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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!



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VIGILANT

**"Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant
on his arrival. Amen, I say to you,
he will gird himself, have them
recline at table, and proceed to
wait on them." - Lk 12:37**

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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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I'm glad to report that the Courage conference I attended last weekend was a great success and experience. Even if I was almost late for the opening Mass on Thursday afternoon because of seemingly countless road construction delays and detours on the way into Mundelein (no frustrations there at all, of course....), it was a real joy to be there. We heard many interesting talks; for example, "Why I Hate Forgiveness"--that sure got everyone's attention! But it was very good, and I hope to share with you some of the highlights from that and other talks in coming weeks and months. In addition to the talks, we had Mass every day. We priests who attended were able to concelebrate those Masses, and I offered my Sunday Mass for all of you and your loved ones. There was also opportunity for confessions and Eucharistic adoration--in fact, the whole weekend was a sort of combination of conference and retreat. I'm grateful for the chance to attend, and I thank Fr. Dan Knipper very much for his help while I was away. Finally...it's good to be back home again!
2. A few reminders:
 - monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour of adoration will be at Lourdes this Tuesday, August 9--exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 p.m. with Benediction at 6 p.m. I'll be available for confessions during that hour
 - our monthly viewing of "The Chosen" will be coming up on Sunday, August 21, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Elma church hall. It will be at 1:30 instead of our previous time of 2:00 because of a Sunday evening commitment I have in Cedar Rapids
3. From the Catholic Charities office in Dubuque comes this note: People experiencing a mental health crisis have a new way to reach out for help. They can simply call or text 9-8-8. This 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.

While not a crisis counseling center, Catholic Charities offers professional mental health counseling across the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Counseling is 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.

~Fr. Kopacek



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**.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 8

Monday, August 8

St. Dominic - Ez 1:2-5, 24-28/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Mt 17:22-27

8:00 AM (Elma) + Francis Dietrich

Tuesday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta - Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

8:00 AM (Elma) + Deceased Members of the Fangman Family

Wednesday, August 10

St. Lawrence - 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

8:00 AM (Elma) + Berenice Freidhof

Thursday, August 11

St. Clare - Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Care Center + Fr. Fred Fangmann

Friday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal - Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12

8:00 AM (Elma) + Charles & Gertrude Lentz

Saturday, August 13

Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Clarence & Mildred Shatek

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, August 14

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

7:15 AM (Elma) + Merle McGrane

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Dean Brynes

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

Cluster Mass & Social - Save The Date

The Parish Cluster Picnic sponsored by the Parish Life Committee will be on Sun., August 28 in Riceville at Lake Hendricks shelter house. Please plan to attend for good food and fellowship.

Mass Schedule on August 28

7:15 AM - Elma

9:00 AM - New Haven

10:45 AM - Riceville



2022-2023 Cluster Religious Education News

Parents of new students or first graders need to call their respective DREs or call the cluster office to register their child for religious education this fall. Please call as soon as possible.

Chad Buckley (515-290-5867) - Elma, AV or OLL

Debbie Oulman (641-985-2791) - Riceville

Meg Schutjer (641-713-3366) - New Haven

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of August 13/14. New Haven's collection will be taken on August 21. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Our Lady of Lourdes - Howard County First Responders; Elma, I.C. - Howard County First Responders; Riceville - Relay for Life; St. Peter - Relay For Life.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

August 6 - Mildred Brus

August 13 - Mary McAvoy

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

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

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Religious Education News

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

Helping Services - Office | 563-387-1720

Youth Mentoring at Helping Services needs your assistance. We serve area youth and families in your community ages 6-16 by providing them with an adult role model to be their mentor. For more info. email mentoring@helpingservices.org or Call 563-387-1720.

MEETINGS

Tues., September 13 - Liturgy Meeting at 6:30 PM

Meeting is in the I.C., Elma Church basement.



Eucharistic Holy Hour - Tues., August 9 at Lourdes 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.

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

Next showing of **The Chosen** will be on Sun., August 21 at 1:30 PM in the Elma church basement.

Young Adult Discussion Group

- August 14th



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

ready master home
lamps night thief
servants morning coming

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hmeo _____
nithg _____
srevnast _____
thefi _____
mronnig _____
msatre _____
lmasp _____

MISSION

Every day I will read, pray, and listen to things that make God happy.



Calendar Events

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.

St. Mary's Reunion, Queen of Peace-Waterloo

Please join us as we gather to celebrate the cherished memories of our past. A St. Mary's Parish/School Farewell Reunion on Sun., Oct. 9, 2022. Mass at Queen of Peace Church at 1:00 p.m., followed by a reunion at the Electric Park Ballroom from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Penny Bazaar, Maidrite lunch with Cash Bar. Cost \$10 per person. For more information, contact Sally (Blitsch) Kelly phred76@hotmail.com or call/text 319-429-5858.

Calendar Events

Assumption Parish, Little Turkey Annual Dinner

August 15th

3:00 PM - Mass

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 - 8:00 PM - 3 piece Chicken Dinner, Real Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Homemade Dressing, Corn, Coleslaw, Kolache and Cookie

Cost: \$15.00 per meal

Outdoor Dining, Carry-Outs or Drive-Thru

Other activities: Live Music, Games, Bingo, Kolache Sales, Raffle and Facebook Auction.

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, Rolicy, Creamed Chicken and much, much more!

Financial Stewardship

July 30/31

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$370.00
Offertory	197.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	785.00
Offertory	16.00
On-Line Giving	160.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	52.00
On-Line Giving	202.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	538.00
Offertory	189.00
On-Line Giving	100.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget	235.00
Offertory	55.00
On-Line Giving	105.00

#17 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHY IS IT THAT SOME PEOPLE WILL PUT THEIR FAITH IN A TOTAL STRANGER'S DIRECTIONS...



...BUT NOT IN GOD'S?

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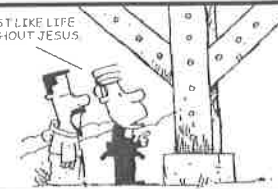
#17 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEY RAN OUT OF MONEY BEFORE THIS WAS FINISHED THEY CALL IT "THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE"

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