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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

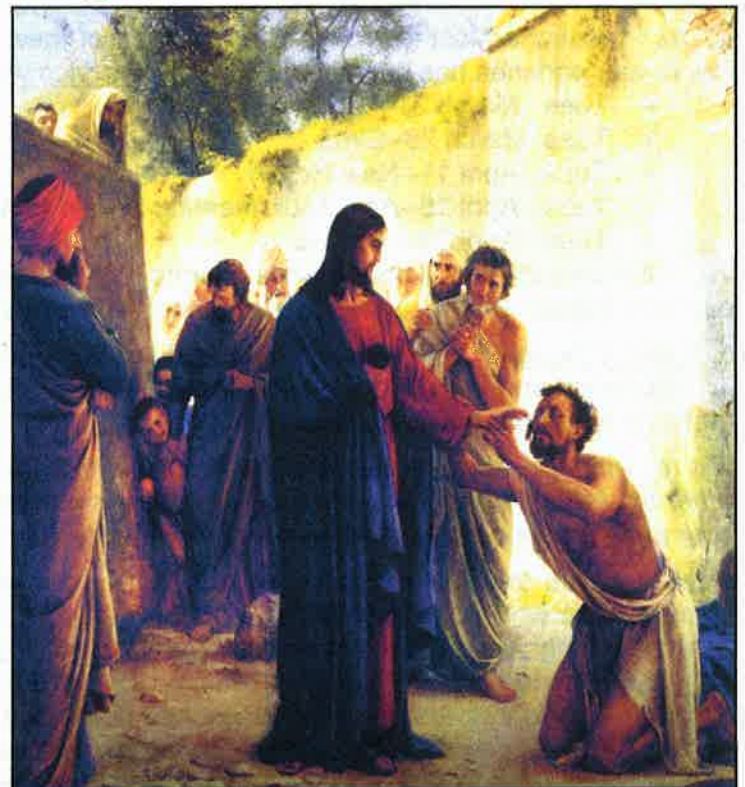
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1990 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.

March 19, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. A friendly reminder: as noted on the bulletin cover, the **cluster office in Elma is closed on Mondays**. The staff is not present; and as that is my day off (unless a Monday funeral is scheduled), I am often out of town. You are of course welcome to call and leave a message.

2. Lenten confession opportunities--in addition to the regularly-scheduled confession times (see the bulletin cover), note the following extra times this week:

Sun., March 19--penance service at 1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Charles City

Fri., March 24--I'll be available for confessions during the 5:30 p.m. Lenten Holy Hour in **Alta Vista** following the Stations of the Cross.

3. **Fr. Andrew Marr**, pastor of the Archangels Catholic Cluster of parishes in Hancock and Winnebago Counties, will be the celebrant at the **6 p.m. Mass at Alta Vista on Sat., March 25**. The reason for that is that I'll be the celebrant for the 4 p.m. Mass at my home parish of St. Wenceslaus (Duncan) that afternoon; in essence, Fr. Marr and I will simply be 'switching pulpits' that evening. I'll be back here to Holy Rosary Cluster for the regular Mass schedule on Sunday, Mar. 26.

4. As I mentioned last weekend, the schedule of meetings of the pastoral and finance councils of each of our five cluster parishes has been set; all these meetings will be held at 6 p.m.:

- Tues., March 21--**Lourdes**
- Tues, March 28--**Elma**
- Tues., April 11--**New Haven**
- Tues., April 18--**Alta Vista** (meeting held in Elma church hall)
- Tues., April 25--**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.

5. Lenten thought: Last week I introduced you to Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan, a Vietnamese bishop who died in 2002 after spending many years imprisoned by the communist government there. Here are more of his thoughts about our tendency to judge others:

"To remember a person's defects is to hold onto the past and to concentrate on that person's worst side, as if no other existed! No one's life is frozen; everyone is constantly evolving, changing, growing. You must concentrate your entire attention on the present and the future rather than the past."

