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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

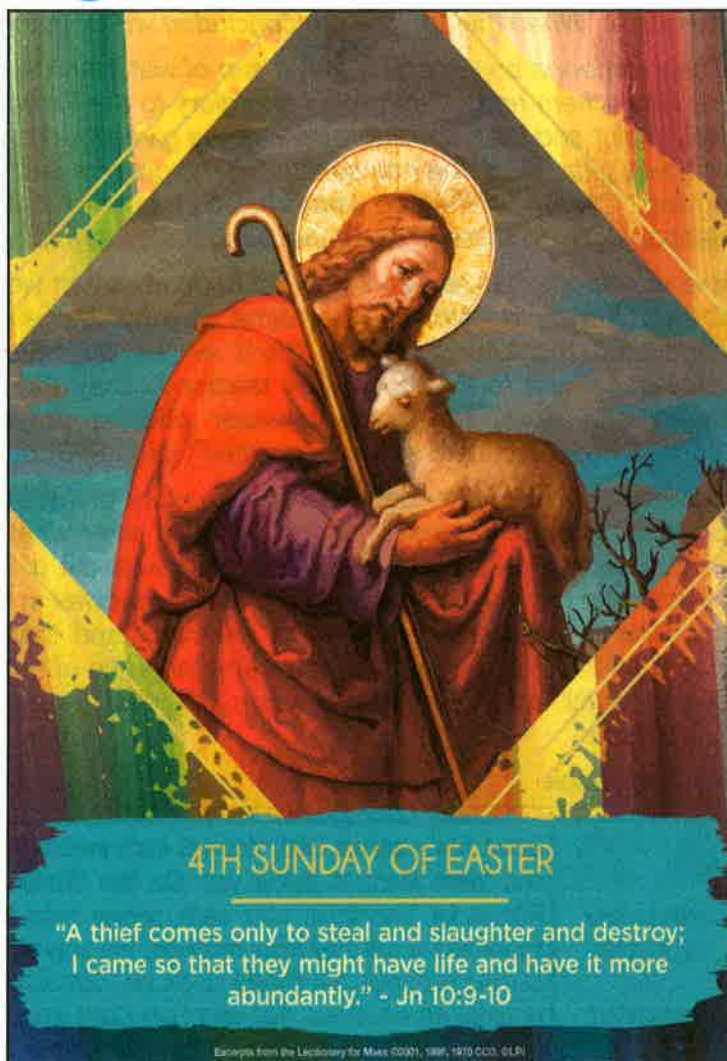
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." - Jn 10:9-10

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2002), 1989, 1970 COB, © LRI

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. Season 3 of "The Chosen" is now available on DVD. We have two sets of Season 3 at the cluster office; you are welcome to borrow a set for your home viewing. We also have DVD sets of Seasons 1 and 2 as well. I've told you before that it's the best movie/TV/video portrayal of the gospels' account of Jesus that I've ever seen, and this new Season 3 only confirms my belief. I strongly recommend it.

2. In last weekend's homily I mentioned St. Justin Martyr's description of what the earliest Christians did when they gathered together. His account, written around the year 155 A.D., sounds remarkably like the structure of the Mass as we now celebrate it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1345) contains the following excerpt from St. Justin:

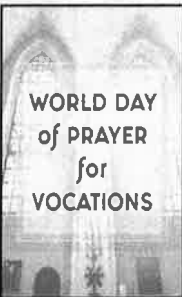
"On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate those beautiful things. Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves...and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss...."

Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) and we have been judged worthy of these gifts. When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.' When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the 'eucharisted' bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent."

