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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!

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REPENT

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b

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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. Quick reminder: our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour is this Tuesday, September 13, at St. Bernard's in Alta Vista. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 5 p.m. with Benediction at 6 p.m. I'll be available for confessions during that hour.

2. Between August 16 and 25 each of the five cluster parishes held joint meetings of the parish pastoral and finance councils. One of the main purposes, as I indicated before, was to get back on track with our council meetings. And within that overall purpose was discussion about membership on those councils--how long have current members served, who is willing to continue to serve, and who would like to step down. As a reminder: finance council members are appointed by the pastor. I'm very grateful for the long and generous service of those members, and for their willingness to continue serving in that capacity.

The pastoral council members, on the other hand, are elected by the members of their respective parishes. Most if not all of those members have also served many years; my sincere thanks go to every one of them as well. A number of those members have expressed their desire to step down, and so that means that we will be having elections in each of the five parishes for new members of these councils. The plan is to have those elections sometime in late winter/early spring of 2023.

Further details (e.g. specific dates, election procedures, how many positions need to be filled on each parish's council) will be forthcoming. For now, however, I want to encourage all of you to think and pray about who you would like to see on your parish's pastoral council...or even if you yourself would be willing to do so. Reminders:

According to parish constitution by-laws, pastoral council members are elected for a three-year term, and would be eligible (not required!) to run for a second term.

If you are concerned about committing to a lot of meetings, fear not: the pastoral councils will meet only twice a year. Emergency or immediate-need situations, of course, may require getting together for those purposes.

It is often a challenge to 'recruit' parishioners to run for council membership, and I certainly understand the busy lives and full schedules we all have. And the challenge is even more so in our rural, low-population areas and small parishes. But as I also reminded you earlier, the archdiocesan pastoral planning process will be looking at the vitality and viability of all our parishes. One important factor (among others) in that process is the willingness of parish members to serve in parish leadership--including the pastoral council. A lack of persons willing to serve in that way in any given parish would certainly not be a favorable indicator to the Archbishop of that parish's long-term viability.

Again: please pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know who to approach about serving on your parish's pastoral council...and if the Holy Spirit might in fact be prompting you to do so--whether you have already served on the council or not. ~Fr. Kopacek

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

Next showing of The Chosen, Sun., September 18 at 1:30 PM in the Elma church basement.

Young Adult Discussion Group

Young Adult discussion group for The Chosen will meet on Sunday, September 11.



Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tues., September 13 at Alta Vista 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 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 September 12

Monday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary - 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

8:00 AM (St. Elma) + Fr. Jack Paisley

Tuesday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom - 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17

8:00 AM (Elma) + Sister Mary Smith

Wednesday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

8:00 AM (Elma) + Elsie Ludwig

Thursday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows - 1Cor 15:1-11/Ps118:1-2,16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27
Care Center + Darell Duryee, Art & Rose Boehmer

Friday, September 16

St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian - 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3

8:00 AM (Elma) + Norbert Burke

Saturday, September 17

Vigil of Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Deceased Members of the Louis Praska family

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Dean Folkers

Sunday, September 18

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

7:15 AM (Elma) + Deanne Palmersheim Webb

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA, or recently graduated from high school/college, we encourage you to register at one of our cluster parishes. We would like to get to know you and show you how you can become an active member of our parish. Call the office at 641-393-2520. You can complete the below information. Circle the parish you wish to join. Mail to our parish office Holy Rosary Cluster, 203 7th St., Elma, IA 50628 or place it in the offering basket. Thank You.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Lourdes

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MEETINGS

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

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

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

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



Dad's Belgian Waffles All You Care To Eat Waffles!

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Immaculate Conception Church, Elma basement

(Elevator Available)

207 - 7th St, Elma, IA

Adults/\$10.00, Children (6-10)/\$5.00

5 and under/Free

Carry-Outs Available



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

September 10 - Bev & Dick White

September 17 - Donna & Joe Zweibohmer

Mount Calvary Cemetery News

Mount Calvary Cemetery in Alta Vista will be increasing the cost of graves effective October 1, 2022. If you would like to purchase a grave or for more information contact the cluster office.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Reminder - Turn in Money for Waffle Tickets

I.C. Elma parishioners please give any Dad's Belgian Waffle money from sold tickets or unused tickets to any of the Rosary Society Officers by **September 15th.** Officers are: Tina Roethler, Callie Weigel, Mary Jo Friedrich or Teresa Klobassa. Thank You!

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Religious Education News

1. 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.

2. Parents may pick up 2022-2023 Religious Ed. Handbooks in the main entryway of the church.

Save The Date

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

Honoring Longest Married Couples

Do you have relatives or friends who were married 60, 70, or 80 years ago. Please nominate them or yourselves by September 15th for the Longest Married Couple Search, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Go to www.me.org to find the link or call 321-544-3440. If you have any questions, contact Lyle and Lynn Ries at 641-364-5201.



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School Tuition Organization

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Join a nationwide effort to establish a "Walking with Moms" outreach ministry at your parish. To learn more go to

<https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/about>.

Calendar Events

Notre Dame School, Cresco

51st Fair Day, Saturday, September 10th
4:30 - 8:30 PM

Custom made sausage and turkey dinner,
serving from 4:30-7:00 PM.

At the Door: Adults/\$13; 10 & Under/\$7

Advance tickets are: Adults/\$11; 10 & Under/\$6 and can be purchased at CUSB-Cresco, Cresco Bank & Trust, Sterling Drug and The Ox & Wren Fun and Games for Everyone!

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

KC Council #4144 will have their annual Tootsie Roll drive following the 4 PM, 6 PM and 7:15 AM Masses on September 17th & 18th. Proceeds will benefit Comprehensive Systems, Inc.



Drive-Thru Pork Loin Sandwich Supper

Visitation Catholic Church, 604 N. Broad St., Stacyville, Iowa invites you to their Drive-Thru Pork Loin Sandwich Supper.

Sunday, September 18, 2022, serving from 4 - 6 PM.
Menu: Pork Loin Sandwich, BBQ Baked Beans, Chips, Cookie, Water or Milk; Free Will Offering.

Save the Date - Catholic Conference

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference, September 24-25, 2022, Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines. One of the featured speakers will be Tim Jameson. Having been encouraged by our Lord, Tim helps others discern the Father's voice and engage the Faith everyday. Tickets may be purchased on-line at christourlifeiowa.com. Or order tickets for Live Streaming in your own home. Contact Jeanne Watts at 641-985-2031 for more information.



Stewardship

"For it is in giving that we receive." ~St. Francis of Assisi

Weekly Collection

Due to an early bulletin deadline of September 2nd, the bulletin had to be submitted early, the financial stewardship for September 3/4 will be in the next bulletin.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FATHER, MY SON IS HANGING OUT WITH DRUNKS, PARTY ANIMALS AND GENERALLY DISREPUTABLE PEOPLE.



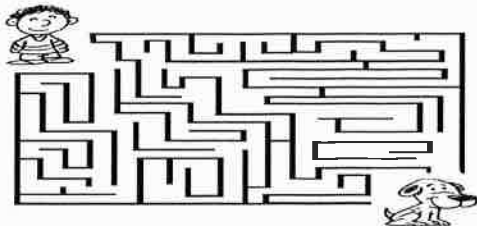
YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE THE BLESSED MOTHER...



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PUZZLE

Help the lady get to the dog.



MISSION

When you go, and help to pray, at school, invite for someone who is alone. Offer to be a friend and play together.

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