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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!



**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SALVATION**

[Jesus] answered them,  
"Strive to enter through the  
narrow gate for many, I tell  
you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong  
enough." - Lk 13:24

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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.

August 21, 2022

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Last weekend I spoke to you about *lectio divina*--a particular way of reading the Bible that can help us draw closer to Christ and grow in our personal relationship with him. There are many resources available to help you learn much more about this method; a quick internet search for '*lectio divina*' reveals a huge number of sites.

To summarize briefly: *lectio divina* consists of four steps:

- reading--choose a short passage from the Bible (to begin with, I'd suggest one of the gospels or one of the New Testament letters of St. Paul, St. John, St. Peter or St. James). Choose a verse or a brief passage, and read it slowly and attentively--and more than once (at least two or three times). Don't rush through it; give the word a chance to soak in a bit.
- meditation/reflection--after that careful and attentive reading, think about what you have just read. How do I react to this passage? How would I have reacted if I was part of the crowd that saw and heard what Jesus did and said? Am I surprised? Comforted? Confused and puzzled? Frustrated? Be aware of how you respond internally to this written word of God.
- prayer--after this deliberate and non-rushed reading and reflection, tell God/Jesus what is on your mind and in your heart. Speak to him in your own words and what you are honestly thinking or feeling. Speak to him as if he is your closest and dearest friend right by your side (which he truly is in any event!).
- contemplation--simply sit for a few moments in a quiet openness to what God may be saying to you. You may experience a clear sense of God's response, or you may not--that is something that we cannot bring about on our own. Just allow God to speak to you and lead you in his good time and according to his wisdom and his will for you.

*Lectio divina* is a time-honored and very effective way for us to experience the power of Sacred Scripture as the word of God that it truly is, and thus to grow in our personal relationship with God the Father and with Jesus his Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. Don't be afraid to give it a try!

2. Earlier this year I told you about the new movie "Father Stu"--based on the true story of Stuart Long. As an adolescent and young man, he was always getting into fights and other trouble. After surviving a terrible motorcycle accident, he began to realize that he needed to change his ways. In fact, he was ordained to the priesthood in his home state of Montana. Because of a rare and degenerative disease, however, he was able to serve as a priest for only a short time before his death in 2014 at the age of 50.

I finally got around to watching "Father Stu" myself--and it is one of the best and most powerful movies I've ever seen. Mark Wahlberg directed and played the lead role--he came to know the story of Father Stu and was inspired by it enough to want to tell his story. Be forewarned: there is a lot of very coarse and obscene language in this movie--I would not recommend it for younger children. But Stu Long was a very coarse and vulgar man before his conversion, so I suspect the movie portrays him rather accurately.

In any event, and with that caution, I strongly recommend this movie. I understand that it is available on Netflix; also, you may borrow a DVD copy from the cluster office. It is really, really good!

~Fr. Kopacek

## 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, Gladys McGrane, LaVern McGrane, Roger Nibaur, Laurie Mohrfeld Nock, Fran Palmersheim, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith

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# 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 August 22

### Monday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22

8:00 AM (Elma) + Stan Duffy

### Tuesday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima - 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26

8:00 AM (Elma) + Theresa Farrington

### Wednesday, August 24

St. Bartholomew - Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

8:00 AM (Elma) + Russ O'Donnell

### Thursday, August 25

St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz - 1Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51

Care Center + Kendra O'Brien

### Friday, August 26

Weekday - 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

8:00 AM (Elma) + Norbert Burke

### Saturday, August 27

Vigil of Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Margaret Randak

### Sunday, August 28

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14

7:15 AM (Elma) + Gerald McGee

9:00 AM (New Haven) + Matt & Tom Niess

10:45 AM (Riceville) + For the People

## Early Bulletin Deadline

The September 11th bulletin will be submitted on Friday, September 2nd.

Please have items for this bulletin to the cluster office by Thurs., Sept. 1st.



## Eucharistic Holy Hour - Tues., September 13 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.



## MEETINGS

Tues., September 13 - Liturgy Meeting at 6:30 PM  
Meetings are in the I.C., Elma Church basement.

## Cluster Mass & Social

The Parish Cluster Picnic sponsored by the Parish Life Committee is today Sun., August 28 in Riceville at Lake Hendricks shelter house.

