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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

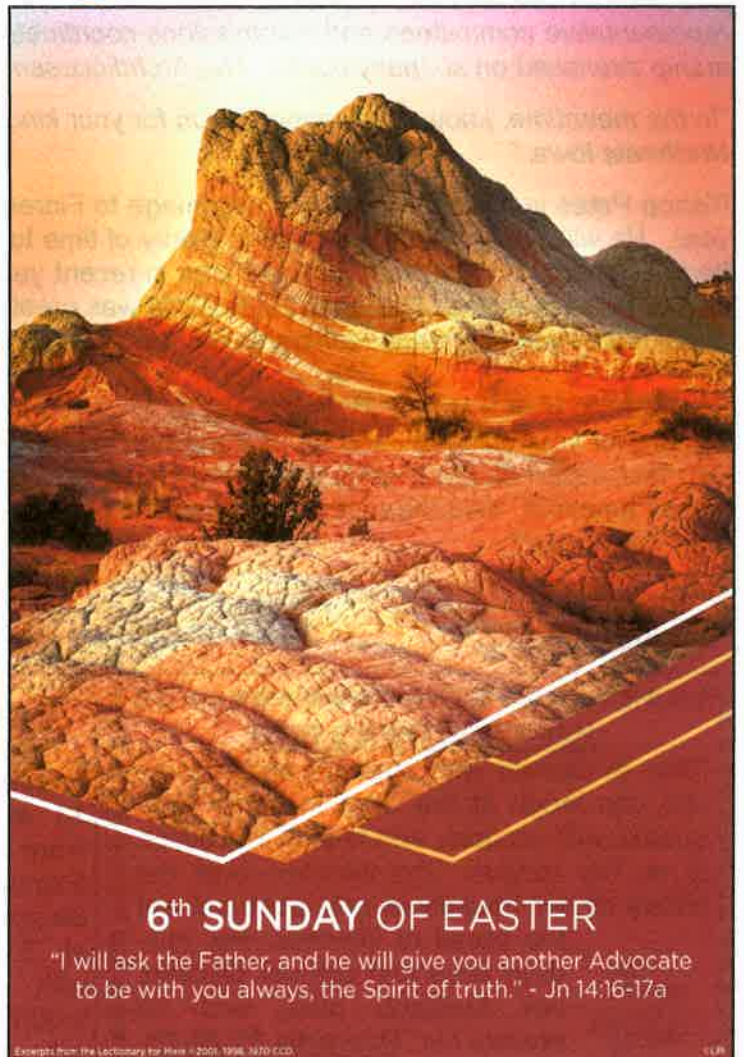
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 ECD.

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.

May 14, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I've heard that some tried to send a note to recently retired Archbishop Jackels, only to have it returned. We were recently informed that you are asked to send it to the attention of Sarah Otting (secretary to the archbishop) at: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque IA 52003

2. We recently received a note from Bishop Pates who is serving as the apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Dubuque until the new archbishop is named and takes office. He writes in part as follows:

"As is to be expected, speculation has already begun as to when the new Archbishop will be appointed and who it will be. The one comment I can contribute to this mix is that of Archbishop Pierre, the Apostolic Nuncio [the pope's 'ambassador' or representative to a particular country]: 'I'm working on it.'..."

For my part, I have come to appreciate the vibrant life in the Archdiocese: the generous pastoral ministry, the excellent liturgies, the outstanding evangelization outreach in our schools and religious education programs, the sacramental celebrations, Eucharist, confirmations and the upcoming priestly and diaconal ordinations, all of the representative committees and commissions coordinating enriching gatherings, and the administration and leadership exercised on so many fronts. The Archdiocesan community is alive & well....

"In the meantime, know of my appreciation for your kindness to me and how you strive to be the Body of Christ in Northeast Iowa."

Bishop Pates is currently leading a pilgrimage to Florence and Rome in Italy; that had been planned for about a year. He will certainly be back here in plenty of time to ordain our new deacon and priests later this month. I've had the opportunity to meet Bishop Pates in recent years; he is a very kind and welcoming man whose leadership of the Des Moines Diocese (2008-2019) was greatly appreciated. Please pray for the bishop who has come out of retirement to provide leadership for our archdiocese until our new archbishop is named.


3. I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of you moms; may God reward you for all that you do and all that you are for your children...and for all the ways that they may 'surprise' you. Consider the young girl who watched with fascination as her mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that?' she asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said the mother, who began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter?' asked the girl. 'Giving up?'"

Ouch...

