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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!



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

Example from the Lectionary for Mass (©2011, 1997, 1970 CCC)

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. Two quick schedule items:

- our monthly **Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be held this coming Tues., **Jan. 10, at Lourdes**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 5 p.m. and Benediction at 6 p.m. Our Holy Hour will begin with the praying of the Rosary for the blessed repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI; I will then be available for confessions during the remainder of the hour.
- the cluster liturgy committee meeting, postponed from last week because of bad weather, will be held this Tues., Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elma church hall.

2. I want to let you know that I will be gone for a few days next week. I will be **leaving after the Tues. Jan. 17 morning Mass** for Mundelein Seminary for a supervisor workshop regarding seminarian Tim Weber's internship here at Holy Rosary Cluster beginning in late January and concluding in early May. I'll be **back in Elma on Thursday evening, Jan. 19**. There will be no Mass in Elma on Wed. the 18 and no nursing home Mass on Thurs. the 19. Local priests will take care of any funerals that need to be on any of those three days (Jan. 17-19).

And speaking of Mass schedules: I've mentioned that my **surgery** for prostate removal is **scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 31**, at MercyOne in Mason City. I will have the regular Monday Mass in Elma on Jan. 30, but most of the rest of that day will be taken up with preparation for surgery. I will probably be in the hospital for one over-night, and will return to Elma later on Wed. Feb. 1. Since I'll be needing a few days of recuperation time, there will be no other weekday Masses the rest of that week. Fr. Dan Knipper will take the weekend Mass schedule for Feb. 4/5. Local priests will take care of any funerals that need to be scheduled during that week of Jan. 30-Feb. 4.

3. As you know, retired Pope Benedict XVI died on December 31; as noted above, we will pray the Rosary for the blessed repose of his soul at the beginning of our Holy Hour at Lourdes this Tuesday. The next day, Archbishop Jackels released the following statement:

"Folks may remember that I worked in the office [the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith] led by Cardinal Ratzinger before he was elected Pope [in 2005] and took the name Benedict, the 16th by that name. During those 8 years, I rarely had contact with him. He knew who I was, but he didn't know me (very small fish, really big pond) I likewise didn't know him, except for what I observed, which is this:

One of his nicknames was 'God's rottweiler'... True, he loved our holy Catholic Faith, and thought and fought that Jesus' disciples should follow the Master. But what I observed was a Christian gentleman... Humble and loving, as a friend of Jesus should be; kind and gentle in his speech and behavior towards others, even those who pushed the doctrinal envelope; and very cultured and well-mannered as is befitting a gentleman... His last words were said to be: 'Jesus, I love you.' How beautiful."

How beautiful indeed. The Church and the world were greatly blessed by the papacy of Benedict XVI. He taught and explained and defended the Catholic faith with great clarity and without apology, and--as the archbishop said--with great pastoral care and respect for every individual. May he rest in the eternal peace of the risen Christ.

~Fr. Kopacek



Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, January 10 at Lourdes 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 confes-



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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 9, 2023

Monday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord - Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Mt 3:13-17

8:00 AM (Elma) + Don Novak

Tuesday, January 10

Weekday - Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2,5-9/Mk 1:21-28/Mk 1:14-20,1:21-28

8:00 AM (Elma) + Merle McGrane

Wednesday, January 11

Weekday - Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-9//Mk 1:29-39

8:00 AM (Elma) + Virgil Zeimetz

Thursday, January 12

Weekday - Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-11/Mk 1:40-45

Care Center + Maria Woods

Friday, January 13

St. Hilary - Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3-4, 68/Mk 2:1-12

8:00 AM (Elma) + Art & Isabel Gansen Family

Saturday, January 14

Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 49:3,5-6/Ps 40:2,4,7-10/1Cor1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Dick Gebel

Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -Is 49:3,5-6/Ps 40:2,4,7-10/1Cor1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

7:15 AM (Elma) + Eugene Meier

9:00 AM (Riceville) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Wade Machin

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Eugene Meier family. Eugene's Funeral Mass was held on Friday, December 30 at I.C. Elma. May he rest in peace.

Rosary Society News

New 2023 Rosary Society Officers are: Pres.-Callie Weigel, Vice-Pres.-Sheila Kobliska, Sec.-Mary Jo Friedrich and Treas.-Barb Smith. Thank you to the outgoing officers, Tina Roethler and Teresa Klobassa for all your hard work and thank you to the 2023 officers for contributing your time and talent for the upcoming year.

Retired Fund for Religious

2022 Religious Retirement Collection

The Cluster Office will continue to take donations 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'.**

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.

Information can be found at www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus. Please contact Joanne Pohland (j.pohland@dbqarch.org) with any questions.

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MEETINGS

Tues., January 10, 2023-Liturgy Comm. Mtg at 6:30 PM

Thurs., January 12, 2023 - Parish Life at 6:00 PM

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

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

January 7, 2023 - Donna & Joe Zweibohmer

January 14 - Pat & Gary Halvorson


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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.

Pilgrimage to Poland

Join Father Ivan Nienhaus, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cedar Falls on a pilgrimage to Poland and several major cities throughout Eastern Europe. The trip is scheduled for July 3 – 19, 2023. Cost out of Cedar Rapids is \$6,124.00 which includes all meals, transportation, & many other sites. 206 Tours. On this journey, we will walk in the footsteps of three great Polish saints - St. John Paul, St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy – along with embracing the culture of the Polish people. The trip to Poland will also include a stop at the famous Auschwitz Concentration Camp. We will also visit the Shrine of the Infant of Prague in Prague, the Czech Republic and Salzburg – the home of the movie, *The Sound of Music*. The trip will include additional stops in the beautiful cities of Vienna and Budapest. This trip will invigorate your Catholic Faith in ways that will last you a lifetime. For a flyer or more information contact Mary Johnston at 319-560-5138 or email blessu45@gmail.com.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

Financial Stewardship

December 24/25

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$9,500.00
Christmas	2,475.00
Offertory	42.00
On-Line Giving	205.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	6,905.00
Christmas	1,615.00
Offertory	113.00
On-Line Giving	360.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	3,352.00
Christmas	5,060.00
Offertory	145.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	1,090.00
Christmas	1,590.00
On-Line Giving	.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	5,425.89
Christmas	1,745.00
Offertory	146.00
On-Line Giving	645.00

December 31, 2022/January 1, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$6,475.00
Christmas	1,000.00
Offertory	121.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	6,185.00
Christmas	400.00
Offertory	39.00
On-Line Giving	160.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	1,160.00
Christmas	85.00
Offertory	85.00
On-Line Giving	202.00

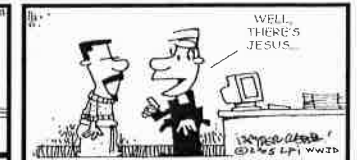
Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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Christmas	310.00
Offertory	50.00
On-Line Giving	105.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

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Christmas	100.00
On-Line Giving	505.00

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