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Holy Rosary Cluster

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Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday & Thursday

Staffed: Tuesday, Wednesday, 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

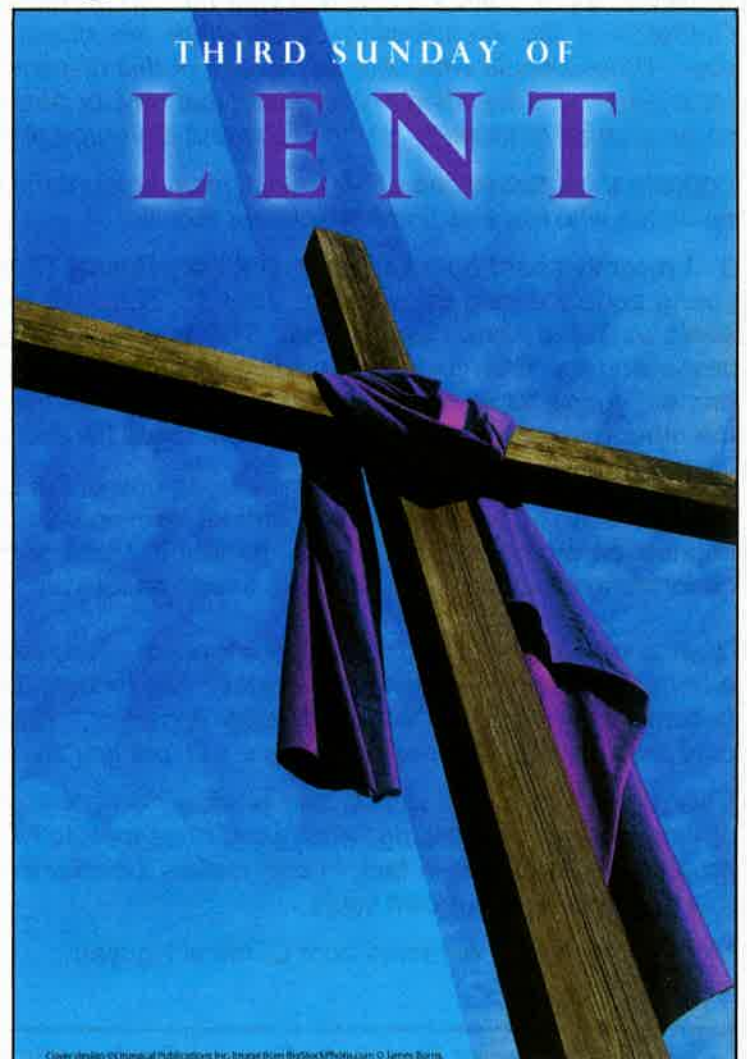
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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. Lenten confession opportunities: In addition to the regularly-scheduled confession times (see the bulletin cover), note that there are three extra times this week:

- **Tues., March 14**--our regular monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in **Riceville**;
- **Wed., March 15**--two priests will be at Lourdes at 6:30 p.m. for confessions for the CCD students, there, but other cluster parishioners are welcome to come for confession as well;
- **Fri., March 17**--I'll be available for confessions during the 5:30 p.m. Lenten Holy Hour in **Lourdes** following the Stations of the Cross.

2. And speaking of March 17--St. Patrick's Day--Archbishop Jackels recently issued the following statement:

"Those of us who are 14 years of age and older are obliged by Church law to practice the penance of abstaining from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. This tradition helps us to remember how Jesus loved us and gave himself up to death for our salvation, as well as to inspire us to imitate Jesus' loving gift of self by an act of penance or charity.

However, as St. Patrick's Day this year falls on a Friday of Lent, and as celebrations often include serving meat, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to abstain from meat on that day. Those people who take advantage of this dispensation are encouraged to perform some other good work, for example, participating in holy Mass that day, or abstaining from watching television, or donating to charity the same amount of money spent on food and beverage at the St. Patrick day celebration.

Begging the intercession of St. Patrick, who brought the Gospel to people in Ireland, may we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who inspires and perfects our faith."

3. I recently heard from Dubuque that Holy Rosary Cluster will be doing **Totus Tuus** again this summer for our young people during the week of **July 16-21**.....**IF** (and it's a big IF) Dubuque is able to hire three teams to serve as Totus Tuus missionaries. This is a really great program to help our youngsters grow in their love for Jesus and the Church, and I've really enjoyed being part of that program. So I ask you to **please pray** that enough young adults will hear their call to serve as missionaries for Totus Tuus this summer so that we and all the other parishes and clusters who want to will be able to have this fine program once again.

