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Office Hours

The office this week: **Closed - Monday**

Staffed: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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

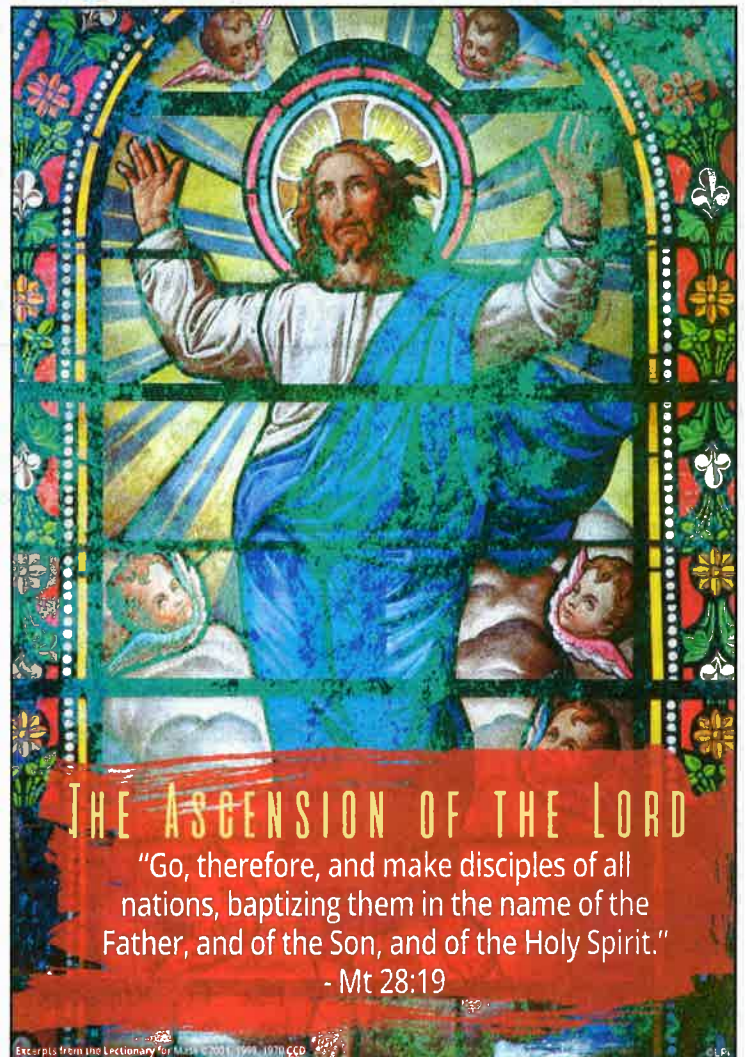
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

- Mt 28:19

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 21, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please note that there will be **no morning Mass this Monday, May 22.** I will be at our monthly EnCourage meeting in Cedar Rapids on Sunday night (May 21) and will stay overnight there. I'll be back in Elma by mid-to-late afternoon on Monday.

2. I will also be gone overnight this coming Friday, May 26--I'll be in Dubuque for the ordination of Greg Lambert as a deacon that night at 7 p.m. and then on Saturday morning (May 27) at 10 a.m. for the ordination of Casey Flack and Jeff Frieden to the priesthood. Both ordinations will be LiveStreamed; you can watch them at: www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts. Please pray for these three young men as they make their final preparations for ordination, and please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

3. This weekend we celebrate Jesus' glorious Ascension into heaven. Many of you remember that we used to celebrate this feast on Thursday. The first chapter of Acts tells us that Jesus appeared to various people for forty days after his rising from the dead; forty days after Easter Sunday is Thursday of the sixth week of the Easter season, and so that is when that feast had traditionally been celebrated. But the local bishops have the authority to change the time at which certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated--and back in the 1990's the bishops of Iowa shifted our observance of the Ascension from that Thursday to the following Sunday.

Whether the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday or Sunday, it is a very important feast for us on a number of levels. For example, Pope Francis tells us: "The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior." This feast is first and foremost about the historical reality--the truth--of Jesus ascending into heaven, body and soul, after he rose from the dead. But it's also about how we can now look forward in faith and hope to that same destiny and to being with Jesus forever. He 'blazed the trail' to heaven for us by his Ascension; may we live fully in and for Christ in this life so as to share in eternal joy with him in his kingdom!

4. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" With the end of the school year right around the corner, this gem from another 'Reader's Digest' collection comes to mind: "Walking through the hallways at the middle school where I work, I saw a new substitute teacher standing outside his classroom with his forehead against a locker. I heard him mutter, 'How did you get yourself into this?' Knowing he was assigned to a difficult class, I tried to offer moral support. 'Are you okay?' I asked. 'Can I help?' He lifted his head and replied, 'I'll be fine as soon as I get this kid out of his locker.'"

Yep, the end of the school year is coming just in the nick of time....

~ Fr. Kopacek



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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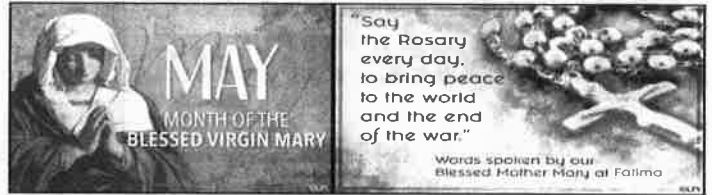
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Cluster News

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.



Mass Intentions Week of May 22

Monday, May 22

St. Rita - Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, May 23

Easter Weekday - Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11

8:00 AM (Elma) - Ed & Anna O'Brien

Wednesday, May 24

Easter Weekday - Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11-19

8:00 AM (Elma) - Eugene Meier

Thursday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2,5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Care Center - Charles, Daryl, Ted & Kim McPhail

Friday, May 26

St. Philip Neri - Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19

8:00 AM (Elma) - Louis & Helen Ludwig

Saturday, May 27

Vigil of Pentecost - Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Kathryn O'Brien

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + **NO MASS**

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost - Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

7:15 AM (Elma) + Norbert Burke

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Chuck Wemhoff



Fr. Kopacek 35th Anniversary

Congratulations to Father Kopacek on his 35th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, May 28. Father Kopacek was recognized for this milestone anniversary during the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. Thank you for your years of service to God and his people.



Early Bulletin Deadline

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



+ Combined Religious Education +

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our First Holy Communion students who will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 27 at the 4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Lourdes.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

May 20 - LouAnn & John Huegel

May 27 - LeRoy Geerts

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Roger Meirick family. Roger's Funeral was held on Saturday, May 13. May he rest in peace.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to Joe & Donna Zweibohmer for donating a new flag for the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Alta Vista.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Congratulations

Congratulations to our I.C. Riceville seniors Spencer Dvorak and Madison Mauer. Good luck with your future endeavors.

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 any where else, they may be removed.



+ St. Peter +

Fr. Kopacek Anniversary

Everyone is welcome to join us following the 10:45 AM Mass on Sun., May 28 for cupcakes and fellowship on the church steps to celebrate Fr. Kopacek's 35th priest ordination anniversary. May this awesome day of your ordination to the sacred priesthood give you a deeper love for Christ and His Church.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our St. Peter senior Nicholas Fox. Good luck with your future endeavors.

Church Cleaner Needed

We are in need of someone to clean St. Peter Church once a month and do some additional cleaning during the year. If you are interested contact the Holy Rosary Cluster Office (641-393-2520) for more details.

ArchdioceseOne Update

Thanks to your sacrificial gift, over \$15.2 million has been raised for the ArchdioceseOne special appeal. Over \$7.6 million of this amount has been unrestricted. If you would like more information about making a sacrificial gift to the ArchdioceseOne special appeal now: Please contact Jeff Schneider at 563-556-2580 ext. 219 or jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org, or contact Cassie Bird at 563-556-2580 ext. 211 or c.bird@dbqarch.org.



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The Ascension of the Lord - Matthew 28:16-20

ASCENSION



Calendar Events

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will hold a meeting Sunday, May 21 at the IC Elma Church Hall. Lunch served at 6:30 PM followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.



+ Knights of Columbus +

KC Pancake Breakfast - Lake Hendricks

KC Council #11592 will hold its annual pancake breakfast at Lake Hendricks on Sunday, May 28 from 8:00 AM - Noon. Cost is \$10 for Adults; \$5 for Children 6-12 years; Free-Children 5 and under. Proceeds to benefit the Riceville and New Haven Communities. Take Outs Available.



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. This opportunity is for single women, age 18-40, who are considering religious life. There is no cost to attend. For more information: 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.

Financial Stewardship

May 13/14

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Act of Kindness	114.00
On-Line Giving	75.00
Rice Bowls	41.96

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	475.00
Act of Kindness	53.05
On-Line Giving	110.00
Rice Bowls	45.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	1,332.00
Act of Kindness	82.00
On-Line Giving	75.00
Rice Bowls	87.38

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	90.00
On-Line Giving	90.00
Rice Bowls	102.56

St. Peter - New Haven

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