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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!



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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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 29, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. As you know, this is 'surgery week' for me--I'm scheduled for prostate removal this Tuesday, January 31, at MercyOne Hospital in Mason City. Because of bulletin deadlines, I'm writing this column on January 24--so I don't yet know what time the surgery will take place. My brother Tom will be taking me to Mason City and then will get me back here to Elma. I've been told to expect to be in the hospital one overnight; if that's the case, I'll be back here on February 1.

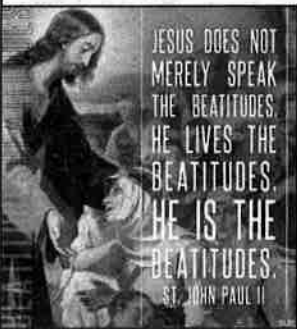
A few other related details/reminders:

- Fr. Dan Knipper will cover the weekend Masses for me on February 4/5; I'm grateful for his willingness to help out. I hope to be able to return to the **weekend Masses** as usual on February 11/12 and thereafter, but I can't promise that at this time since I don't know what the recuperation process will look like or how long it will take.
- I plan to have the 8 a.m. Mass in Elma as usual on Monday, Jan. 30, but there will be no other **weekday Masses** that week. I very much hope to resume weekday Masses the week of February 6, but again I can't promise that for the same reason.
- If I can't resume Masses by Feb. 6, I will let you know that through our cluster website and Facebook page. I'll also make sure that information is announced at the Feb. 4/5 weekend Masses.

As I have told others, I do look forward to having this surgery done; and even if there may be some after-effects to deal with for a time (as I've been told by those who have already gone through it!), I'm not worried in the least. I'm a firm believer in the healing grace and mercy of God and the powerful prayers offered by the dear people of God. Thank you so much for all your prayers and best wishes--they are deeply appreciated!

2. Last weekend I spoke about the need to continue our prayer and advocacy for the unborn child even though Roe v. Wade has been overruled. Just this past week I learned of an incident that illustrates that need. Stephanie Carter is a Christian who works at a Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital in Texas. Last September the VA main office in Washington DC issued a rule requiring all VA nurses to assist in performing abortions. Carter asked for a religious exemption because of her religious belief that the unborn child, created in God's image, should be protected--but her request was denied. She is now suing the VA for its attack on her religious belief--we pray that she will be successful.

I learned about this case from the current issue of Catalyst--the journal of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. This is an organization that defends the rights of Catholics and the Church to speak and act in defense of the teachings of our faith. It does excellent and effective work; check it out at their website: www.catholicleague.org.
~ Fr. Kopacek



I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden -- these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to? What did the world tell you this moment should mean? What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it? *God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27*

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.



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.



Mass Intentions Week of January 30, 2023

Monday, January 30

Weekday - Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20-24/Mk 5:1-20

8:00 AM (Elma) + Mary Ann Odle

Tuesday, January 31

St. John Bosco - Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26-28, 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Wednesday, February 1

Weekday - Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18/Mk 6:1-6

NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Thursday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord - Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, February 3

First Friday/St. Blaise - Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9/Mk 6:14-29

NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Saturday, February 4

Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Lenora Bielefeld

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Mary Kay Loes

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Art & Rose Boehmer

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

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'.

Cluster Game Day

Holy Rosary Cluster will host a Game Day on Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 PM in the Elma Church Hall. Games and snacks will be provided. An elevator is available to get to the church hall.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

January 28 - LouAnn & John Huegel

February 4 - LeRoy Roethler

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. 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

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.

MEETINGS

Tues., March 7 - Faith Formation at 6:30 PM

Thurs., March 9 - Social Justice at 6:30 PM

Thurs. March 30 - Liturgy Comm. At 6:30 PM

Meetings are in the I.C., Elma Church basement.

Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese throughout the summer leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children/youth of the Archdiocese. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided for. Application information can be found at www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus. Please contact Joanne Pohland (j.pohland@dbqarch.org) with any questions.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

blessed	mercy	kingdom
meek	pure	reward
filled	peace	heaven

bsedles b l e s s e d

pacee _____

meke _____

kidomng _____

filedt _____

reardw _____

mecyr _____

hevena _____

peur _____

MISSION

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Calendar Events

I. C. Charles City Parish Revival

February 26th, 27th and 28th I.C. Church in Charles City will be hosting a Parish Revival with Joe Farris. Our Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) kids will be hosting a dinner each evening at 6 PM, and Joe will speak from 7-8 PM. Joe Farris was our speaker at CHWC last year, and he is coming to us by popular demand from the students and chaperones who were spiritually moved by his messages! All parishes are invited. Please join us?

Calendar Events

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+ 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.

Thank You

Thank you to KC Council #11592 for installing the new coat hanger/cabinets in the bathrooms at IC Riceville. We appreciate it very much.

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus

1. Knights of Columbus Council #4144 will have a meeting Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 PM in the American Legion Hall in Elma.
2. We are also in need of a Financial Secretary. Please call Jayden Burke at 641-257-8335 if you are interested.

Stewardship

"For it is in giving that we receive." ~St. Francis of Assisi

Financial Stewardship

January 21/22

Our Lady of Lourdes	
Budget Envelopes	\$625.00
Offertory	60.00
On-Line Giving	205.00
St. Bernard - Alta Vista	
Budget Envelopes	75.00
Offertory	26.00
On-Line Giving	160.00
Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)	
Budget Envelopes	2,172.00
On-Line Giving	560.00
Immaculate Conception - Riceville	
Budget Envelopes	470.00
Offertory	327.00
On-Line Giving	150.00
St. Peter - New Haven	
Budget Envelopes	355.00
Offertory	92.00
On-Line Giving	595.00



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