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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

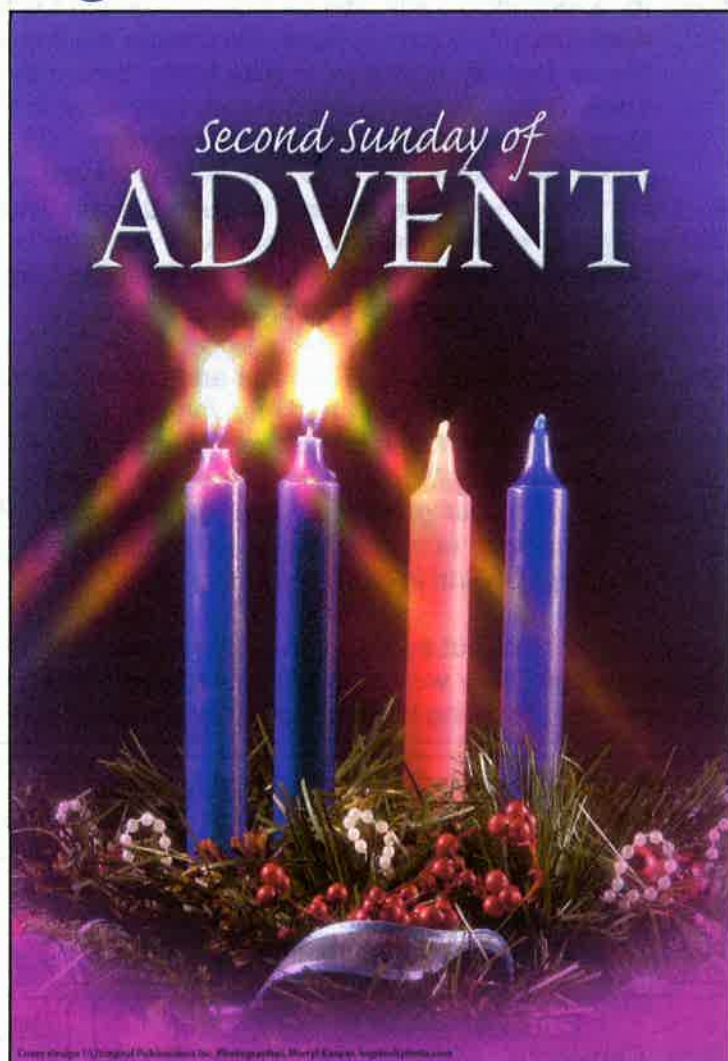
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Last weekend I mentioned the book "Eternity in the Midst of Time" by Fr. Wilfrid Stinissen (Ignatius Press, 2018). From the back cover: "Can time be our friend? At first glance the question seems ridiculous, because the apparent scarcity of time is a constant source of stress in our busy lives...Father Stinissen's book dares us to see time with new eyes...We find ourselves provoked to remember the true shortness of life, while glancing often toward the blessedness of eternity, as we turn the pages of this very fine book."

This really is a very fine and thought/prayer-provoking book. I highly recommend it.

2. This coming Thursday, December 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary--it is a holy day of obligation. Please note the times and places for Masses on Wed. evening (Dec. 7) and Thursday (Dec. 8).

3. This holy season of Advent is an especially appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation--going to confession. In addition to all the usual times that I am available for this sacrament (see the bulletin cover for a reminder), I will also be available during the following extra times:

Wed. Dec. 7: 5 p.m. in **Riceville** (before the 6 p.m. holy day Mass)

Thurs. Dec. 8: 4:30 p.m. in **Alta Vista** (before the 5:30 p.m. holy day Mass)

Tues. Dec. 13: during the 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour in **Elma**

Mon. Dec. 19: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in **Lourdes**

Tues. Dec. 20: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in **New Haven**

4. Even though we have passed through the 4th Thursday of November for another year, I hope we realize that every day of the year and of our lives ought to be "Thanksgiving Day"--even if it doesn't involve the huge meal. A friend of mine recently sent me a beautiful "Prayer of Gratitude" which I shared at the Thanksgiving Day Mass in Elma; here is part of that prayer:

"We are grateful for eyes that can see and ponder, for taste buds that know the pleasures of eating and drinking, for hands that hold and touch and feel, for ears that can delight in music and the voice of a friend. We are grateful for the treasure of loved ones whose hearts of openness and acceptance have encouraged us to be who we are. We are grateful for their faithfulness, for standing by us when our weaknesses stood out glaringly, for delighting with us in our good days and joyful season. We are grateful for faith, for believing in the presence of God, giving us hope in our darkest days, encouraging us to listen to our spirit's hunger, and reminding us to trust in the blessings of God in our most empty days."

It goes on and on, but so should our list of blessings that we have received from God for which we should thank Him every day. May we be always conscious of the amazing love and generosity of God in all things, and may we never tire of offering him our thanks and praise! ~Fr. Kopacek

Confession Times during this Advent Season

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Advent Daily Prayer Books

Advent daily prayer books are available in each of the church entrances for anyone wishing to take one.