It is so important to realize that what happens when we gather for Mass now, nearly 2000 years after the time of Christ himself, is basically the same as what the earliest Christians did when they joined in worship. They conducted the Liturgy of the Word as we do--hearing the Scriptures proclaimed and explained with an encouragement to live up to that teaching. They then engaged in the Liturgy of the Eucharist--bringing forth bread and wine, the leader/presider offering prayer in thanksgiving during which those elements are 'eucharisted' (we might say 'consecrated') into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Obviously, some of the details of the structure of the Mass have been modified over the centuries. For example, St. Justin referred to 'exchang[ing] the kiss' after what we now call the Prayers of the Faithful--in our time, we exchange what we now call the 'sign of peace' at a time much closer to the Communion rite. But the overall structure of the Mass is basically the same as it was in that earliest time in Christian history. From the beginning, the Church has been obedient to the command that Jesus gave the apostles at the Last Supper when he instituted the Eucharist: "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). How blessed we are to be able to receive Jesus' Body and Blood in the same way that he established for his Church through the apostles and their successors!

~ Fr. Kopacek



Good and gracious God, You call each person by name and invite them to follow you. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may each person hear and respond to the call they have received. We pray for all discerning marriage, the chaste single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministries, that your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" of your children. Amen.

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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 May 1

Monday, May 1

St. Joseph - Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18

8:00 AM (Elma) - Msgr. Cletus Hawes

Tuesday, May 2

St. Athanasius - Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

8:00 AM (Elma) - Mary Lee Geerts

Wednesday, May 3

St. Philip & St. James - 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14

8:00 AM (Elma) - Clarence & Geneva Gansen

Thursday, May 4

Easter Weekday - Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20

Care Center - Elsie Ludwig

Friday, May 5

First Friday - Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

8:00 AM (Elma) - Judy Zobeck

Saturday, May 6

Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter - Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1

Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Denny Burke

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-

9/Jn 14:1-12

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + David Allen Block

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Bud Counsell

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

April 29 - Donna & Joe Zweibohmer

May 6 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Congratulations

We congratulate Alan & Abigail Runde on the occasion of the baptism of their son Owen Joseph. Owen was baptized on April 23. Please welcome and pray for Owen Joseph as he begins his new life in the Church.

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, May 5 from 4:00 – 4:40 PM at I.C. in Riceville.

Rosary Society News

St. Anne's Rosary Society will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 6:00 PM.

+ St. Peter +

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Harper Huisman on receiving First Holy Communion Sunday, April 23.

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, May 5 from 3:00 – 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

MagnifiKid Books

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

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who worked on repairing our church steps. We know you're busy and are grateful you took the time to help with this project. They look great!

MEETINGS

Tues., June 6 - Faith Formation at 6:30 PM

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

Meetings will be held in the I.C. Elma church basement.



May Crowning

May Crowning will be at the following Masses:

Saturday, May 6 (4:00 PM) Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, May 6 (6:00 PM) St. Bernard, Alta Vista

Sunday, May 7 (9:00 AM) IC Riceville

Sunday, May 7 (10:45 AM) St. Peter, New Haven

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, May 9 at Elma 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.



Benedictine Sisters to host in-person Monastic Experience in June



The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, will host an in-person Monastic Experience June 23-29, 2023. "It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life." This opportunity is for single women, age 18-40, who are considering religious life. There is no cost to attend. For more information or to learn about upcoming Monastic Experiences, including virtual opportunities, please contact Sister Maria Victoria at vocation@benedictinesisters.org, call (660) 994-2221 ext. 127, or visit: www.BenedictineSisters.org and click on Vocations/Walk With Us.

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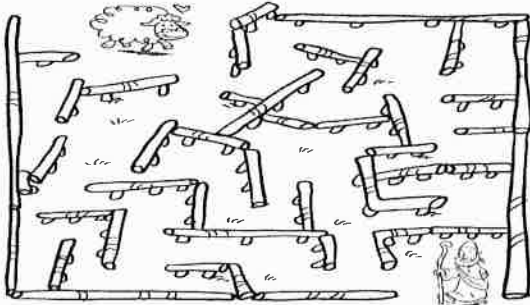
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4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:1-10

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MISSION
I will listen and follow the words of my pastors and teachers right away.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Calendar Events

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"For it is in giving that we receive." ~St. Francis of Assisi

Financial Stewardship

April 22/23

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Offertory	126.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

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Immaculate Conception - Elma

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St. Peter - New Haven

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