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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!



**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19

## 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 22, 2023

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. By now you have probably heard of the death of Fr. Mark McGovern (age 81) on January 11 in Dubuque. Fr. McGovern was a native son of Immaculate Conception parish in Riceville, graduated from Riceville High School in 1959, and then attended Loras College and Mount St. Bernard Seminary in Dubuque. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1967, served in several parishes throughout the archdiocese, and taught religion at the Catholic high schools in Ossian and Cresco.

Fr. McGovern's **funeral will be at 11 a.m. this coming Friday, January 27**, at Immaculate Conception in Riceville. Archbishop Jackels will be the main celebrant and Fr. Dan Knipper, an ordination classmate of Fr. McGovern, will be the homilist. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Riceville. There will be a **visitation (5-7 p.m.) on Thursday, January 26, at Hindt-Hudek** Funeral home in Riceville with a scripture service at 7 p.m.

Eternal rest grant unto his soul, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

2. It has been good to see the continuing renewal of various liturgical ministries at our cluster weekend Masses since the covid outbreak in 2020. Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and musicians are now regularly serving in all five of our cluster parishes; altar servers are regularly serving in four out of the five parishes. And some are beginning to reintroduce the ministry of ushers and gift-bearers.

**I strongly encourage all five parishes to work towards restarting all these various ministries** and to return to how they were carried out before the pandemic hit. In addition, I would like to reintroduce having Holy Communion under both forms, i.e. the Precious Blood as well as the Sacred Host. I realize it may take some time to see who would be willing to return to these ministries, prepare the schedules, etc. I would like to see these ministries 'back in action' by Easter Sunday (April 9) if at all possible.

My sincere thanks to all who have helped in any way with this 'ministerial revival', and to all who will help to do so in all our cluster parishes.

3. Part of my regular reading is "Catholic Answers Magazine", an excellent bi-monthly journal on explaining and defending our Catholic faith. In the current issue (Jan.-Feb. 2023) the publisher, Christopher Check, wrote about his experience of the sacrament of confession in Rockford IL: "I do not recall the priest's name (I'm not sure I ever knew it), but he always gave the same counsel before giving absolution: **'You need to be in a constant heart-to-heart conversation with Jesus Christ.'**"

That is one of the very best descriptions of prayer I have ever come across. Prayer, as we know, can take a lot of different forms—including the prayers we learned as children, which are always good and which I say every day. But prayer is more than memorization; it has to be. We don't say the exact same words every day to those we love (spouse, child, parent, etc.); rather, we express ourselves in different, personal, and meaningful ways based on how those relationships are being lived out at any given moment. The same ought to be true in our communication with God (i.e. our prayer)—we can and are invited to have that 'heart-to-heart conversation with Jesus' as well. We can do that, for example, by telling Jesus our joys, sharing our gratitude with him, expressing our fears, concerns, frustrations, even our anger. The more we open up personally and honestly with Jesus, the more we allow the 'channel of grace' to fill us with the loving help, strength, and mercy that he so desires to give to us.

Take some time each day, even if only for a few moments, to have that 'heart-to-heart' with the best friend you will ever have...and who also just happens to be your Savior! ~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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## Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Eileen A. Chihak, Roger Dunn, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, Sharon Friedhoff, 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, Fran Palmersheim, Randy Rodriguez, Tom Rouchka, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith

# 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 23, 2023

### Monday, January 23

St. Vincent - Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1-6/Mk 3:22-30

**8:00 AM (Elma) + Bille Kobliska**

### Tuesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales - Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2, 4, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

**8:00 AM (Elma) + Russ O'Donnell**

### Wednesday, January 25

Weekday - Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18

**8:00 AM (Elma) + Elsie Ludwig**

### Thursday, January 26

St. Timothy & St. Titus - 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Care Center + Maria Woods**

### Friday, January 27

St. Angela Merici - Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

**8:00 AM (Elma) + Frank Goodale**

### Saturday, January 28

Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12

**4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People**

**6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Alex & Gertrude Gebel**

### Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12

**7:15 AM (Elma) + John & Eleanor Burke**

**9:00 AM (Riceville) + NO MASS**

**10:45 AM (New Haven) + Don, Ann & Duane Clark**

## 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)

## 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 necessities to Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and priests. **Checks should be made payable to your parish and write in the memo 'RFR'.**

## **+ St. Bernard +**

### Vocation Crucifix

January 21 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

January 28 - LouAnn & John Huegel

### 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.

### Thank You

Thank you to St. Bernard Rosary Society for the donations to be used for energy expenses.

## **+ 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.
3. **Thank You** -The Elma I.C. Rosary Society purchased a defibrillator that will be installed in the entrance of the Immaculate Conception Church in Elma. Thank you to Tossed and Found for the grant of \$500.00 towards this purchase. The ZOLL AED 3 defibrillator is designed to be used for both adult and child victims of sudden cardiac arrest. It uses both audio and video prompts to guide the rescuer through a resuscitation sequence that may include defibrillation and/or cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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

### Coffee and Rolls

Coffee, Rolls, Fruit and Milk will be served on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the church basement following mass.—ALL are Welcome—



### Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

Do you know any college age men and women from your parishes who would be great role models for younger Catholics? The Archdiocese is looking for college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams with other men and women like them during the summer of 2023.

Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese throughout the summer leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese.

This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided for during the summer. Please encourage anyone who would be excellent at this to apply.

Application information can be found at [www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus](http://www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus). Please contact Joanne Pohland ([j.pohland@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org)) with any questions.

### Calendar Events

#### American Red Cross Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Riceville at the Riceville Community School RAC Center January 25 from 12:00-6:00. For appointments call Darlene Seidel (641-220-3788). Give the Gift of Life!!!!

#### 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).

#### + Knights of Columbus +

#### Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council #11592 will have a meeting Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 PM in the IC Riceville rectory. Your attendance would be appreciated.

### Financial Stewardship

January 14/15

#### Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes \$1,410.74

On-Line Giving 75.00

#### St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes 450.00

Act of Kindness 55.00

On-Line Giving 60.00

#### Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes 232.00

Offertory 56.00

On-Line Giving 85.00

#### Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes 565.00

Offertory 190.00

On-Line Giving 105.00

#### St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes 305.00

Offertory 43.22

On-Line Giving 95.00

## GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE A

### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 4:12-23

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS SAID, "REPENT AND FOLLOW ME!"



THE LAST TIME I HEARD THOSE WORDS I WAS BEING AUDITED BY THE I.R.S.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

XAVIER, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL PEOPLE WHO WANT TO FOLLOW IN THE LORD'S FOOTSTEPS?



WELL, THE FIRST THING IS TO GET SOME REALLY GOOD SANDALS...





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