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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

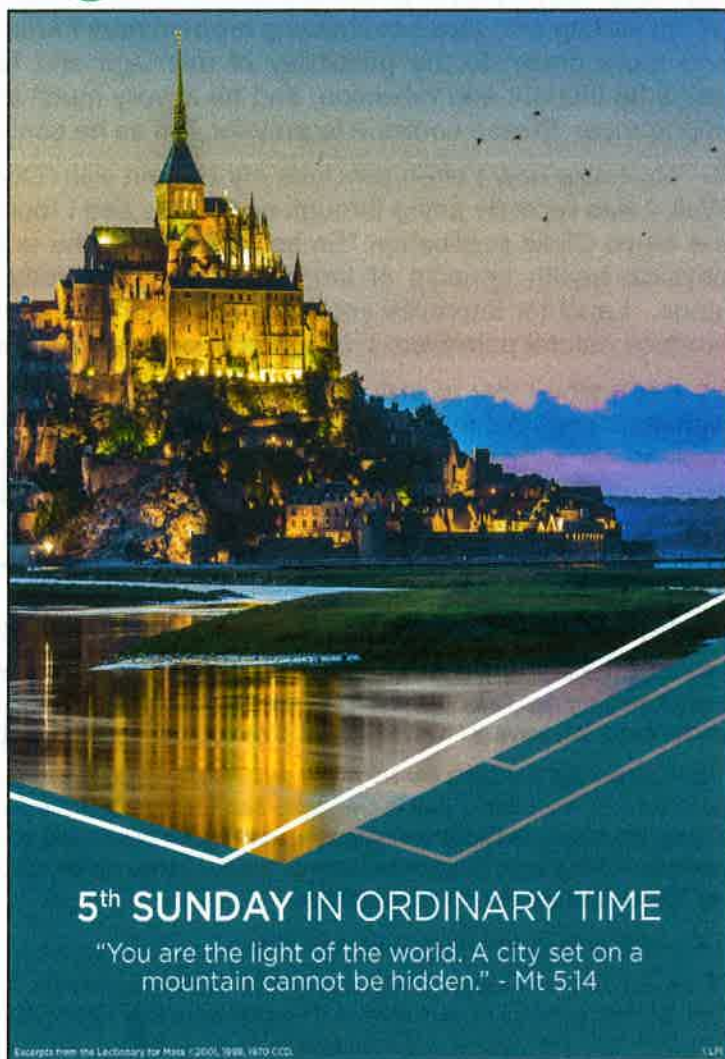
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



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. In last weekend's homily I mentioned a book by Mother Mary Francis, PCC (Poor Clares); the title is "Blessed Are You--Reflections on the Beatitudes". It was published by Sophia Institute Press in 2021. It really is an excellent series of meditations on what Jesus meant by referring to various folks (those who mourn, the merciful, etc.) as 'blessed'.

For example, she writes: "God does not love me because I have this or that quality or turn in this excellent performance...but I am lovable because He loves me. I am forgiven because He is merciful. And I am comforted because I have mourned...This seems to be what the saints meant when they talked of the joy they experienced in their faults and their failings. They were not glad that they had sinned, but the headiness of recognizing what they were and that God forgave them set them singing even as they wept. They mourned. And they were comforted." (p. 53-54).

It's a wonderful book--I highly recommend it.

2. As I also mentioned last weekend, I learned on January 27 that Tim Weber--who was to do his seminary internship with us here at Rosary Cluster--has decided to leave the seminary and so will not be with us after all. In visiting with those overseeing his seminary formation process, he came to realize that he was feeling more and more drawn to the possibility of marriage and family life. Tim made his decision only after calm and prayerful thought and reflection, and he is very much at peace with God and within himself--and that is of great importance. Please continue to pray for Tim as he continues to discern what God wants of him.

3. You know how I often conclude my column with "Don't Forget to Laugh!"--something to tickle the funny bone, Well, I was recently going through some files and I found reference to an article from the October--2008 issue of the Mayo Clinic publication "Embody Health". The article's title is "Humor Your Health" and it talks about the physical health benefits of laughter: "Laughter reduces stress chemicals. Laughter helps your heart and lungs. Laughter improves your immune system. Laughter helps relieve pain. (A hearty laugh helps your body produce natural painkillers.) Laughter improves your quality of life. (It has the power to help you relax.)"

So that's why I like to include items like this from a recent Reader's Digest collection and written by a young woman: "I felt like my boyfriend, Brian, was taking me for granted. 'You're never home,' I complained. 'All you want to do is hang out with our buddies. We only go out if they're not available.' 'That's not true,' Brian protested. 'You know I'd rather be with you than have fun.'"

You might want to pray for Brian.... ~ Fr. Kopacek

If ...
It's a surprising little word — if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses.

Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word "if" to explain away my own flaws. "If I wasn't so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren't always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn't so hard." If, if, if.

I don't always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can't someone else season the dish? Sometimes it's more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying my neighbor — doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It's so comfortable.

But *if*. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

"If" can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when? "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Matthew 5:14

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" 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 February 6

Monday, February 6

St. Paul Miki - Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35/Mk 6:53-56
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, February 7

Weekday - Gn 1:20-2:4/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Wednesday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani - Gn 2:4-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2, 27-30/Mk 7:14-23
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Thursday, February 9

Weekday - Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, February 10

St. Scholastica - Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37
NO MASS + Please Pray for Vocations

Saturday, February 11

Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Bob Voves

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Tom & Norma Armstrong

10:45 AM (New Haven) + John Sullivan & Maddie Kruse

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

February 4 - LeRoy Geerts

February 11 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, March 12 (Snow Date - March 19)

Drive-Thru only from 3 - 6 PM

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 +

Rosary Society News

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

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Father Mark McGovern's family. Father McGovern's Funeral Mass was held on Friday, January 27 at I.C. Riceville. May he rest in peace.

If you are new to the area or recently graduated from high school/college, we encourage you to register at one of our parishes. Call the office at 641-393-2520 for more information or to sign up.

Parishes in Holy Rosary Cluster (choose one)

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Lourdes

St. Bernard ~ Alta Vista

Immaculate Conception ~ Elma

St. Peter ~ New Haven

Immaculate Conception ~ Riceville

Or Update Your Information in the Cluster Office. Thank You!

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.



ArchdioceseOne Appeal

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



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

salt	city	shine
earth	hill	good
light	lamp	praise

salt	<u>s a l t</u>
lpam	_____
htil	_____
lithg	_____
godc	_____
erhat	_____
perasi	_____
cyti	_____
sihen	_____

MISSION

Do a taste-test with boiled eggs. Eat one bit plain. Eat the rest seasoned with salt. The salt makes a big difference. Your love for God should make a big difference in the world, too.



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?

Calendar Events

+ Knights of Columbus +

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

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

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Offertory	33.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	375.00
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On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	690.00
On-Line Giving	.00

St. Peter - New Haven

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