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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

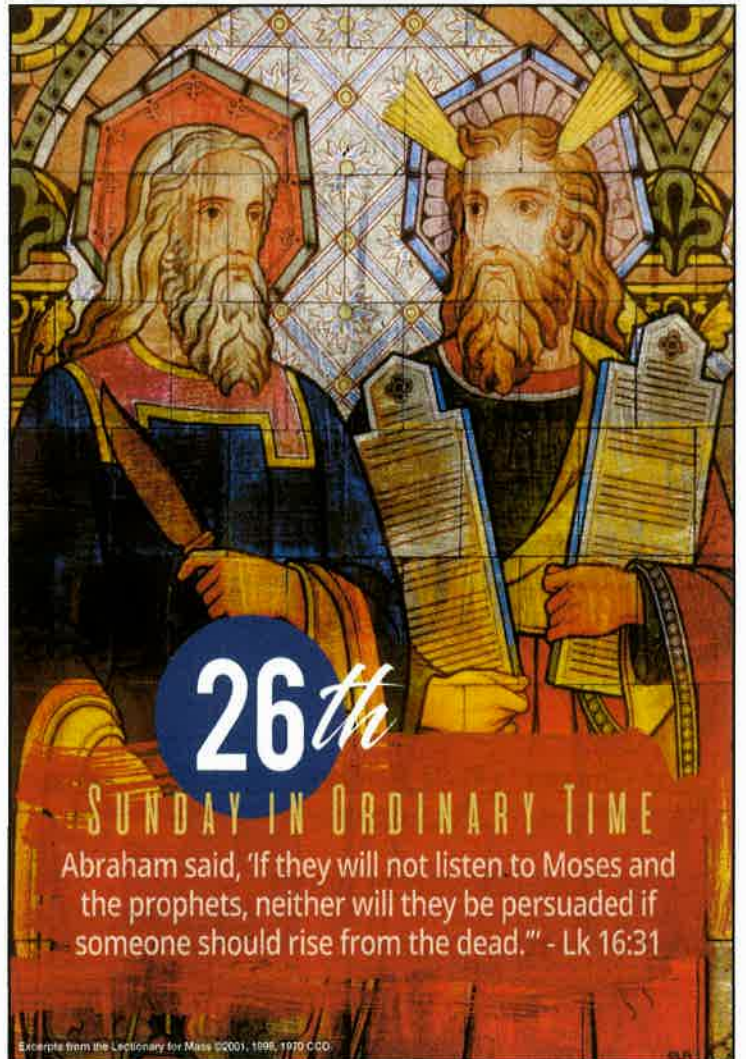
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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!



## 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.

September 25, 2022

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I share with you the sad news of the death of another of our retired priests: Msgr. Walter ('Wally') Brunkan died in Greene on September 15 at the age of 92. Msgr. Brunkan was born in Dyersville on August 5, 1930, did his college and seminary studies in Dubuque and was ordained to the priesthood in 1956. He served as associate pastor at Immaculate Conception in Charles City for three years, and then in 1959 became assistant principal at Columbus High School in Waterloo. In 1968 he became principal at Columbus and served there until 1991 when he became pastor of the parishes in Greene, Allison, Roseville and Rockford. He retired in 2019.

Msgr. Brunkan was highly respected and deeply loved by all for his kindness, his genuine holiness, and his profound love for and dedication to Jesus and to his Church. May he rest forever in the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

2. I recently read an excellent article in the Sept./Oct. 2022 issue of Catholic Answers magazine by Bishop James Wall of the Diocese of Gallup (New Mexico). He wrote about the Eucharist in which he also reflected on the mystery of the Incarnation--the truth of our faith that Jesus, God the Son, took on our human nature and was like us in all things except sin. What follows is an excerpt from that article:

*"Why did God become man?... This question should arise in the heart of every believer, because by asking it one is forced to wrestle with the almost incredible truth that God is one of us; that in his Incarnate Son, God chose to humble himself to be like us, to live with us, to have needs, and even to undergo temptations, suffering, and death. The more one meditates on these facts and passages, the more he is forced to recognize the 'marvelous exchange' that takes place in Christ: the Creator becomes a creature so as to show creatures the way back to the Creator" (citations omitted; emphasis added).*

This is truly amazing and incomprehensible! God became one of us in the person of Jesus, so that we could be truly and fully reconciled with God. And what's more--and this is the main theme of Bishop Wall's article--that God-man Jesus Christ makes himself available to us in the Holy Eucharist. He invites us to (literally!) feed on his Body and Blood under the mere outward appearance of bread and wine. By receiving the Lord Jesus into our bodies, he enables us to become more like him and more closely united with him. The Eucharist is truly the ultimate in having a personal relationship with Jesus: by him we are fed and nourished and further strengthened for our daily, ongoing journey to eternal joy in his kingdom. How can we possibly take this astonishing gift for granted? How can we not be grateful for this immense grace?!

~ Fr. Kopacek

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

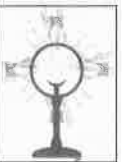
### Young Adult Discussion Group

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 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 26

### Monday, September 26

St. Cosmas & St. Damian - Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Elsie Davis

### Tuesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul - Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56  
8:00 AM (Elma) + William Hilbert

### Wednesday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus - Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Russ O'Donnell

### Thursday, September 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Dan 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51  
Care Center + Fr. Jack Paisley

### Friday, September 30

St. Jerome - Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14/Lk 10:13-16  
8:00 AM (Elma) + Bob Voves

### Saturday, October 1

Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Joan Marcatante

### Sunday, September 25

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

7:15 AM (Elma) + Norbert Burke

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Tom Mans

10:45 AM (New Haven) + For the People



**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 from 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)**

## MEETINGS

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

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

### 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.



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

#### Thank You!

The IC-Elma Rosary Society would like to thank all of the parishioners for their generous support. A great number of people came to set up, serve and clean up after the waffle breakfast. It's so fun to bring so many people together-young and old alike.

#### Liturgical Schedule

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

#### 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.

### **+ St. Bernard +**

#### Vocation Crucifix

September 24 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

October 1 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

#### 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.

### **+ St. Peter +**

#### 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.

## What is STO?

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## 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**. All are adapting to what they have lost: loved ones, freedoms and many possessions.



\*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 Donations can be made on-line.

\*\$50 helps Sisters reach out to families; \$150 helps priests visit the sick and dying; \$500 helps efforts to provide first aid and shelter.

## GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLES

### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 16:19-31

## Calendar Events

### Mass For Mental Illness

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids  
Sunday, October 2 at 12:00 PM (Noon)

Anyone who experiences mental illness, their families, friends, caregivers and mental health care providers are welcome. Reception, Brief Presentation and Fellowship following Mass

## 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/events-1> or contact Joanne Pohland at [dbqaccw@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqaccw@dbqarch.org).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy some time away. For more information call: (563)608-3305. Our upcoming weekend is November 18-20 in Holstein, Iowa and check out 2023 dates to come on [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

## Financial Stewardship

September 17/18

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$150.00
Offertory	85.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

### St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	145.00
Offertory	40.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

### Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	407.00
Offertory	85.01
On-Line Giving	85.00

### Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	1,125.00
Act of Kindness	193.00
On-Line Giving	90.00

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

Budget	150.00
On-Line Giving	595.00

26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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