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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

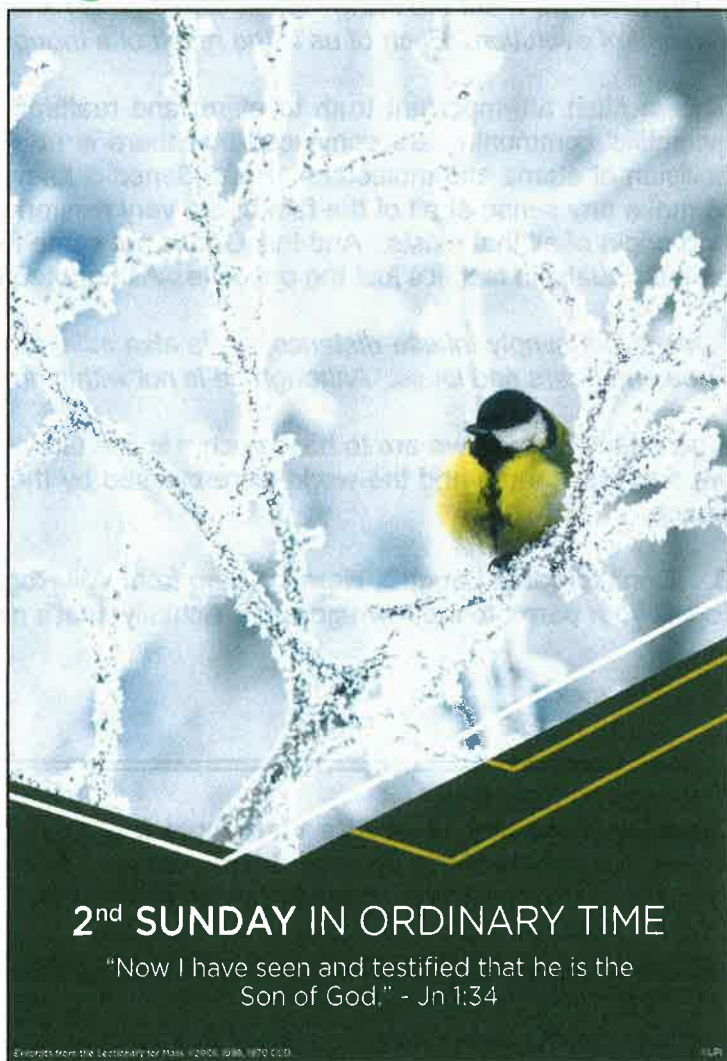
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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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.

January 15, 2023

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Just a reminder: I will be leaving immediately after the 8 a.m. Mass on Tues., Jan. 17, for Mundelein Seminary (north of Chicago). I will be there for a supervisor workshop with Tim Weber, the seminarian who will be doing his internship here in Holy Rosary Cluster from late January through early May. I'll be back here at the cluster by Thursday evening (the 19th). As a result there will be **no 8 a.m. Mass on Wed., Jan. 18, and no nursing home Mass on Thurs. the 19th.** Local priests will cover any funerals that need to be on any of those three days.

2. Last weekend I spoke about Pope Benedict XVI who died on December 31 and the great wisdom and beauty of his writings and of his great love for Jesus. Since then, I've seen the current issue of Our Sunday Visitor (Jan.15-21) which is a summary and tribute of his ministry and especially his papacy. One of the articles refers to the first homily he gave after being elected as the new pope in 2005 in which he said:

*"Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God."*

This is such an important truth to affirm and reaffirm, especially in our time when so many, especially in the 'scientific' community, are convinced that there is no God and that each of us is nothing more than a random collision of atoms and molecules. Pope Benedict knew better than that and expressed it so well. The only way to make any sense at all of the fact of our very existence is to affirm that there is in fact a God that is the source and origin of all that exists. And this God is not some far-distant being who cares nothing about us personally or as individuals; in fact, it's just the opposite. As I quoted last weekend from one of his homilies:

*"God is not simply infinite distance; he is also infinite nearness. [We] can confide in him and speak to him; he sees and hears and loves. Although he is not within time, he has time: even for me."*

How utterly blessed we are to have such a loving God who has time for every single one of us! And how blessed we and the Church and the world were blessed by the wisdom and love of Pope Benedict XVI. May he rest in peace.

3. "Don't forget to Laugh!" Here's a gem from Will Rogers: "Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip." Actually, that's not bad advice....

~Fr. Kopacek

### Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Tuesday, February 14 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.



