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Lourdes, IA



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Immaculate Conception  
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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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## Office Hours

**The office this week: Closed - Monday**

**Staffed: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

## 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

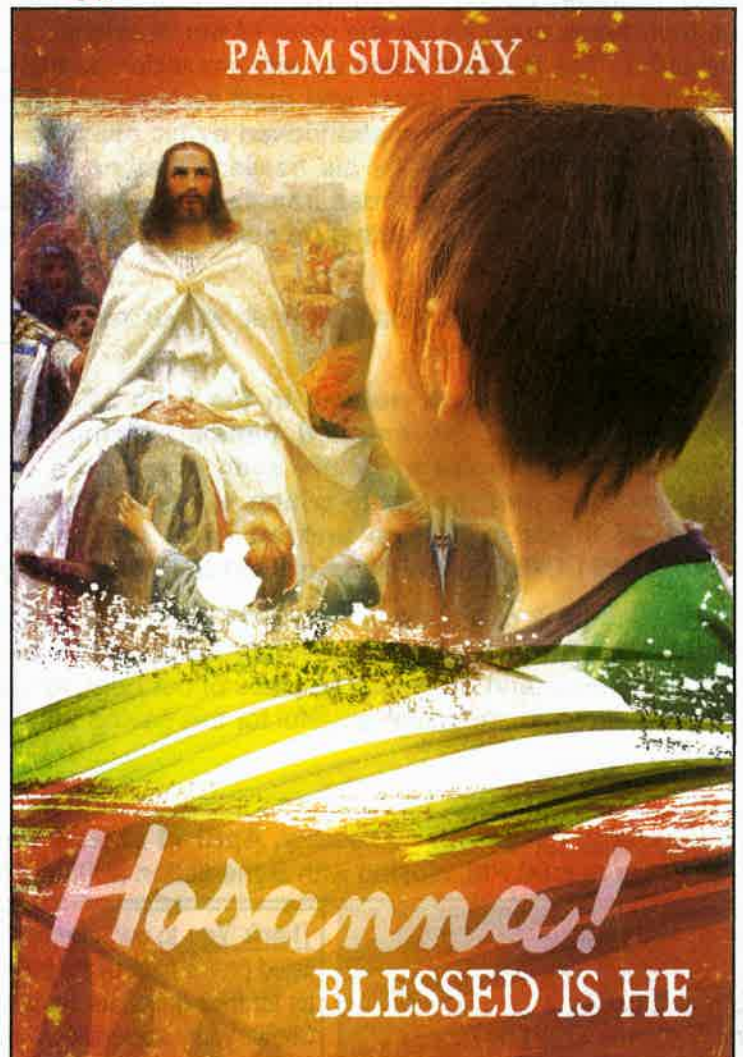
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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. Please note that there is **no Mass this Tuesday morning, April 4**. I'll be attending and concelebrating the annual Chrism Mass at St. Raphael Cathedral at 2 p.m. in Dubuque that day. The Chrism Mass is where the archbishop will bless and consecrate the oils used to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and anointing of the sick in all the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque. For the first time since before the pandemic, the public is invited to attend this beautiful Mass. I realize that Dubuque is not exactly in our immediate neighborhood, but you might consider it an opportunity for a pilgrimage!

2. Lenten confession opportunities: in addition to the usual times before the weekday Masses on Mon. April 3, and Wed. Apr. 5, there will be a penance service with confessions at Stacyville on Wed., April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Though there are no scheduled confession times for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, I'd be glad to schedule a time for you--feel free to give me a call at the cluster office.

3. Please note elsewhere in this bulletin the full Holy Week and Easter schedule, including Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday at I.C. in Elma. Holy Week, especially the Sacred Triduum (Latin for 'three days') of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. This is the most solemn time of the entire Church year--when we recall all that Jesus endured for the sake of our salvation. His physical suffering was beyond the power of words to describe. The Romans came up with crucifixion as the most painful and agonizing suffering they could think of; it was reserved for the worst and most dangerous of criminals. But Jesus endured even more than that--he endured the pain of being abandoned by his apostles, ridiculed and humiliated by the authorities, and even the sense of being forsaken by his heavenly Father: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Mark 15:34). Of course, Jesus rose from the dead--thanks be to God for that! The risen Christ is our one and only hope for eternal life--but neither he nor we get to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday without first going through the Calvary of Good Friday.

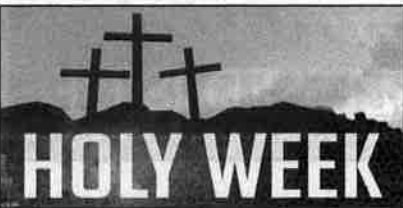
Every year on Palm Sunday we hear--as our second reading St. Paul's powerful description of Jesus from his letter to the Philippians:

**"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:6-11).**

It's hard to think of a better summary of the Christian faith. You might want to prayerfully read this passage on a regular basis; maybe even tape it to your bathroom mirror or some other frequently-visited place. This is what life is all about, and it's the centerpiece of our hope for eternal life and joy: **Jesus Christ is Lord**. May we never forget it; may we always be grateful for this saving truth of God's incredible love for every single one of us!

