- there will be **no 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, May 16**. I have a meeting in Cedar Rapids on Sunday evening, and then will get together with my priest support group in Waterloo on Monday morning--so I will be gone overnight;
- there will be **no 10 a.m. nursing home Mass on Thursday, May 19**. I have a meeting in Ankeny that morning,

"On the Road Again...."

2. I was very glad to attend the annual priests Holy Hour and dinner at Loras College in Dubuque this past Monday, May 9, during which we honored those priests celebrating landmark ordination anniversaries (25th, 50, 60, etc.). Because of the pandemic, we weren't able to do so in 2020 and 2021. It's always a great occasion to get together with the archbishop and my brother priests. Our archdiocesan seminarians were present as well--including Ben Valentine (to be ordained as priest on May 28) and Casey Flack and Jeff Frieden (to be ordained as deacons on May 27 and then, God willing, as priests next year). We are blessed to have a total of 13 young men in their philosophy or theology studies at this time--please continue to keep them all in your daily prayers.

And please continue to pray daily for an increase in our seminarian numbers. The need for that increase was shown at the Holy Hour as well. Because we could not gather the past two years, we prayed in a special way for our Dubuque priests who have died since the 2019 Holy Hour--29 priests were on that list (most if not all of them were retired at the time of their deaths). Still, in those three years of 2019, 2020 and 2021, only 13 priests were ordained for our archdiocese, and there will be only a total of three more ordained as priests in the next two years (Ben, Casey and Jeff as mentioned above). These numbers, along with the inevitable number of priest retirements and deaths each year, means that our total priest number continues to experience a net loss each year.

We obviously need more priests, and so we obviously need more seminarians. Again, please pray daily for an increase in those seminarian and priest numbers. And I especially urge you to offer those prayers during our regular times of Eucharistic adoration. Those dioceses that strongly promote prayer for vocations during Eucharistic adoration do indeed experience an increase in those numbers. Archbishop Jackels has been promoting that form of prayer, and so have we here in Holy Rosary Cluster with our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hours and First Friday devotions. Please pray!

~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., June 5 at 7 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tues., June 14 at New Haven 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 May 16

Monday, May 16

Easter Weekday - Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, May 17

Easter Weekday - Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31
8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Gansen Finley

Wednesday, May 18

St. John I - Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
8:00 AM (Elma) + Merle Wacha

Thursday, May 19

Easter Weekday - Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena - Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
8:00 AM (Elma) + Frank Goodale

Saturday, May 21

Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Kathryn O'Brien

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Paul & Helen Geerts

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

7:15 AM (Elma) + **NO MASS**

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Elizabeth Fox

MEETINGS

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

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

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

Save the Date for Totus Tuus



- Holy Rosary Cluster will host Totus Tuus at Immaculate Conception in Riceville the week of July 17. Totus Tuus is for youth entering grades 1st-12th. Totus Tuus is a week-long parish mission to promote Catholic faith while still having fun. More information will be mailed to families with school age children.
- Adult volunteers are needed for classroom aide's the week of Totus Tuus to assist team members. Three volunteers are needed each day. You will not be asked to teach or assist in teaching. If you can help one or all days, contact the cluster office for more details.



ArchdioceseOne Is Here!

After hearing about ArchdioceseOne these past two years, the special appeal kicked off in your parish last weekend. Our ArchdioceseOne fundraising goal is \$48 million, and we are confident that Catholic households across our Archdiocese will step up to help. In addition to supporting our financial beneficiaries, we pray this appeal results in the following spiritual benefits:

- to strengthen unity in our Archdiocese,
- to deepen our practice of stewardship as a way of life, and
- to heal the Church with the medicine of charity.

We cannot hope to bring this appeal to a successful completion without God's inspiration or His help. Towards that end, over the course of the next ten weeks, we invite you to pray our ArchdioceseOne prayer: **God, come to our assistance. Lord, make haste to help us. Amen.**

Cemetery News and Decorations

Wreaths and flowers are allowed on individual graves starting the Friday before Memorial Day and ending on the Sunday after Memorial Day. At other times flowers in containers are allowed if they are placed at the ends of the monuments on the cement foundation and do not interfere with the mowing. Wreaths and flowers are allowed provided they are attached to the monument or if they are mounted on a rod, placed on either end of the monument, not in front or back. If the flowers are placed any where else, they may be removed.

+ Lourdes +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Floyd Balk family. Floyd's Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, May 3. May he rest in peace.

Rosary Society News

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

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

May 14 - Monica Marvin

May 21 - Bev & Dick White

St. Bernard's 125th Celebration

The Municipal Hall will be opened at 2 PM for memorabilia viewing prior to the 4 PM Mass. The celebration at church is scheduled for Saturday, July 23. A meal/reception will follow at the hall.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Rosary Society News

Ladies of I.C. Elma Rosary Society, dues this year are \$20. Please mail your dues to treasurer, Teresa Klobassa at P.O. Box 235, Elma, IA 50628.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Riceville seniors, Zachary Gronwoldt, Lauren Hemann, Lawson Losee and Mitchel Marr. Good luck with your future endeavors.

+ St. Peter +

Congratulations

Congratulations to our New Haven seniors, Spencer Adams, Mary Ann Fox, Theo Klaes, Ben Miller, Jex Schutjer and Matthew Theis. Good luck with your future endeavors.

St. Bernard's 125th Celebration News

St. Bernard's 125th celebration...Checkout the Holy Rosary cluster Facebook page for weekly "Did You Know" history submissions. If you have stories, memories, or photos to share on facebook, or memorabilia to display at the reception, please contact Irene Frantzen at: tomirenefrantzen@gmail.com

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month is a reminder that we all play a role in reducing the stigma associated with mental health. An important component of Mental Health Awareness involves viewing mental health as brain health. Thinking of keeping your brain fit and healthy, similar to the rest of your body can reduce the stigma and normalize the process of seeking treatment for your brain health.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the images.



5th Sunday of Easter • John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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, May 17 at 6:30 PM in the I.C. Elma Church basement. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be discussing the Howard County Fair.

Movie - Father Stu

This movie is based on a true story. When an injury ends his amateur boxing career, Stuart Long moves to Los Angeles to find money and fame. While scrapping by as a supermarket clerk, he meets Carmen, a Sunday school teacher who seems immune to his bad-boy charm. Determined to win her over, the longtime agnostic starts going to church to impress her. However, a motorcycle accident leaves him wondering if he can use his second chance to help others, leading to the surprising realization that he's meant to be a Catholic priest. **Rated R**

If you get a chance, this is a movie worth seeing.

Local Showings:

Charles City Theater - 7 PM; May 20-22 & May 26
Sumner Theater - May 16,17,18,19 at 7 PM; May 14-15 at 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00 PM

Financial Stewardship

May 7/8

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Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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 Act of Kindness 281.00
 On-Line Giving 25.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget 560.00
 Act of Kindness 96.00
 On-Line Giving 95.00

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

I MADE CHRISTIAN WAFFLES FOR BREAKFAST TODAY.



THEY LOOK PRETTY GOOD ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT THEY'RE NOT QUITE DONE YET ON THE INSIDE.



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