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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 January 16, 2023

### Monday, January 16

Weekday - Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 2:18-22

**8:00 AM (Elma) + Ron Radloff**

### Tuesday, January 17

St. Anthony - Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10/Mk 2:23-28

**8:00 AM (Elma) + Joe Gansen**

### Wednesday, January 18

Weekday - Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 3:1-6

**NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations**

### Thursday, January 19

Weekday - Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

**NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations**

### Friday, January 20

St. Fabian & St. Sebastian - Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8,10-14/Mk 3:13-19

**8:00 AM (Elma) + Carol Zobeck**

### Saturday, January 21

Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

**4:00 PM (Lourdes) + James & Geraldine Lenehan**

**6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Leo & Mildred Kobliska**

### Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/1Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

**7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS**

**9:00 AM (Riceville) + For the People**

**10:45 AM (New Haven) + Michael Hugelback**

## End of Life Movie

Everyone is invited to attend the movie "Fatal Flaws". The first showing is Sun., January 29 at IC Elma, the second showing is Sun., February 5 at IC Riceville following Mass. Fatal Flaws is a movie about euthanasia and end of life decisions. Coffee and rolls will be served.

## ArchdioceseOne Appeal

While the parish phase of the ArchdioceseOne special appeal concluded in your parish this past year, we want to ensure that we continue updating you on its progress. As of late December, over \$13 million has been raised for ArchdioceseOne.

Thank you to everyone who has made a sacrificial gift to support the special appeal beneficiaries, whether with a financial contribution or your prayers. If you would like to make a gift to support the special appeal, or make an additional gift, you can do so by visiting the ArchdioceseOne website here: [www.archdioceseone.org/support](http://www.archdioceseone.org/support)

## **+ Lourdes +**

### Congratulations

We congratulate Tom and Katie Schmitt on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Harriet Dorothy. Harriet was baptized on Saturday, January 7. Please welcome and pray for Harriet Dorothy as she begins her new life in the Church.

## **+ St. Bernard +**

### Vocation Crucifix

January 14 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

January 21 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

### Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, March 12 (Snow Date - March 19)

Drive-Thru only from 3-6 PM

### Raffle Items

Anyone wanting to donate raffle items please contact Sue or Becky Mahoney at (641-330-2915) or Jean Cerwinske at (641-364-6790) by January 31. Raffle items can be dropped off at Sue Mahoney's.

## **+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +**

### Rosary Society News

1. New 2023 Rosary Society Officers are: Pres.- Callie Weigel, Vice-Pres.-Sheila Kobliska, Sec.- Mary Jo Friedrich and Treas.-Barb Smith.
2. **Meeting: Monday, January 23 at 6:30 PM** in the church hall. All members are invited to attend and we especially encourage the Officers, Hostesses and Co-Hostesses to attend so that we may set dues, plan our year and create booklets.

## **+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Vicki Howland family. Vicki's Funeral Mass was held on Friday, January 6. May she rest in peace.

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Alex Adams family. Alex's Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, January 7. May he rest in peace.

### Retired Fund for Religious

Donations will be taken until January 29, 2023. Thank you for your support in the care of our retired women and men religious. Your gift provides medications, nursing care and other necessities to Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and priests. **Checks should be made payable to your parish and write in the memo 'RFR'.**



### Update Your Information

It's always helpful to update your information at the church office. If you have discontinued your landline and only have a cell phone number or need to update your address it helps the office to have your most current information. Give the church office a call if any of your information has changed. Thank You!

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA, or recently graduated from high school/college,** we encourage you to register at one of our cluster parishes. Call the office at 641-393-2520. You can complete the below information. Circle the parish you wish to join. Mail to our parish office Holy Rosary Cluster, 203 7th St., Elma, IA 50628 or place it in the offering basket at one of the cluster churches. Thank You.

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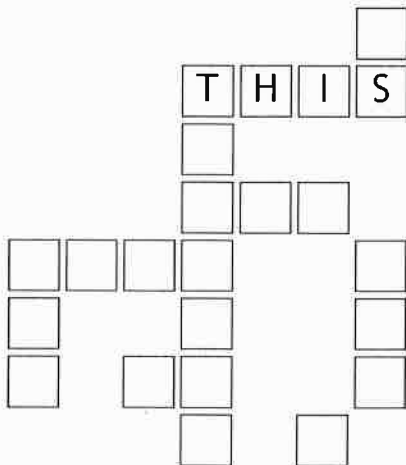
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### PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

I testify that this is the Son of God.



### MISSION

Read the story about the very first Passover, when God saved the Hebrews from the Angel of Death (Exodus 12).



### Calendar Events

#### Beauty In Christ Women's Conference

(Virtual Conference) - "Fiat! Saying Yes to God!"

Saturday, January 28, 2023

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM (Time is Tentative)

Keynote presentations by national speaker and author Marcia Lane-McGee and local women's health educator, Jamie Rathjen.

For more information go to: <https://www.archwomensconference.org> or contact Joanne Pohland at [j.pohland@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org).

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