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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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## Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday & Friday

Staffed: Tuesday - Thursday 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

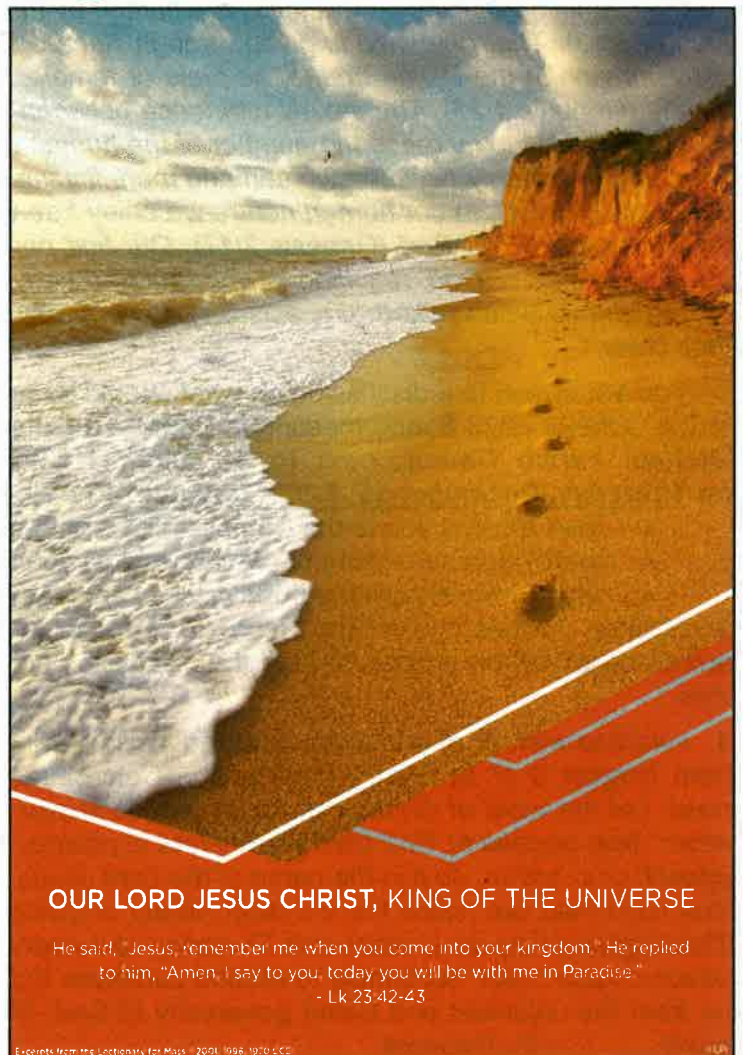
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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!



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied  
to him, "Amen. I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

- Lk 23:42-43

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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.

November 20, 2022

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

### 1. Quick schedule reminders:

- we will watch and discuss the last episode (#8) of season 2 of "The Chosen" this Sunday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Elma church hall. Refreshments, as always, are free and very tasty...
- **no 8 a.m. Mass in Elma on Monday, Nov. 21**, because of the special 5 p.m. Mass in Riceville that day to which all are invited. This is connected to the Knights of Columbus effort to foster devotion to St. Joseph. There will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour of adoration after Mass with different prayers and devotions, and I will be available for confessions during that Hour.
- all are welcome to an ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Bernard's in Alta Vista on Tues., Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. Lutheran pastor Sue Cira will give the homily. Refreshments will be served afterward at the Alta Vista VFW Hall.
- Thanksgiving Day Mass (Nov. 24) will be held at 9 a.m. in Elma; **no Mass on Friday, Nov. 25.**

### 2. In last weekend's bulletin I gave you the first of three parts of Archbishop Jackels' recent statement on gender/'transgender' issues. Here is the second part:

*"The Catholic Worldview: Catholics are guided by the Holy Spirit, who Jesus promised will lead us into all truth (John 16:13). That guidance is given through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. We believe that God created humans in the Divine Image, as male or female, which is both a given and a gift, and having an inherent dignity (Genesis 1:27). The sexual difference between male and female speaks to their responsible cooperation with the Creator to increase the number of the human race (Genesis 1:28). The sexual difference also speaks to the complementarity between woman and man, finding in each other an equal and a suitable partner in marriage (Genesis 2:20-24). In our human nature we enjoy free-will, which isn't a limitless autonomy, but circumscribed by the sovereign will of God (Genesis 2:17). Our first parents violated those boundaries by trying to commandeer the sovereignty of God, resulting in our soul and body feeling divided (Genesis 3:5). One form of that divide is feeling shame when naked (Genesis 3:7). Others may feel it as a disconnect between their chosen gender and their body."*

### 3. You are invited to a discussion on what should be recommended to Pope Francis for discussion and decision at the October 2023 Synod meeting in Rome. **The discussion in our local deanery will be held at the St. Michael Parish Center, next to St. Michael Church in Nashua (602 Cedar Street); it will be held on Thursday, December 15, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** The Holy Father seeks input regarding three questions:

- what attracts you to the Catholic faith and to be active in your parish?
- what Church teaching or practice makes you feel unwelcome, alienated, or angry?
- what topics should the pope discuss and decide at his October 2023 Synod meeting in Rome?

Archbishop Jackels and/or Kim Hermsen (Director of Pastoral Planning and Leadership Development for the archdiocese) will be present to lead the discussion and record your responses. You need not register ahead of time.

