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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!



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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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 5, 2023

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 two extra times this week:

- **Wed. March 8**--two priests will be at Riceville at 6:30 p.m. for confessions for the CCD students there, but other parishioners are welcome to come as well for confession;
- **Fri., March 10**--I will be available for confessions during the 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour in Elma following the Stations of the Cross.

2. Archdiocesan pastoral planning: I've told you before about the archdiocese's plan to prepare a parish vitality instrument (PVI) to help individual parishes determine how well they are doing in a variety of areas. After conversations between the archbishop, the priest council and the archdiocesan pastoral council, the decision was made to move in a different direction:

- instead of a separate PVI, the archdiocese will collect the information through the existing parish status and financial reports that are filed each year. Further questions will be added to those report forms to gather needed additional information;
- **each parish will be asked to submit 1-3 goals or priority efforts to strengthen its viability and ongoing pastoral life, ministry, and outreach. These goals will be determined in conversations between parish leadership and the pastor; these goals will then be communicated to the archdiocesan pastoral center which can then help the parish with the resources needed to achieve those goals;**
- a permanent pastoral planning committee will be established by the archdiocese in order to make recommendations (based on population shifts, availability of clergy and pastoral leadership, and parish vitality) to the archbishop regarding the need to open, cluster or merge parishes.

You will note that the second item above is in bold print; that is because this will be the focus of our own efforts in Holy Rosary Cluster to do our part in pastoral planning. I will soon be setting up a series of meetings--one for each of the five cluster parishes. The pastoral and finance councils of each parish will be part of this meeting; I may ask other individuals to attend as well. The first part of each meeting will be to review regular business (parish finances, etc.), but the bulk of each meeting will be devoted to learning more about this goal-setting process and getting it underway. I'll be providing some resources to aid in that process.

In his recent update on this process (Jan. 16) Archbishop Jackels repeated important points he has made earlier: "It can't be said enough that there is no list of parishes on the proverbial chopping block, nor is there an episcopal (i.e. bishop's) desire to merge parishes. At the same time...a parish has to have enough people to constitute a community, people who are also willing to take responsibility for the roles of the parish ministries between one Sunday and the next--serving the poor, learning and teaching the Gospel, and gathering people for daily and Sunday Mass--and who will contribute enough money to pay the bills."

3. Lenten thought: "When I am in a situation where it is going to be really hard to forgive someone, I ask God to help me realize that no matter what anyone has done to me, God has forgiven me for much more." (Mother Angelica). A challenging reflection, and one we need to take seriously. Every time we pray the 'Our Father', we ask God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". If we refuse to forgive someone who has hurt us, do you realize that we are then actually praying that God will not forgive us? I really don't think we want to pray in that way! And if we find it really hard to forgive, then: 1) pray for the grace to forgive, and 2) pray for the person you are struggling to forgive. Prayer really does help, you know....

~ Fr. Kopacek

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.



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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 6

Monday, March 6

Lenten Weekday- Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38

8:00 AM (Elma) - Gerald McGee

Tuesday, March 7

St. Perpetua/St. Felicity-Is:10,16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,23/Mt23:1-12

8:00 AM (Elma) - Janet Flaherty

Wednesday, March 8

St. John of God - Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

8:00 AM (Elma) - Joe & Margaret McGrane

Thursday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome - Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, March 10

Lenten Weekday - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 AM (Elma) - Leo & John Freitag Family

Saturday, March 11

Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Tom Smith & Sr. Mary Smith

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Rick Holthaus

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Ray Maravetz

10:45 AM (New Haven) + **NO MASS**

Lent Holy Hour/Confessions/Stations Info.

During the **five 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 3 -- Riceville

Friday, March 10 -- Elma

Friday, March 17 -- Lourdes

Friday, March 24 -- Alta Vista

Friday, March 31 -- New Haven

In addition to these five 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

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend March 11 & 12. New Haven's collection will be taken on March 19. Designated charity this month is: St. Bernard, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elma I.C., Riceville I.C., and St. Peter - Catholic Relief Services CRS Rice Bowl.

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.

Lenten Daily Reflection Books Available

Two versions of Lenten Daily Reflection books are available in the church entrances. One book is, *The Magnificat Lenten Companion* and the other book is *Daily Reflections for Lent*. Please take to use during the Lenten season.

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.



St. Bernard Church-St. Patrick's 37th Supper DRIVE-THRU ONLY (Serving 3:00-6:00 PM) Sunday, March 12 (snow date March 19) Alta Vista Municipal Hall

Meal: Grilled Pork Chop, Dressing, Green Beans, Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw, Pie

Cost: Adults & Children/\$14 in advance; \$15 day of

Tickets available from: Parishioners, New Hampton Fareway, AV Express, Security State Bank in Elma & New Hampton. Raffle sponsored by: Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Joseph Court #878

Delivering Bulletins or Books to Homebound

If you know of someone who does not have access to the internet or is homebound and is not able to get a bulletin or prayer books, please help out by delivering these items to those who cannot get them for themselves. They would be very grateful for your kindness.

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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.**

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

March 4 - Irene & Ed Huegel

March 11 - Deann & Tony Meirick

+ 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 +

Rosary Society News

St. Anne's Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 5 at 6:00 PM in the church basement. All I.C. parish women are invited to attend.

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.

+ Knights of Columbus +

KC Council #11592 Travel Gavel

Travel Gavel for Knights of Columbus #11592 (Riceville/New Haven) will be held Wednesday, March 8 at St. Peter Church Hall in New Haven. It begins at 5:30 PM with a meal at 6:00 PM. All members, wives and widows are invited to attend.

+ Knights of Columbus +

KC Council #4144 Meeting

KC Council #4144 will hold a meeting at the Elma American Legion at 7:00 PM on Thurs., March 9.

Financial Stewardship

February 25/26

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$965.00
Act of Kindness	79.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	470.00
Offertory	46.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	1,385.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	765.00
Offertory	253.00
On-Line Giving	150.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	240.00
Offertory	107.25
On-Line Giving	105.00



Daylight Savings Time
Spring Ahead 1 Hour
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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT





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