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 Kuenen, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Gladys McGrane, LaVern McGrane, Roger Nibaur, Virginia McBride, Fran Palmersheim, Tom Rouchka, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwick-erath, 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 December 5

Monday, December 5

Advent Weekday - Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26

8:00 AM (Elma) + Tom Keane

Tuesday, December 6

St. Nicholas - Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10-13/Mt 18:12-14

8:00 AM (Elma) + Linda Zeimetz

Wednesday, December 7

Vigil of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38

6:00 PM (RV) + For the People

Thursday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38

7:00 AM (Elma) + Joe Praska

Care Center + Calvin & Marcella Linkenmeyer

5:30 PM (Alta Vista)+Deceased Members of the Leo & Ellen Huegel Family

Friday, December 9

St. Juan Diego - Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

8:00 AM (Elma) + Laurie Mohrfeld Nock

Saturday, December 10

Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent - Is 35:1-6,10/Ps146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

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

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent-Is35:1-6,10/Ps146:6-10/Jas5:7-10/Mt11:2-11

7:15 AM (Elma) + Gary Hyberger

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Michael & Delphine Mitchell

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Maurice, Margueritte & Ken Miller

Early Bulletin Deadlines

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



Fri., Dec. 8 - Items for Dec. 18 bulletin

Thurs., Dec. 14 - Items for Dec. 25 bulletin

Thurs., Dec. 21 - items for Jan. 1, 2023 bulletin

Year End Contributions

IRS regulations require that any 2022 contributions must be given or post-marked by December 31. The parish books close on December 31, 2022.



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

November 20th was the last episode for Season 2. We will resume watching The Chosen when Season 3 is available.



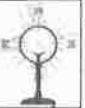
Young Adult Discussion Group

Young adult discussion group date is December 4.

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.



Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the week-end of December 10/11. Lourdes' collection will be taken on December 17. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - MercyOne North Iowa Hospice; Our Lady of Lourdes - Marine Toys for Tots; Elma, I.C. - Marine Toys for Tots; Riceville - Riceville Food Pantry; St. Peter - MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.

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 Sun., December 11 and write "Christmas Flower Donation", include the names of your loved ones as well as your parish. If writing a check, make it payable to your parish. Suggested donation is \$10.00 a plant.



Offering Envelopes

2023 Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up in the church entrances. Please help the office by: 1) discarding your old 2022 envelopes and using the new 2023 envelopes; 2) please write your name on your offering envelopes. If using a plain envelope please write your Name, Parish and Envelope Number on it. This is a great help and saves a lot of time in the office. Thank you!

Religious Education Christmas Programs

Riceville - Sunday, December 11 - Christmas Program with 1st-4th grades following 9:00 AM Mass. Those attending program will be served lunch afterward.

New Haven - Sunday, December 18 - Christmas Program and Meal following 10:45 AM Mass.

Combined Religious Ed. - Wednesday, December 21 at the Lourdes Hall and Church. 6 - 7 PM Soup Supper and Auction; 7:15 PM - Christmas Program in the Church

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

December 3 - Mary McAvoy
December 10 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Congratulations

We congratulate Kyle Smith and Brittney Bluhm on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Beckett Mai. Beckett was baptized on November 19. Please welcome and pray for Beckett Mai as she begins her new life in the Church.

Rosary Society News

- 1) I.C. Elma Rosary Society will have election of officers the weekend of December 3 & 4.
- 2) A meeting and installation of new officers will be held Monday, December 12 at 6:30 PM in the church hall.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Thank You

Thank you to St. Anne's Rosary Society for the donation to go towards Immaculate Conception Church liturgy expenses.

+ St. Peter +

Thank You

Thank you to the Clem & Patricia Johans family for the donation given to St. Peter Church and St. Peter Cemetery in memory of Clem & Patricia.

+ St. Patrick of St. Cecelia +

Thank You

A big Thanks to Jerry, Kelly and Pat O'Donnell for replacing the sign on 190th St. showing the way to St. Patrick's Church. Also, Thanks to Galen & Lavon Fye, Don & Lois Recker, Tom & Mary Bucheit and Kathy & Bruce Fox who helped with the cost of the sign. Mike O'Donnell, member of the Restoration Committee, who helped with setting the placement of the sign.

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council #4144 will not have a meeting during the months of December and January. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 PM in the American Legion Hall in Elma.

Mass Schedule for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

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



Calendar Events

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)

Financial Stewardship

November 19/20

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$275.00
Offertory	93.00
On-Line Giving	205.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	560.00
Offertory	35.00
On-Line Giving	460.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	677.00
Act of Kindness	67.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	60.00
On-Line Giving	20.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	4,270.00
Offertory	69.00
On-Line Giving	1,095.00

November 26/27

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$2,275.00
Offertory	133.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	230.00
Offertory	62.29
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	772.00
Offertory	53.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	6,075.00
Offertory	156.00
On-Line Giving	.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	450.00
On-Line Giving	105.00



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