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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!



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 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.

February 12, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I'm writing this on our bulletin deadline--Feb. 7--and so I'm officially one week beyond my surgery last week (talk about 'Happy Anniversary'...). Rest and recovery continues to move forward. I continue to have some occasional discomfort, but the pain meds they gave me continue to keep that under control. And I'm sleeping very well at night for which I am particularly grateful.

A couple of things about the Mass schedule:

- at this time I plan to resume the regular weekday Mass schedule next week beginning on Monday, Feb. 13, and at the usual times.
- regarding this weekend, Feb. 11-12: I'm not going to try to do the regular four-Mass schedule. For one thing, I still need to avoid driving any major distances for now; also, I think it would be too much this soon. Instead, I plan to have two Masses this weekend: one on Saturday Feb. 11 in Elma at 5 p.m., and the other on Sunday, Feb. 12 in Riceville at 9 a.m. Arrangements have been made for me to get a ride to Riceville for that Sunday Mass, so I won't have to drive it myself.

As I said, these are my plans for now--as of today, Feb. 7. If I come to realize later this week that those plans just won't work, I will let you all know by way of our cluster website and Facebook page--so please continue to check those sites on a regular basis for whatever updates may be necessary.

2. It's time again for the annual archdiocesan collection for Catholic Charities; if you have not yet received your mailing from its office in Dubuque, you will soon. Catholic Charities serves those in need in a variety of ways--everything from mental health counseling to jail and prison ministry, from crisis pregnancy counseling to immigration legal services...and many other areas as well.

I will again be making a contribution to their appeal this year, and I invite and strongly encourage you to do the same. Remember: whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Jesus as he himself said (Matt. 25:40).

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" With Valentine's Day coming up this week, how will you show your love for your favorite valentine? Here's one example from a Reader's Digest collection: "As the music swelled during a recent wedding reception, my hopelessly romantic husband squeezed my hand, leaned in, and said, 'You are better looking than half the women here.'" Talk about a smooth talker..... ~ Fr. Kopacek

World Marriage Day



Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind, and Body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen.

~ Fr. Bill Dilgen, S.M.M.

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 February 13

Monday, February 13

Weekday - Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
8:00 AM (Elma) - Suzanne Lohuis & Diane (Phippen) King

Tuesday, February 14

St. Cyril - Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Mk 8:14-21
8:00 AM (Elma) - David Allen Block

Wednesday, February 15

Weekday - Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenny Chihak

Thursday, February 16

Weekday - Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Care Center - Jim Marr

Friday, February 17

Weekday - Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34-9:1
8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenny & Marilyn Kiernan

Saturday, February 18

Vigil of Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Harold Thiele

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

7:15 AM (Elma) + Linda Zeimetz

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Ray Maravetz

10:45 AM (New Haven) + For the People

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.

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the following weekends: Feb. 11/12 for Elma & Riceville, Feb. 18/19 for Alta Vista & New Haven, Feb. 25 for Lourdes. Designated charity this month is: St. Bernard, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elma I.C., Riceville I.C., and St. Peter - Tri-County Citizens For Life

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. Elevator is available to get to the basement.



Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable

As the Social Arm of the Catholic Church contributions to Catholic Charities make up nearly 50% of their annual operating budget. **Please send your contributions directly to: Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52003.**

+ Lourdes +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Kathy (Ptacek) Anderson family. Kathy's Funeral Mass was held on Friday, February 3 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May she rest in peace.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

February 11 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

February 18 - Suezen & Keith Glaser

Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, March 12 (Snow Date - March 19)

Drive-Thru only from 3 - 6 PM

The Raffle is sponsored by Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Joseph Court #878.

Rosary Society News

Rosary Society dues for 2023 are \$30. Please mail your dues to **Paula Breitbach, 1294 LaSalle Ave, New Hampton 50659.**

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Welcome

We would like to welcome Judy Ungs to the Elma Immaculate Conception Parish. We are happy to have her join us.

Rosary Society News

1. Rosary Society dues for 2023 are \$20.00. Please mail your dues to **Barb Smith, 14595 185th Street, Elma 50628.**

2. Rosary Society booklets are available in the entrance of the church. Please pick one up. If your phone number is incorrect contact Mary Jo Friedrich with the correct number.

Sign Up for Liturgical Ministers

Sign up Sheets will be available in the entrance of the church if you would like to sign up for any of the following: Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Greeter, Sacristan, Server, Gifts Bearers, Help with flowers or Altar Prep throughout the year or Washing server robes.

Your time and talent are appreciated!

Volunteers for Communion at Colonial Manor

We have resumed taking communion to Colonial Manor and Afton Oaks on the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to help out please contact Renee Burke at 319-240-9192.



+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Coffee & Rolls

Coffee and Rolls will be served following the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 26th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

+ St. Peter +

Liturgy Schedules Available

March and April Liturgy Schedules are available in the back of church.



Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC)

Registration is now open for ICYC. This event is targeted toward middle school youth in grades 6-8, and their parents. This day-long event will take place on **Sunday, March 26 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids. The day will feature national artist Dana Catherine, breakout sessions, hands-on activities, lunch, and a closing Mass. Parishes that are not able to coordinate a group can still encourage their families to attend on their own. Promotional materials, registration, and more information can be found at www.iowaCYC.org.

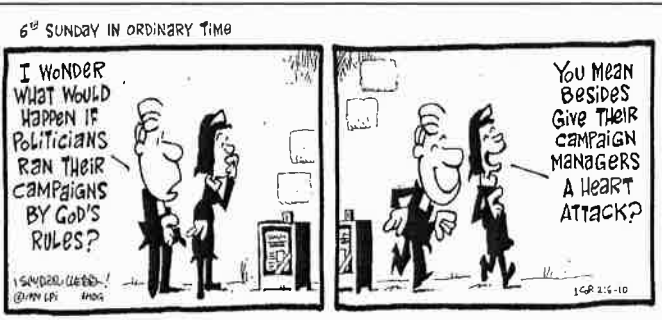
PUZZLE
Find and circle those words from today's Gospel

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MISSION
Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

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Calendar Events

Valentine Breakfast, Festina, Iowa

Our Lady of Seven Dolours Parish, Festina will be serving a Valentine Breakfast.

Sunday, February 12, 2023 from 8:30 AM - Noon

Menu: Sausage Patties, Scrambled Eggs with toppings, potatoes, cinnamon rolls, toast, fruit and beverages.



Cost: Adults/\$12, 6-11 yrs old/\$6, Under 5/Free

Thank You for your support.
We hope to see you there!

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.

Financial Stewardship

February 4/5

Our Lady of Lourdes

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| Offertory | 77.00 |
| On-Line Giving | 75.00 |

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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| Offertory | 23.00 |
| On-Line Giving | 160.00 |

Immaculate Conception - Elma

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| Budget Envelopes | 960.00 |
| Offertory | 31.00 |
| On-Line Giving | 202.00 |

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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| Offertory | 264.00 |
| On-Line Giving | 175.00 |

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

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| On-Line Giving | 95.00 |





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