### Mass Schedule on August 28

7:15 AM - Elma

9:00 AM - New Haven

10:45 AM - Riceville



**Religious Education Resumes:** Religious Education classes will resume for the 2022-2023 school year beginning in September.



**Combined Religious Ed.** at Lourdes for Alta Vista, Elma and Lourdes, begins Wed., September 14.

**Riceville begins** - Wed., September 14

**New Haven begins** - Sun., September 11

## **+ St. Bernard +**

### Vocation Crucifix

August 20 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

August 27 - Jean Cerwinke

### Lost & Found

A pair of eyeglasses were found after the 125th Celebration. The glasses are on the table in the back of church if you are missing a pair from July 23 in Alta Vista.

## **+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +**

**Save the Date:** Belgian Waffle Breakfast - Sunday, September 18 - Elma Church Hall.

## **+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

### Rosary Society News

St Anne's Rosary Society will be meeting on Monday, August 29 at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome and Fall Festival will be discussed!

### Religious Education News

I.C. Riceville will need catechists for the 2022-2023 CCD year for grades 7, 8, 9/10(combined Confirmation). Please contact Director of Religious Education, Debbie Oulman at 641-985-2791.

### Save The Date

I.C. Fall Festival is Sunday, October 2, 2022 serving Ham & Roast Beef dinner with all the fixings!

## **+ St. Peter +**

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Hunter Shultz and Brenda Avila who were married at St. Peter, New Haven on Saturday, August 13.

**New 9-8-8 Mental Health Crisis Hotline**



**1. Now Available Nationwide**-People experiencing a mental health crisis **can simply call or text 9-8-8**. A nationwide crisis hotline offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. That could include thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

**2. Catholic Charities** has expanded their counseling staff with licensed mental health counselors. Available in-person or via telehealth for adults, children, couples, and families. Call **800.772.2758** for more information on Counseling Services at Catholic Charities or call for an appointment at **563-588-0588**.

**Calendar Events**

**+ Knights of Columbus +**



**KC Pancake Breakfast at Lake Hendricks**

Knights of Columbus Council #11952  
Will be serving a pancake breakfast:  
**Sun., September 4th from 8 AM - Noon**  
**At Lake Hendricks, Riceville**



Proceeds to Benefit Riceville and New Haven Communities

**Marriage Encounter**

Upcoming dates are, September 9 - 11 in Dubuque  
For more information or to register, contact Greg and Denise at (563)920-9419 or email at **drubner9419@gmail.com**.

**Save the Date - Catholic Conference**

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference, September 24-25, 2022, Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines. One featured speaker will be Keith Nester. He is a former Protestant preacher who became a devout Catholic in 2017. He tells of his amazing transformation. You may buy tickets on-line or order Live Streaming. Contact Jeanne Watts at 641-985-2031.

**PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS  
TAUGHT  
SAVED

NARROW  
LOCKS  
KNOCK

DOOR  
FEAST  
KINGDOM

J U E S W A O N I H W  
A K N O C K Y S O J E  
R I U A L F E A S T M  
H N E T N A U V G A H  
T G P L A I T E H U T  
W D O O R N S D A G N  
I O V L R A L G E H S  
S M E N O S O K D T H  
H L O R W D C A R O E  
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**MISSION**

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.



**Calendar Events**

**44th Annual Czech Days in Protivin**

August 19, 20 & 21

**Saturday, Aug. 20 - 6:00 PM - Czech Mass with Czech Choir**

**Sunday, Aug. 21 - 10:30 AM - Polka Mass with "Jim Busta Band & Molly B"**

Softball, Volleyball & Bean Bag Tournaments, Music throughout the weekend, kid's inflatables, tractor pedal pull, Parish Quilt Raffle, Auction & more  
**Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Kolaches, Rolicky, Creamed Chicken and much, much more!**

**The American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Riceville at the RAC, at the school on August 24 from 12-6. For appointments call Darlene Seidel (641-220-3788) Give the Gift of Life!!!!

**Financial Stewardship**

August 13/14

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**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

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Act of Kindness 53.00  
On-Line Giving 145.00

**St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)**

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On-Line Giving 95.00

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