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New Haven, IA

Holy Rosary Cluster

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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!



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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 26, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I had another post-op checkup with my surgeon this past Monday; he's pleased with how I'm doing so far. And I'm grateful for ongoing progress as well--thanks be to God, and to all of you for your prayers. The next step: for at least the next two years I'll be having blood work done every three months to check the PSA numbers. Since my prostate was removed, those numbers should be zero. But as the doctor told me, it happens every once in a while that a few stray cancer cells show up that were not detected earlier--that's why we'll be doing those three-month checkups into the near future.

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

Wed., March 29--penance service at St. Mary's, Greene at 6:45 p.m.

Fri., March 31--I'll be available for confessions during the 5:30 p.m. Lenten Holy Hour in New Haven following the Stations of the Cross.

3. Here is the last excerpt I want to share with you from Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan, the Vietnamese bishop who died in 2000 after spending many years imprisoned by the communist government there. Again his words warning us against judging others are powerful and sobering:

"One who has sinned but who bears his or her past with sorrow may be a saint today or become one tomorrow. Such a person may make swifter progress on the road toward holiness than me. While I waste my time and strength criticizing and complaining about others, those who seemed to me to be further behind on the road are setting out and moving forward quickly and soon will have gone beyond me."

Yes, other people do in fact sin; that is simply reality. But we don't know their whole story or the circumstances of life they are facing. Maybe they haven't repented and changed their ways, but maybe they have...and we aren't aware of it. Rather than continue to look down on someone whose inner moral or spiritual state or whose relationship with God we don't know, let's focus on ourselves and our own continuing need to be converted. "For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?" (Matt. 7:2-3). Again: Jesus' words, not mine.

~ 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.



5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



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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 March 27

Monday, March 27

Lenten Weekday - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

8:00 AM (Elma) - Don Novak

Tuesday, March 28

Lenten Weekday - Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

8:00 AM (Elma) - Genevieve Blake

Wednesday, March 29

Lenten Weekday - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

8:00 AM (Elma) - Bernard & Helen Dunn

Thursday, March 30

Lenten Weekday - Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Care Center - Tom Mans

Friday, March 31

Lenten Weekday - Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

8:00 AM (Elma) - Russ O'Donnell

Saturday, April 1

Vigil of Palm Sunday - Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Paul Geerts

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday - Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Dean Byrnes

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Pete Schaefer

Lent Holy Hour/Confessions/Stations Info.

Last **Friday of March**, there will be a **5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour**. The 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 31 -- New Haven

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 online at crricebowl.org/give.



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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

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

- 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.



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+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

March 25 - Mary McAvoy

April 1 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Scott Grober family. Scott's funeral was held on Thursday, March 16. May he rest in peace.

+ Lourdes +

Rosary Society Meeting

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 PM in the church hall. Please come and help plan our year.

+ 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. Following 10:45 AM Mass that same day, you are all invited to join our students for a meal. Help us celebrate another successful year.

Congratulations

We congratulate Ross and Hillary Cockrum on the occasion of the baptism of their son Milo Ray. Milo was baptized on March 19. Please welcome and pray for Milo Ray as he begins his new life in the Church.

Thank You

Thank you to the St. Peter Religious Education students for a job well done. Almost 100% of student attendance and some parents were present to clean the St. Peter's Church and Religious Education Center. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus Council #11592 (New haven & Riceville) for the pizza party. God blessed us with a beautiful day.

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!



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

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 7 - Noon at Elma

Easter Triduum



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.

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



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

Financial Stewardship

March 18/19

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes \$425.00

Offertory 72.00

On-Line Giving 75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes 160.00

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