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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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## Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday & Friday

Staffed: Tuesday - Thursday 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!

**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Lk 17:5-6

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass - 2001, 1998, 1970-2000

## 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. Have you ever thought about joining the Catholic Church or are curious about what the Church believes and why? If you are already Catholic, do you know someone who may be interested--perhaps your spouse or other family member, relative, in-law or friend? Or have you ever asked them if they have ever thought about joining the Church or learning more about the Catholic faith? It often happens that a simple, friendly invitation like that is all it takes for someone to take the next step forward. If either of these situations is true for you or someone you know, please contact me--I'd be more than happy to visit with you about what that would involve.

2. I recently read a really excellent reflection on the gospel story in which Jesus healed the woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years (Matt. 9:20--22). The author reflects on what a difficult situation that must have been for the poor woman and how desperate she must have felt over the years, and then continues:

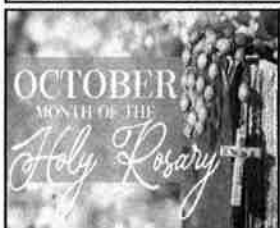
*"Lest we think we have nothing in common with this woman's predicament, we 100% do because while her circumstances were specific, the theme is universal. Desperation leads us to Jesus. God allows difficult things for exactly as long as they're needed in order to drive us to Him; to strip us of our dependence on ourselves and other people so that we'll fully depend on Him; to learn that nothing and no one can do for us what He can do for us; and to prepare us for what He knows is coming around the bend."*

No doubt about it: this is a tough lesson. But it's a necessary one--the truth is that none of us are completely self-sufficient. Because of our frail and broken human nature, there's no way we can be. That's why God allows (not 'causes', but 'allows') us to experience our need, our emptiness without him: to remind us of our utter need for him and his great desire to fill us with the grace and strength we need to keep hanging in there with the good fight.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" This true story comes from the new issue of "Our Iowa" magazine: "My sister-in-law was newly married and made potato salad from a cookbook. It said to cook and peel potatoes and mix well with six eggs, onions and salad dressing. When her husband tasted the salad, he asked, 'why is this so slimy?' She hadn't cooked the eggs!":

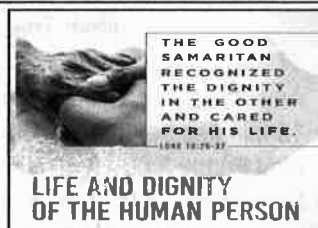
If the thought of slimy, unboiled-egg potato salad makes you cringe a little (or a lot), join the club....

~ Fr. Kopacek



### The Mysteries of the Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries (Monday, Saturday)  
 The Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)  
 The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday, Friday)  
 The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday, Wednesday)



**"The Chosen" - DVD Series on the Life of Jesus**  
 Next showing of The Chosen, to be determined.

### Young Adult Discussion Group

Young Adult discussion group for The Chosen will NOT meet in October.



### Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Tues., October 11 at Riceville from 5 - 6 PM.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:00 PM, closing 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 Durman, 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 October 3

### Monday, October 3

Weekday - Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37

8:00 AM (Elma) + Eleanor Burke

### Tuesday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi - Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42

8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Ann Odle

### Wednesday, October 5

St. Faustina Kowalska - Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4

8:00 AM (Elma) + Arlene Klobassa

### Thursday, October 6

St. Bruno - Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70-75/Lk 11:5-13

Care Center + Keith & Avis Roethler

### Friday, October 7

First Friday/Our Lady of the Rosary-Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26

8:00 AM (Elma) + Fay & Berenice Freidhof

### Saturday, October 8

Vigil of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps

98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Joe & Shirley Praska

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

### Sunday, October 9

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2

Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Donald & Doris Adams

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Bob Slaughter

## Cluster Office Closed

The Cluster office will be closed Friday, October 7.

## Cluster Parish Life Meeting for Everyone



**Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 PM  
in the Elma IC church basement**

The Holy Rosary Cluster Parish Life Committee Invites members from all of our Cluster parishes to attend this meeting.

Our parishes need members with fresh ideas to build and strengthen the community of our parishes and to foster a sense of belonging for all parishioners. Please consider investing your time and talent to grow and expand social and outreach activities in our parishes.

## Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of October 8/9. Elma's collection will be taken on October 16. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - Alta Vista Public Library; Our Lady of Lourdes & Elma, I.C. - Howard Co. Food Bank; Riceville - Catholic Charities Prison Ministry; St. Peter - Riceville Public Library.

