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Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday

Staffed: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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

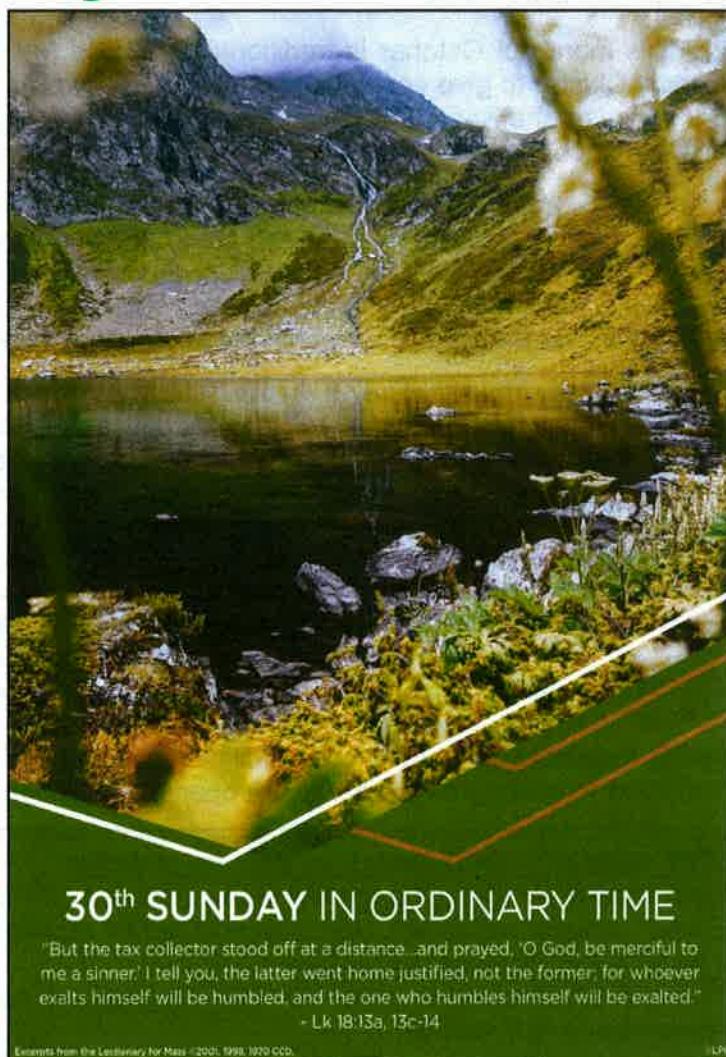
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to
me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever
exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
- Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC)

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.

October 23, 2022

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I want to give you a bit of a medical update. I've told you before that the yearly check-ups after my surgeries in 2018 have gone very well--no new growths on my kidneys--and that continues to be the case. After my annual physical in April, my doctor told me that my PSA (prostate) numbers had gone up a bit. Further blood work in July showed more of an increase, and so a biopsy was done last month--the results of which show that I have prostate cancer. I will soon be scheduling a bone scan and a CAT scan to see whether or not the cancer is contained in the prostate. The results of those scans will then help determine what the next step will be; at this point, radiation or surgery (removal of the prostate) appear to be the main options.

I want to assure you that I feel very well and, as I told the archbishop, I have every intention of remaining here at Holy Rosary Cluster--and he is just fine with that! The love and the grace of God are amazingly powerful; I think we have all come to know and experience that in so many ways. I won't say this diagnosis is the best news I've ever heard, but I'm very glad to know about it so as to figure out the next steps. I will keep you fully informed through this whole process; I would very much appreciate your prayers. And I continue to pray daily for all of you and all your loved ones.

2. This month of October is traditionally devoted to the Rosary, and it is especially fitting for us here in Holy Rosary Cluster to give special attention to this powerful prayer. In 2002 Pope St. John Paul II issued a beautiful document on the Rosary, a prayer for which he had a special devotion. It was in this letter that he introduced the Five Luminous Mysteries (the mysteries of light) that focus on major events of Jesus' public life and ministry.

In this letter, the pope had this to say about the "Hail Mary" which is repeated throughout the Rosary:
"The center of gravity in the *Hail Mary*, the hinge as it were which joins its two parts, is *the name of Jesus*. Sometimes, in hurried recitation, this center of gravity can be overlooked, and with it the connection to the mystery of Christ being contemplated. Yet it is precisely the emphasis given to the name of Jesus and to his mystery that is the sign of a meaningful and fruitful recitation of the Rosary."