### 4. I want to wish all of you a very blessed Thanksgiving Day this week. One of my favorite scripture passages is from chapter 3 of St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, part of which reads: *"Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. In wisdom made perfect, instruct and admonish one another. Sing grateful to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs. Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him."*

You can't help but notice the constant refrain of giving thanks and being grateful--and rightly so. We celebrate Thanksgiving Day as a nation this Thursday, but every day should be Thanksgiving Day--not necessarily with a seven-course meal, but simply to remind ourselves that all that we are and all that we have ultimately comes to us from the unlimited and loving generosity of God. May we thank God daily, and always grow in that grateful spirit!  
~ Fr. Kopacek

### Pray For Those in Need

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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 November 21

### Monday, November 21

\*Mass & Adoration of the Relic of St. Joseph Icon  
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Rv 14:1-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4

5:00 PM (RV) + Ralph & Clara Noble/James & Dorothy McCauley

### Tuesday, November 22

St. Cecilia - Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

8:00 AM (Elma) + Dennis Keane

### Wednesday, November 23

St. Clement I - Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19

8:00 AM (Elma) + Angie Mayer

### Thursday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac/Thanksgiving - Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28

9:00 AM (Elma) + Jim Gansen

### Friday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria-Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps84:3-6,8/Lk21:29-33  
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

### Saturday, November 26

Vigil of First Sunday of Advent -Is 2:1-5/Ps122:1-9/Rom13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Neil & Kathy Kappes

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Mary Lee Geerts

### Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent -Is 2:1-5/Ps122:1-9/Rom13:11-14/Mt24:37-44

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Peter J. Govern

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

## "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 date is not set.



## Mass & Adoration for the St. Joseph Icon

The Knights of Columbus Council #11592 is sponsoring a St. Joseph Icon blessed by the Pope and an Icon of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a **Mass on Monday, November 21** followed by Adoration and Litany of the Holy Family. Fr. Kopacek will be available for confessions during Adoration.

4:40 PM - Rosary

5:00 PM - Mass; Following Mass-Adoration and Litany

6:30 PM - Conclusion



## Reminder Where to Find Office Hours

The week of Nov. 20 the office is closed **Monday & Friday**. Office will be staffed: **Tuesday - Thursday**; Hours can always be found on the front cover of the bulletin or on the HRC website.

## Volunteers Needed For Riceville Food Pantry

Help is needed on Tuesday, November 22 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. 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.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

St. Bernard in Alta Vista will host the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM at St. Bernard Church. Refreshments will be served afterward in the VFW Hall in Alta Vista. The collection will be donated to Chickasaw County Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## Holy Rosary Cluster Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us in Elma at Immaculate Conception on Thursday, November 24 at 9:00 AM for a Thanksgiving Day Mass. Take time to give thanks to God for all the blessings he has bestowed on us.



## MEETINGS

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

## Early Bulletin Deadlines

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

**Mon., Dec. 5**-Items due for Dec. 11 bulletin

**Fri., Dec. 9**-Items due for Dec. 18 bulletin

**Thurs., Dec. 15**-Items due for Dec. 25 bulletin

**Thurs., Dec. 22**-items due for Jan. 1, 2023



## Christmas Flowers

We are currently accepting donations and memorial contributions for Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, **please put your donation in an envelope by Sunday, December 18 and write "Christmas Flower Donation" and include the names of your loved ones as well as your parish. If writing a check, make it payable to your parish. Suggested donation toward a plant is \$10.00**



### Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, December 13 at Elma 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.



### + St. Bernard +

#### Vocation Crucifix

November 19 - Deann & Tony Meirick  
November 26 - Mildred Brus

#### Thank You

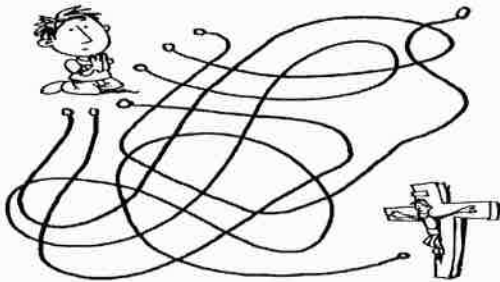
Thank you to St. Bernard Rosary Society for the donation to go towards St. Bernard church energy expenses.

#### IRA Rollover Gift

If you are 70 1/2 or older you can make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 from your IRA. The best part is, if you must make an IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) your gift will qualify for that RMD and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given. To make an IRA Rollover gift, simply contact your IRA administrator to see how you can roll over into tax savings while helping support your parish. There is a specific process and forms that need to be used and they can help you through those simple steps.

### PUZZLE

Find the path that leads to Jesus.



### MISSION

Jesus forgave the people who hated him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.



### CHRIST THE KING

I WANT  
To Talk  
To THE  
MAN IN  
CHARGE!!



GO  
Ahead



### Calendar Events

#### Waucoma Pork Cutlet Dinner

Sun., November 20 at Waucoma Event Center  
Sponsored by St. Mary's Parish  
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Pork Cutlets, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Dressing, Vegetable, Sweet & Sour Salads, Pies, Desserts and Beverage.

Tickets are \$15.00/ & Children/\$10 at the door only.  
Eat in or take out meals available.

#### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)



#### Mass Schedule

##### Wednesday, December 7

6:00 PM - Immaculate Conception, Riceville

##### Thursday, December 8

7:00 AM - Immaculate Conception, Elma  
5:30 PM - St. Bernard, Alta Vista

#### Christmas Mass Schedule



##### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24 - 4:00 PM (New Haven)  
- 6:00 PM (Alta Vista)  
- 8:00 PM (Lourdes)

##### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 - 9:00 AM (Elma)  
- No Mass (Riceville)

### STEWARDSHIP

God never asks more  
of us than we have.

#### Weekly Collection

Due to an early bulletin deadline the bulletin was submitted on November 11. The financial stewardship for November 12/13 will be in the next bulletin.

#### 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.







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