4. Lenten thought: I recently came across one of the best reflections on Jesus' call to avoid judging others that I've ever seen. It was written by Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan, a Vietnamese bishop who died in 2002 after being imprisoned by the communist government in Vietnam for thirteen years and whose cause for beatification and canonization is underway. He wrote in part as follows:

"Criticism is easy; it is within everyone's reach. A pessimistic nature easily finds the defects and shortcomings in others. But everyone, without exception, has defects. Even the saints needed a lifetime to become Christlike, to become perfect 'as our heavenly Father is perfect.' Keeping an account of people's faults is a fruitless task. Not only are you showing your pride and ill will, but you are also wasting your time."

Very strong and direct words, and precisely on point. What good is accomplished by focusing on the faults of others; who are we helping; what good does that do for us? No good whatsoever! It does nothing to solve the problem or challenge; in fact, it only makes it easier to persist in a state of resentment and self-righteous anger that can endanger our own souls.

More to come next weekend from Cardinal Nguyen...

~ Fr. Kopacek



Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward
Turn Your Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
Sunday, March 12, 2023

Eucharistic Holy Hour - Tuesday, March 14 at Riceville 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.

Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Eileen A. Chihak, Roger Dunn, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, Sharon Friedhoff, Ken Gebel, Joann Heying, John Heying, Rose Heying, Jimmy Holmen, Diane Kovarik, Arlene Kuennen, Todd Lentz, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Gladys McGrane, LaVern McGrane, Roger Nibaur, Fran Palmerheim, Randy Rodriguez, Tom Rouchka, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith

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 March 13

Monday, March 13

Lenten Weekday - 2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30

8:00 AM (Elma) - Sheila Siegel

Tuesday, March 14

Lenten Weekday - Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

8:00 AM (Elma) - Gerald McGee

Wednesday, March 15

Lenten Weekday - Dt 4:1,5-9/Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20/Mt 5:17-19

8:00 AM (Elma) - Dennis Keane

Thursday, March 16

Lenten Weekday - Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Care Center - Charles, Daryl, Ted, & Kim McPhail

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick - Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14,17/Mk 12:28-34

8:00 AM (Elma) - Joe Kubik

Saturday, March 18

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent - 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Living and Deceased Members of the Ptacek Family

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Pete Schaefer

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Mark, Helen & Anne Sullivan

MEETINGS

Thurs., March 30 - Liturgy Comm. at 6:30 PM

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

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

St. Bernard Church

**St. Patrick's 37th Grilled Pork Chop Supper
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Sunday, March 12 Alta Vista Municipal Hall

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Please be aware there are two early bulletin deadlines the month of March. Have items to the church office **by Tuesday, March 21** if they need to go into the April 2nd or April 9th bulletins.



Lent Holy Hour/Confessions/Stations Info.

During **Fridays of March**, there will be a **5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour** at each of the five parishes of Holy Rosary Cluster. Each Holy Hour will consist of the following:

- **exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at 5:30 p.m., followed immediately by:
- **Stations of the Cross;**
- time for **silent prayer and adoration; I will be available for confessions** during this time; and
- **Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, 6:30 p.m.**

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 17 -- Lourdes

Friday, March 24 -- Alta Vista

Friday, March 31 -- New Haven

In addition to these Holy Hours, I'll also be available for confessions at all the usual times during Lent as well--see the bulletin cover for those times and opportunities. Know that you are also more than welcome to give me a call to set up a time for confession if that works better for you. ~Fr. Kopacek

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 to CRS online at crsricebowl.org/give.

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+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

March 11 - Deann & Tony Meirick
March 18 - Mildred Brus

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Liturgical Minister schedules are available in the entrance of the church. If you have signed up for any ministries please pick one up.

-We are still asking for people to sign up and help out. Please Call Ann O'Brien at 641-393-2242.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Donuts & Coffee

Donuts & Coffee will be served following Mass on Sunday, March 19. Everyone is welcome to attend.

+ St. Peter +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Patricia Schweiger family. Patricia's Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, March 2 at St. Peter Church. May she rest in peace.

ArchdioceseOne Appeal

Over 14 million has been raised for the ArchdioceseOne special appeal. Thank you to everyone who has made a sacrificial gift to support the special appeal through 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 mailing it directly to: ArchdioceseOne at 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003 or visiting the ArchdioceseOne website at: www.archdioceseone.org/support

Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

Contact Joanne Pohland with questions at j.pohland@dbqarch.org or to fill in an application go to: www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus.



Calendar Events

Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023 you are invited to the 27th Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference. Location is Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids (with live-stream available). Focus of the conference will be on the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our lives. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Edward Sri, co-founder of FOCUS. Mass with Archbishop Jackels and breakout sessions. Go to www.archmensconference.org to register.

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The upcoming dates are April 22-23 in Epworth, Iowa and September 22-24 in Dubuque, Iowa. For more information call 563-920-9419.

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