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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

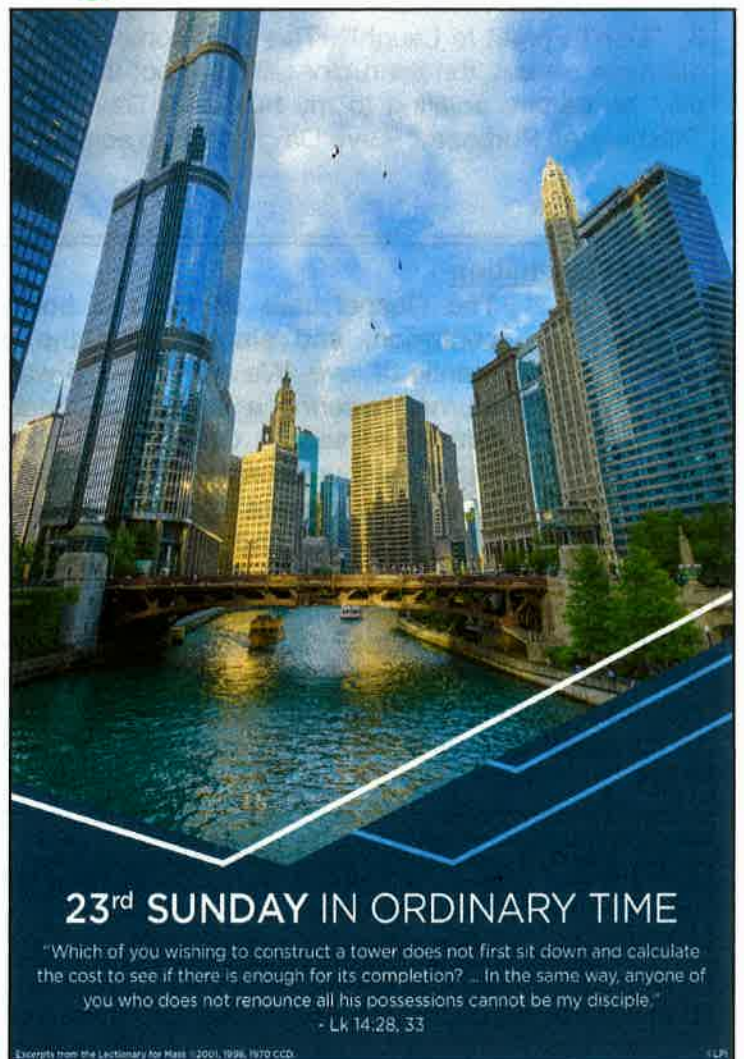
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

- Lk 14:28, 33

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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.

September 4, 2022

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our **cluster picnic** last Sunday such a great success! As you know, the original plan was to have the picnic at Lake Hendricks in Riceville. But the rain we all had on Saturday (Aug. 27) and the forecast for more rain on Sunday morning led to the (wise!) decision to move the meal to the church hall in Riceville. It was good to see so many of our cluster parishioners and families there from all five of our parishes. And who can deny that burgers and brats off the grill are among God's tastiest gifts to us?! Very well done, one and all; again, thank you so much.
2. Howard County Community Hospice will once again be offering a Grief Support Group this fall for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The group is tentatively set to meet at the Kessel Lodge in Cresco 6:00-7:45 p.m. on Mondays beginning September 26 and concluding on November 21. Registration is free and open to the public. Registration is required; please do so by Wednesday, September 21. For further information, contact Brecka Putnam at the Hospice office at 563-547-2989, or by email at breaka.putnam@avera.org.
3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" This gem comes from another Reader's Digest collection: 'On the first day of our marriage retreat, the instructor talked about the importance of knowing what matters to each other. 'For example,' he began, pointing to my husband, David, 'do you know your wife's favorite flower?' David answered, 'Pillsbury All Purpose.'" Give David some credit-- at least he noticed the brand of flour his wife uses!

