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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. - 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

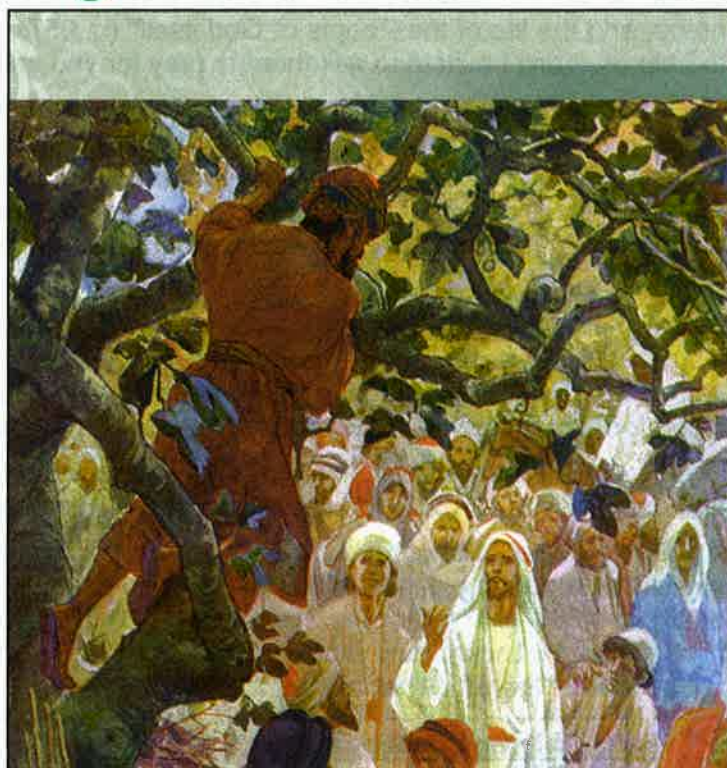
Lourdes - Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

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.



31st Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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.

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!



Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. First of all, a huge 'thank you' to all of you for all the prayers, good wishes, and support regarding my medical update last weekend--I am overwhelmed by your kindness, love and concern! And a special thanks to all of you men who have shared your own similar experiences with prostate cancer; that information is very much appreciated as well. As I also told you last weekend, I will keep you informed about what is happening and when. God's grace and peace to all of you always.

2. Please note elsewhere in this bulletin the Mass schedule for All Saints Day (Nov. 1) which is a holy day of obligation. Our devotion to the saints is one of the many beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith--the saints in heaven know the perfect joy of being in the eternal presence of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The saints come from all backgrounds, ages, races and ethnic groups, with all different kinds of gifts and talents (and human flaws and weaknesses as well!)--but what they all have in common is their love for Jesus and their desire to serve him and help us by their example and prayers to reach that same heavenly goal.

The Catechism puts it this way: "Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself" (n. 957). The saints in heaven are cheering us on, and they want to help us--don't hesitate to ask them to pray for you and for those you love!

3. The archdiocesan pastoral planning process continues. As you know, we were all invited earlier this year to respond to a survey that was offered to everyone in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. According to survey results, the top three indicators of a vibrant parish are: 1) Mass every weekend; 2) a sense of belonging, and 3) faith formation programming. Four other factors or 'markers' of parish vitality were identified in the survey: good preaching, financial stability, service to others, and the practice of stewardship.

The next step is to develop a 'parish vitality instrument'--a survey to be used by each individual parish to help parish members and leadership to see how their own parish is doing in fulfilling those seven indicators of a vibrant, active parish. Other obvious relevant factors are the parish's ability to pay the bills and having enough active members to constitute a parish and to carry out the various ministerial roles. This instrument is currently in the formation process; I'll let you know about further details (timing, etc.) when I know them.

Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance of this planning process, our participation in the process, and especially for Archbishop Jackels who will ultimately be making the decisions that will need to be made.

4. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" As we celebrate All Saints Day this week, it's good for us to know that many of the saints had a genuine sense of humor. A good example is Pope St. John XXIII who was pope from 1958 until his death in 1963 (his feast day is October 11). Probably the best-known example: a journalist once asked him: "Your Holiness, how many people work at the Vatican?" Pope John paused, thought it over, and said "About half of them." What a great line!
~ Fr. Kopacek



Early Bulletin Deadlines

Holidays are fast approaching so **Please** keep in mind these dates for early bulletin deadlines:

***Friday, November 11**-Items due for Nov. 20 bulletin ***Thurs., November 17**-Items due for Nov. 27 bulletin

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

Next showing of The Chosen will be on November 20 at 1:30 PM in the Elma IC church basement with refreshments.



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 Cerwinski, Michelle Cerwinske, Roger Dunn, Ed Duman, 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.

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 31

Monday, October 31

Weekday - Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14

5:30 PM (NH) + Darlene Michels

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints Day - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

7:00 AM (Elma) + For the People

5:30 PM (RV) + For All the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 2

All Soul's Day - Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6-7, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

8:00 AM (Elma) + Joe Gansen

Thursday, November 3

St. Martin de Porres - Phil 3:3-8/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10

Care Center + Joe & Margaret McGrane

Friday, November 4

First Friday - Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8

8:00 AM (Elma) + David Allen Block

Saturday, November 5

Vigil of the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

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

Sunday, November 6

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38

7:15 AM (Elma) + Pat Fogerty

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Norma Armstrong

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Matt & Tom Niess

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.



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



Mass to Remember the Deceased

Tues., Nov. 1 - 5:30 PM, Riceville. The Mass will include commemoration of all the faithful departed with a procession of candles to remember the faithful departed in our cluster from this past year.

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.

+ 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.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

October 29 - Suezen & Keith Glaser

November 5 - Julie & Gary Swehla

Rosary Society News

1. St. Bernard Rosary Society will hold an election for their President the last week of October. Ballots are located on the table in the back of church. Voting will also take place at the November meeting. Other officers for 2023 are: Vice-Pres.-Deann Meirick, Secretary-Dana Lentz, Treasurer-Paula Breitbach. Thank you for volunteering!!

2. Rosary Society meeting on **Tues., Nov. 1st at 7:00 PM** at the Alta Vista Library. Election for President and election results during the meeting. Time change due to Mass in Riceville.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Rosary Society News

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

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Laura Jennison family. Laura passed away on October 17. May she rest in peace.

First Friday Confessions

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

+ St. Peter +

Congratulations

We congratulate Brandon & Lauren Barker on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Ellie Joe. Ellie was baptized on October 23. Please welcome and pray for Ellie Joe as she begins her new life in the Church.

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, November 4 from 3:00 – 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

Please join Knights of Columbus Marian Council #4144 for a Memorial Mass on **Monday, November 7 at 6:00 pm** at Immaculate Conception Church in Elma.



Brother Knights will be honoring the following deceased members of Council #4144: Norbert Burke, Edward Chihak, Lawrence 'Larry' Kovarik and Gerald McGee. Light lunch to follow in the church hall. Please join us.

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. Any questions contact the cluster office at 641-393-2520.



Calendar Events

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

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 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.

Online Giving

When you give online, your gift is transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account or credit card directly to the church. Visit Holy Rosary Cluster website at <http://holyrosarycluster.org>.

1. Click on your Parish Giving link
2. Create your account
3. Schedule recurring or one-time donations
4. Call the office 641-393-2520 if you need help.

Financial Stewardship

October 22/23

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$230.00
Offertory	87.00
On-Line Giving	205.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	1,190.00
Offertory	72.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	1,452.00
Offertory	62.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	795.00
Offertory	188.00
On-Line Giving	25.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	50.00
On-Line Giving	595.00

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