How very true that is! Every single one of us is a sinner, and we all have a history that is not exactly the 'perfection' to which Jesus calls us. I doubt if any of us would like it if someone kept judging us as bad or evil based on things we did back in our 'younger, foolish days". Why, then, do we allow ourselves to think judgmentally of someone else only in terms of some wrong or sin they committed in the past? Every single one of us, without exception, is a 'work in progress'--we have learned from our past mistakes and made progress (at least we hope so!), but each of us also has a way to go as well. Yes, we need to acknowledge the reality of the sin and wrong that is done--but judging the state of another person's soul is not our task. "Stop judging, that you may not be judged"--from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 7:1). They are Jesus' words...not mine.

~ Fr. Kopacek



Eucharistic Holy Hour--Tues., 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.



Early Bulletin Deadlines

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.



Mass Intentions Week of March 20

Monday, March 20

St. Joseph - 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16/Ps 89:2-5,27/Rom 4:13,16-18,22/Mt 1:16,18-21,24

8:00 AM (Elma) - Jim Malek

Tuesday, March 21

Lenten Weekday - Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

8:00 AM (Elma) - Arlene Keane

Wednesday, March 22

Lenten Weekday - Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

8:00 AM (Elma) - Francis Dietrich

Thursday, March 23

St. Turibius - Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Care Center - Don Novak

Friday, March 24

Lenten Weekday - Wis2:1,12-22/Ps34:17-20,21,23/Jn7:1-2,10, 25-30

8:00 AM (Elma) - William Hilbert

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord - Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Ed & Helena (Lena) Freidhof

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Ez 37:12-14/Ps130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

7:15 AM (Elma) + Bernard & Helen Dunn

9:00 AM (Riceville) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Jane Niess

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 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.

The Rosary Unites Us All

Throughout the year rosaries are prayed to help bring unity and peace. Please take time to pray the rosary.



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.

Pastoral and Finance Meetings

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+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

March 18 - Mildred Brus

March 25 - Mary McAvoy

+ 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.

Congratulations

We congratulate Josh and Taylor Mauer on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Maevyn Mary. Maevyn was baptized on March 12. Please welcome and pray for Maevyn Mary as she begins her new life in the Church.

+ St. Peter +

Stations of the Cross & R.E. Celebration

Please join the St. Peter Religious Education students who will lead the Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 26 at 10:15 AM. That same day following the 10:45 AM Mass, you are all invited to join our students for a meal. Help us celebrate another successful year.

Get the Bulletin Through Your Email

Receive the weekly church bulletin electronically through your email. LPI, the company that prints our church bulletins can email the bulletin directly to you each week. To begin, 1)Open a browser (Google, Safari or Firefox) and in your search bar type in - parishesonline.com, 2)Type in 'Holy Rosary Cluster' in the box for church name and Elma, IA in the box for city. Click the yellow box to search. 3)A new page opens-click on 'Holy Rosary Cluster' right above the address. 4)New page opens, in the box that says 'Recent Publication' Click on 'Subscribe'. 5)New box opens up, type in Email address and your name, then Click 'Subscribe'. A confirmation notice will be sent to your email and then you will start receiving the weekly bulletin in your emails.

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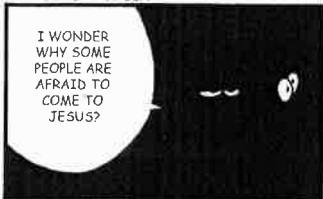
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Contact Joanne Pohland with questions at j.pohland@dbqarch.org or to fill in an application go to: www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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 Mass - 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 - cash, gift certificates, home décor, craft items, building care



*Meal tickets and raffle tickets are available from any parishioner. Correct cash amount or checks appreciated day of event.

Financial Stewardship

March 11/12

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$325.00
Act of Kindness	130.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	535.00
Act of Kindness	11.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	590.00
Act of Kindness	71.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	1,470.00
Act of Kindness	188.00
On-Line Giving	250.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	350.00
On-Line Giving	95.00

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