~Fr. Kopacek

Gospel Meditation



The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of

Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

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"WE MUST SPEAK TO THEM WITH OUR HANDS BY GIVING, BEFORE WE TRY TO SPEAK TO THEM WITH OUR LIPS."

St. Peter Claver



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



Next showing will be on **Sun., September 18 at 1:30 PM** in the Elma church basement.

Young Adult Discussion Group

This group for ***The Chosen*** will meet **Sun., Sept. 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 Durnan, 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 5

Monday, September 5

Labor Day - 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

8:00 AM (Elma) + Bille Kobliska

Tuesday, September 6

Weekday - 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19

8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Gansen Finley

Wednesday, September 7

Weekday - 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26

8:00 AM (Elma) + Joe & Margaret McGrane

Thursday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mi 5:1-4/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-23
Care Center + Willie & Lillian Chihak

Friday, September 9

St. Peter Claver - 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

8:00 AM (Elma) + Frank Goodale

Saturday, September 10

Vigil of Twenty-Four Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Fay & Berenice Freidhof

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Lois McAvoy

Sunday, September 11

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + NO MASS

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Wade Machin

MEETINGS

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

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of September 10/11. Riceville's collection will be taken on September 18. Designated charity this month is: St. Bernard - Birthright of Black Hawk County; Our Lady of Lourdes - Birthright of Black Hawk County; Elma, I.C. - Birthright of Black Hawk County; Riceville - Birthright of Black Hawk County; St. Peter - Birthright of Black Hawk County.

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.

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

September 3 - Monica Marvin

September 10 - Bev & Dick White

Rosary Society News

St. Bernard's Rosary Society meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM at the Alta Vista Library.

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 +



Save the Date:

Belgian Waffle Breakfast-Sunday,
September 18 - Elma Church Hall.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Congratulations

We congratulate Joe Wallace and Kallie Green on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Jori Rose. Jori was baptized on August 28. Please welcome and pray for Jori Rose as she begins her new life in the Church.

Religious Education News

1. I.C. Riceville will need catechists for the 2022-2023 CCD year for grades 7, 8, and 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 Sunday, October 2, 2022 serving Ham & Roast Beef dinner with all the fixings!



What is STO?

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Organization. It is a not-for-profit that provides financial support to families seeking a non-public school education. Your contributions provide you with a 75% Iowa income tax credit while helping Catholic school families. To donate or pledge for 2022, please visit: OurFaithSTO.org or contact Deacon Brian Zeman-Our Faith STO Director at 563-556-2580 ext. 296.

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**.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

DISCIPLE	WIFE	SISTER
FATHER	CHILDREN	LIFE
MOTHER	BROTHER	CROSS

C	R	O	S	S	U	L	I	F	E
P	S	D	N	O	F	Y	W	A	N
T	W	I	F	E	B	U	I	T	L
M	D	S	A	S	T	O	W	H	R
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E	U	L	W	E	L	D	W	N	T
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MISSION

Say a special prayer to God today. Thank him for your family, your friends, and for all the things God has given you to enjoy.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEING A CHRISTIAN DEMANDS SELF-DISCIPLINE AND SACRIFICE!

I DON'T RECALL MY MOMMY SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT THAT BEFORE I WAS BAPTIZED.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF YOU'RE GOING TO SKYDIVE, YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN HANDLE IT BEFORE YOU JUMP.

THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT THEY TOLD US IN SEMINARY.

Calendar Events

+ Knights of Columbus +

KC Pancake Breakfast at Lake Hendricks



Knights of Columbus Council #11952 Will be serving a pancake breakfast, **Sunday, September 4 from 8 AM-Noon At Lake Hendricks, Riceville.** Proceeds to Benefit Riceville and New Haven Communities.

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Meeting

KC Council #4144 will have a meeting on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 PM in the Elma American Legion room.



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.

Financial Stewardship

August 27/28

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