~ Fr. Kopacek

**Eucharistic Holy Hour - Tuesday, April 11 at New Haven 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 April 3

### Monday, April 3

Monday of Holy Week - Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Deceased Members of Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Joseph Court #878

### Tuesday, April 4

Tuesday of Holy Week - Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

### Wednesday, April 5

Wednesday of Holy Week - Is 50:4-9/Ps 69:8-10, 21, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Brenda Enloe Barker

### Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday - Ex 12:1-8, 11/Ps 116:12, 16/1Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
6:30 PM (New Haven) - Lucille Hultman

### Friday, April 7

Good Friday/First Friday - Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Noon (Elma) - Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM (Lourdes) - The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

### Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) - Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35/Ex 14:15:1/ Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8-11 (Jn 6:68)/Ez 36:16-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

8:30 PM (Elma) + Bille Kobliska

### Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday - Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

7:15 AM (Alta Vista) + Arlene Klobassa

9:00 AM (Lourdes) + Linda Smith & Janet Flaherty

10:45 AM (Riceville) + For the People

New Haven - NO MASS

## MEETINGS

**Thurs., April 13** - Parish Life at 6:00 PM

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

### Pastoral and Finance Meetings

Meetings for each of our cluster parishes has been set; all these meetings will be held at 6 p.m.:

- Tues., April 11--New Haven (at New Haven)
- Tues., April 18--Alta Vista (meeting held in Elma church hall)
- Tues., April 25--Riceville (at Riceville)

We will review the usual financial statements, but the main task will be to begin the goal-setting process for each parish in accord with the archdiocesan pastoral planning process.

## Holy Week Office Hours

Monday, April 3 - CLOSED

(Staffed) Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Staffed) Friday, April 7: 9 a.m. - Noon



## CRS Rice Bowls

Join our Catholic communities to help other countries overcome hunger and malnutrition by participating in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls Lenten journey. Rice Bowls are available in your church entrances and can be put in the offering baskets in church at the Easter Masses OR donate directly online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).



## Palms

Remember that palms blessed this weekend are to be displayed at home (e.g. behind a picture in the living room).

Old palms may be burned, separate from regular trash that is burned or they can be buried. Never throw them away. Remember that palms are sacramental, and should be treated as such.

## Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend April 8 & 9. New Haven's collection will be taken on April 23. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - Project Flo, Our Lady of Lourdes - Howard Co. Hospice, Elma I.C. - Howard Co. Hospice, Riceville I.C. - Wapsi Great Western Line, and St. Peter - Wapsi Great Western Line.

## Good Friday Fasting & Abstinence



Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics ages 18 to 59. When fasting a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## 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.**

## Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which help Christians in the Holy Land. Contributing to this collection makes you an instrument of peace. Collections will be taken at the Good Friday Liturgy.



**+ St. Bernard +**

**Vocation Crucifix**

April 1 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer  
April 8 - Jean Cerwinske

**+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +**

**Liturgy Schedules Available**

April liturgy schedules are available in the entrance of the church.

**+ St. Peter +**

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The May and June liturgy schedules are available in the back of the church.

**MagnifiKid Books**

April MagnifiKid books are available to anyone with children or grandchildren on the table in the back of the church. MagnifiKid books help to enrich child's prayer and foster genuine spiritual growth. Enjoy!

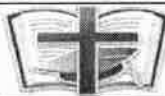
**Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed**

Contact Joanne Pohland with questions at [j.pohland@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org) or to fill in an application go to: [www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus](http://www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus). Missionaries (college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams) are needed to make Totus Tuus possible.



**Grief Support Group**

Grief Support group for men will have its first meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at the KC Hall in Osage. It will start at 6:30 PM and go till 8:00 PM. If interested or for more details contact Tim Niess at 515-250-2269.



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PALM SUNDAY



**Calendar Events**

**Easter Triduum Schedule**

**Holy Thursday**, April 6 - 6:30 PM at New Haven

**Good Friday**, April 7 - 6:30 PM at Lourdes

**Holy Saturday** (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 8 - 8:30 PM at Elma

**Easter Sunday**, April 9

7:15 AM - Alta Vista

9:00 AM - Lourdes

10:45 AM - Riceville

No - New Haven

**Easter Triduum**



**Stations of the Cross**

Good Friday, April 7 - Noon at Elma

**Swiss Steak Drive-Thru Dinner**

**Immaculate Conception, North Washington**

**Day/Time:** Sunday, April 2nd, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Menu:** Swiss Steak, Potatoes, Corn, Coleslaw, Pie

**Cost:** \$15/meal

**Raffle:** \$1.00 each – prizes: cash, gift certificates, home décor, craft items, building care



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**Weekly Collection**

Due to an early bulletin deadline the bulletin was submitted on March 27. The financial stewardship for March 25/26 will be in the next bulletin.

**Online Giving**

When you give online, your gift is transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account or credit card directly to the church. Visit Holy Rosary Cluster website at <http://holyrosarycluster.org>.

1. Click on your Parish Giving link
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