~ Fr. Kopacek

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
 * "She is clothed with strength and dignity;
 * she can laugh at the days to come. She
 * speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction
 * is on her tongue. She watches over the
 * affairs of her household and does not eat
 * the bread of idleness. Her children
 * arise and call her blessed;
 * her husband also, and he
 * praises her" **Proverbs 31:24-28**

Eucharistic Holy Hour
Tuesday, June 13 at Lourdes 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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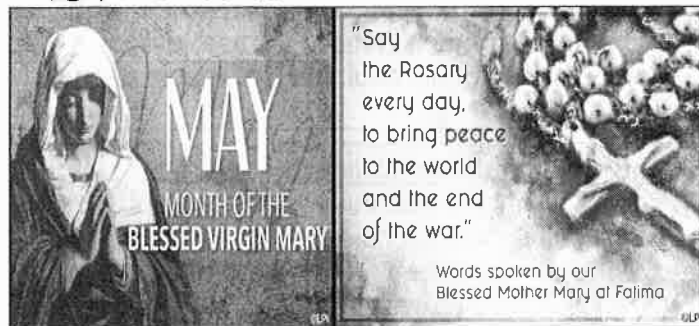
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Cluster News

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.



"Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."

Words spoken by our Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

Mass Intentions Week of May 15

Monday, May 15

St. Isidore - Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 15:26-16:4
8:00 AM (Elma) - Keith & Avis Roethler

Tuesday, May 16

Easter Weekday - Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Jn 16:5-11
8:00 AM (Elma) - Joe Gansen

Wednesday, May 17

St. Damien - Acts 17:15, 22:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
8:00 AM (Elma) - Merle Wacha

Thursday, May 18

St. John I - Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20
NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, May 19

St. Nereus & St. Achilleus - Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
8:00 AM (Elma) - Ray Maravetz

Saturday, May 20

Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord - Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Paul & Helen Geerts

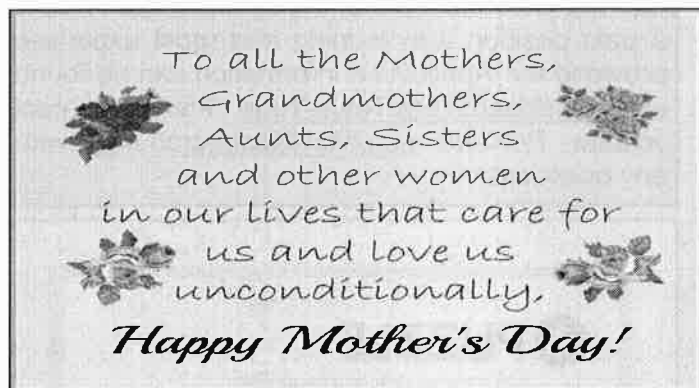
Sunday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord - Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

7:15 AM (Elma) + Marcella & Ed Haskovec

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Nicholas & Mary Kolbet

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS



Early Bulletin Deadline

If you have items for the June 4th bulletin please have them to the cluster office by Tuesday, May 23.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

May 13 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

May 20 - LouAnn & John Huegel

Liturgy Schedules Available

The St. Bernard Liturgy Schedule from May 6 to October 7, 2023 is available in the back of the church. We have a new, updated schedule with additional ministers listed. Please check the names on the schedule.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies to the Family of Sr. Mary Brian Kelly. Sr. Mary Brian's funeral was held April 28 at Sacred Heart Convent in Cedar Rapids. Sr. Mary Brian attended a country school in the Elma area and graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy in Elma in 1949. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1956. She spent most of her ministry as an elementary school teacher and later became a Pastoral Minister for St. Benedict's parish in Decorah. Memorials may be sent to: Sisters of Mercy, 1125 Prairie Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. May Sr. Mary Brian Kelly, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace.

MEETINGS

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

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

Thurs., Aug. 10 - Social Justice at 6:30 PM

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

Cemetery News and Decorations

Wreaths and flowers are allowed on individual graves starting the Friday before Memorial Day (May 26) and ending on the Sunday after Memorial Day (June 4). At other times flowers in containers are allowed if they are placed at the ends of the monuments on the cement foundation and do not interfere with the mowing. Wreaths and flowers are allowed provided they are attached to the monument or if they are mounted on a rod, placed on either end of the monument, not in front or back. If the flowers are placed anywhere else, they may be removed.



+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Thomas "Tommy" Schaefer family. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese throughout the summer leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children/youth of the Archdiocese. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided for. Application information can be found at www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus. Please contact Joanne Pohland (j.pohland@dbqarch.org) with any questions.



Calendar Events

Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting

Tri-County Citizens for Life will hold a meeting on Monday, May 15 at 6:30 PM in the Elma I.C. Church basement. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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.

Stewardship

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

Financial Stewardship

May 6/7

Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	\$525.00
Offertory	132.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	420.00
Offertory	43.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	298.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	1065.00
Offertory	243.00
On-Line Giving	225.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	300.00
Offertory	59.55
On-Line Giving	95.00

PUZZLE

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MISSION

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