That is a really important point. In the "Hail Mary" we are indeed addressing Mary; we echo the words spoken to her both by the Archangel Gabriel and her cousin Elizabeth. But we join the latter in saying "...and blessed is the fruit of thy womb: Jesus." Mary is blessed because God blessed her in wonderfully powerful ways. And God did so precisely to prepare her for bringing his Son and our Savior into the world for us. Jesus truly is at the heart, the center of the "Hail Mary". The more we remember that, the more fruitful will be our praying the Rosary and reflecting with gratitude on its mysteries. ~ Fr. Kopacek



In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first *worldwide Mission Sunday* collection taking place in October 1927. Over 1,100 mission dioceses receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected! The needs of the Catholic Church in mission dioceses continues to grow-- new dioceses are formed, new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and other long-suppressed areas are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church.

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

Next showing of *The Chosen* will be on TBD at 1:30 PM in the Elma IC church basement. Refreshments will be served.

Young Adult Discussion Group

Young Adult discussion group for *The Chosen* will be **November 6 at 7:00 PM.**



Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, Nov. 9 at New Haven 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, John 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




Change in Office Hours
The office hours will be from 9:00 AM - Noon, Tuesday - Friday until further notice.




All Saints Day Mass Schedule
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Mon., October 31 5:30 PM at New Haven
Tues., November 1 7:00 AM at Elma
5:30 PM at Riceville

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 to Remember the Deceased
The Nov. 1st, 5:30 PM Mass at Riceville will include remembering the deceased of our Cluster from this past year.



Mass Intentions Week of October 24

Monday, October 24
St. Anthony Mary Claret - Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17
8:00 AM (Elma) + Don Novak

Tuesday, October 25
Weekday - Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21
8:00 AM (Elma) + Jim Gansen

Wednesday, October 26
Weekday - Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30
8:00 AM (Elma) + Merle McGrane

Thursday, October 27
Weekday - Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Care Center + Msgr. Walter Brunkan


Friday, October 28
St. Simon & St. Jude - Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
8:00 AM (Elma) + Harold Thiele

Saturday, October 29
Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10
4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Gervase, Kathryn & David O'Brien
6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, October 30
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10
7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People
9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Living & Deceased Members of the Dave Meyer Family
10:45 AM (New Haven) + Ray Klaes

Parish Annual Reports
The 2021-2022 Parish Annual Reports are available in the entryway of your church. Information of parish leadership, financial stewardship and religious education are included.

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



Volunteers are needed Wednesday, November 2 and 16 from 4-6 PM and Tuesday, November 8 and 22 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. If you can only work one hour we appreciate it. 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. The need for the pantry has continued to grow.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix
October 23 - Lynn & Lyle Ries
October 29 - Suezen & Keith Glaser

Congratulations
Congratulations to James Rasing and Bethany Glaser who were married at St. Bernard, Alta Vista on Saturday, October 15.

+ Lourdes +

Rosary Society Meeting
Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30 PM in the church hall.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +


Thank You
St. Anne's Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who worked, donated or came to enjoy our Fall Festival meal.

Rosary Society News
St. Anne's Rosary Society meeting will be on Sun., November 6 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

MEETINGS

Thurs., November 17 - Social Justice at 6:30 PM
Tues., November 29 - Faith Formation at 6:30 PM
Meetings are in the I.C., Elma Church basement.

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.



+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

KC Council #4144 will have a Memorial Mass on Monday, November 7 at 6:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church in Elma.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is October 23. Envelopes will be available in the entryway of your church. You may pick one up and mail your donation to: Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003. **Make checks payable to: "Society for the Propagation of the Faith"**. Donations given for World Mission Sunday help support priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need around the world.

Gifts of Grain

IRS regulations require the farmer to:

- 1) inform the elevator that he/she is **gifting** the grain to their parish.
- 2) the farmer needs to sign a donation form to the elevator.
- 3) the elevator will complete the form and inform the parish office of the gift.
- 4) the parish will immediately tell the elevator to sell the grain and send proceeds to the parish.

At no time in this process can the farmer receive payment from the elevator for the grain; the grain must be gifted through the elevator to the parish. If you have any questions contact the cluster office at 641-393-2520.



Calendar Events

Sacred Heart Oratory-Meyer, Iowa

Drive-Thru Supper

Turkey & Pork Loin Supper

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Serving from 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Free Will Donation

Meal Includes: turkey, pork loin, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, sauerkraut and cookies



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.

Financial Stewardship

October 15/16

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$760.00
Offertory	81.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	160.00
Offertory	39.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	147.00
Act of Kindness	112.00
On-Line Giving	85.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	155.00
On-Line Giving	105.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	720.00
Offertory	83.00
On-Line Giving	95.00

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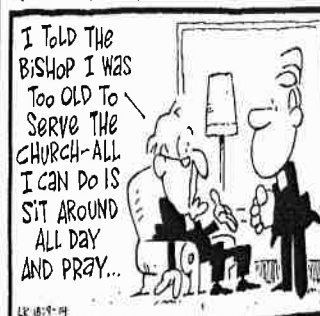
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 18:9-14

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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