## Those Interested in the Word of God

The Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers is available for purchase through the Cluster for \$14.00. If interested call the cluster office (393-2520) by November 1. Please make check payable to your parish.



## Volunteers Needed for Riceville Food Pantry

The Holy Rosary Cluster is responsible for staffing the Food Pantry in Riceville for the months of October and November. Adults and students in 6th-12th grades are welcome to help.

**Volunteers are needed** Wed., October 5 and 19 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM and Tues., October 11 and 25 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. If you can only work one hour we appreciate it. Similar hours for November will be posted later.

The pantry is on Woodland next to the hardware store parking lot. For more information **contact Ellen Grady-Mans at 641-985-2254.**

Donations are also appreciated since the need for the pantry has continued to grow.



## MEETINGS

**Thurs., October 6 - Parish Life Mtg at 6:00 PM**

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



**Drive Thru Meal Fall Festival  
Immaculate Conception, Riceville  
Sunday, October 2**



**9:00 AM - Mass**

**10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Drive Thru Meal (or until gone)**

**Cost: \$15.00**

**Serving:** Roast Beef/Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Fresh Sweet Corn, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit, Pie and Milk

**Car Line-Up:** please enter on Second Street on the East end of town - Turn on Oak St. between Terry's Auto Shop and Dollar General, then turn onto E 2nd St.

### Quilt Raffle & Cash Raffle

**Cash Raffle: (4 - \$50 and 2 - \$100 winners)**

**(2 - \$50 10th Hole Restaurant (Riceville) Gift Cards)**

**+ St. Bernard +**

## Vocation Crucifix

October 1 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

October 8 - LouAnn & John Huegel

**+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +**

**Thank You**

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Waffle Breakfast in anyway to make it a great success.

**Calvary Cemetery News**

Calvary Cemetery in Elma will be increasing the cost of graves effective October 15, 2022. If you would like to purchase a grave or for more information contact the cluster office.

**+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

**Congratulations**

We congratulate Jonathan & Emily Kraus on the occasion of the baptism of their son Knox David. Knox was baptized on September 25. Please welcome and pray for Knox David as he begins his new life in the Church.

**First Friday Confessions**

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, October 7 from 4:00 – 4:40 PM at Immaculate Conception in Riceville.

**+ St. Peter +**

**First Friday Confessions**

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, October 7 from 3:00 – 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

**Liturgical Minister Lists Available**

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Mass Server, Rosary Leader or Song Leader, a schedule is available in the back of church for you to take home.

**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

KC Council #11952 will have their annual Tootsie Roll drive following the 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Masses in Riceville and New Haven on October 9th.

**Continue Aid for Ukraine**

**War rages on in Ukraine.** Folks continue to **live in fear** of what the next day may bring. Many remain **without homes or jobs**. \*You can provide a bit of hope by partnering with the Pope's Missions to supply housing, medical care and loving support. <https://www.missio.org/> Go to the website and Click on: In Solidarity With Ukraine to make a donation.



**Calendar Events**

**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**

KC Council #4144 will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 PM in the American Legion room at the Elma Memorial Hall.

**Calendar Events**

**2022 ACCW Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, October 8; 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Divine Word College in Epworth**

Theme is: "Wide Open hearts" - empowering single pregnant mothers to be independent in faith and dignity to provide for themselves and their baby.

The day also includes Holy Mass, a lunch, a ACCW business meeting to elect new officers, a silent auction, door prizes and displays. To register go to <https://dbqarch.org/accw-events>. or contact Joanne Pohland at [dbqaccw@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqaccw@dbqarch.org).

**Rosary Rally, October 15th**

A rosary rally will be held on Saturday, October 15 at Notre Dame Church in Cresco at 12:00 (Noon). In case of a funeral the rosary will be held at the Norb & Mary Gansen home in Cresco. For more information call 563-547-5495. We need God and the rosary more than ever, please join us to pray for a healing nation.



**Financial Stewardship**

**September 24/25**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Budget Envelopes	\$720.00
Offertory	92.00
On-Line Giving	205.00

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

Budget Envelopes	260.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma**

Budget Envelopes	1,340.00
Offertory	45.00
On-Line Giving	50.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes	805.00
Offertory	55.00
On-Line Giving	50.00

**St. Peter - New Haven**

Budget	320.00
Offertory	75.00
On-Line Giving	595.00

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