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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

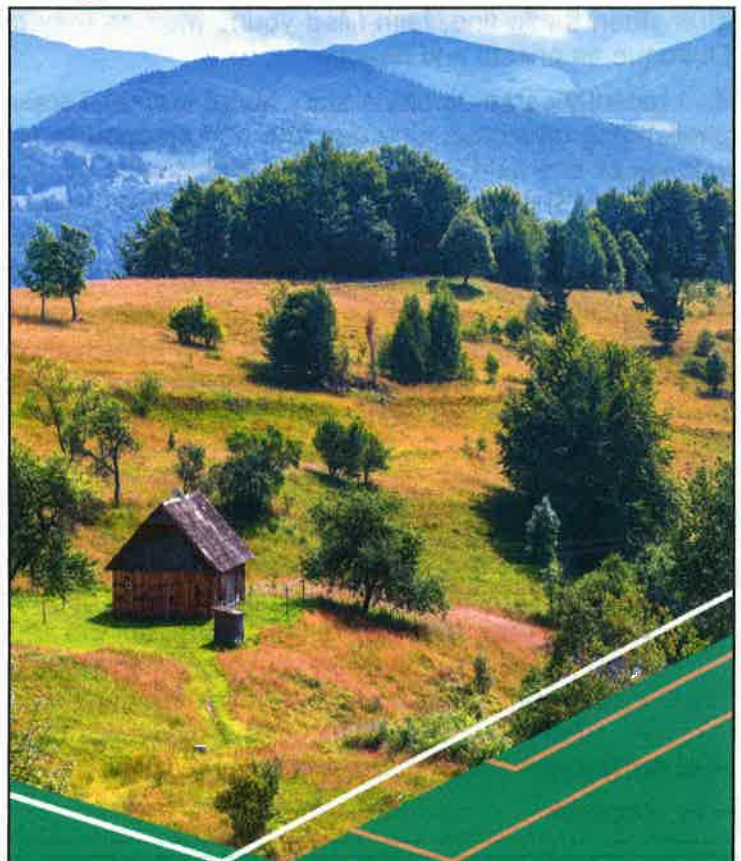
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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 EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places,
if there were not, would I have told you that I am
going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass, ©2001, 1998, 1990 CCC.

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. Just a quick reminder of our next **Eucharistic Holy Hour** coming up this **Tuesday, May 9, in Elma**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 5 p.m. and Benediction at 6 p.m. I'll be available for confessions during that hour.

2. I'm glad to report further good news on the medical/post-surgery front. On April 17 I had blood work done to check my PSA levels, and no cancer cells were detected. The doctor told me that (good!) result was expected since the prostate, where the cancer was, was removed. But he also said that every once in a while it can happen that a few such cells can show up, and so that is why I'll be doing that same kind of blood work every three months for at least a year or two. Again, I thank you so much for all your prayers and concern.

3. Please pray daily for Casey Flack, Jeff Frieden, and Gregory Lambert. Casey and Jeff will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dubuque on Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m., and Gregory will be ordained as a deacon on Friday, May 26, at 7 p.m. The ordinations will take place at St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque with Bishop Pates (our current apostolic administrator) as the ordaining bishop. Both Masses will be live-streamed; you can watch them at: WWW.DBQARCH.ORG/LIVE-BROADCASTS. May God abundantly bless and strengthen these fine, faith-filled young men as they prepare to serve the people of God in the Archdiocese of Dubuque as priests and deacon.

4. I recently came across a story about Mother Teresa of Calcutta (St. Teresa) that gives a really powerful and challenging message. One day she had stopped to pick up a dying man to comfort him. Her smile was radiant with joy as she held the man's head and stroked his face and arms. A woman overheard Mother Teresa assuring the man as she smiled lovingly upon him: 'Soon you will meet my God.' She noted that Mother did not try to convert the dying man to her God, but the Holy Spirit was definitely at work. The dying man replied: 'If your God makes you so joyful, then I want to meet your God.' Mother continued to smile as the man died in her arms."

The man couldn't help but be drawn and attracted to Mother Teresa's joy-filled and loving demeanor; he wanted what she so obviously had. How well, how effectively do we witness to others our faith in God and love for Jesus by our own words, gestures, and demeanor? Do others see and hear in our actions and words an example of one for whom the risen Christ makes all the difference in the world...or do they not? And if not, then what are we going to do about it??

5. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" A friend of mine sent me a list of questions/statements from Steven Wright, an American comedian and actor. He has a quirky sense of humor that can both make you laugh out loud and scratch your head and wonder "how did he ever come up with that??" A few examples:

- "A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory."
- "The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese."
- "How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?"
- "Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film."
- "If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you."

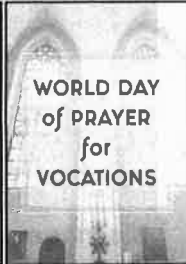
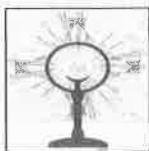
And my favorite: "99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name." See what I mean by 'quirky sense of humor'?!

~ Fr. Kopacek

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.



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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 8

Monday, May 8

Easter Weekday - Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

8:00 AM (Elma) - Deceased Members of the Bill Keane Family

Tuesday, May 9

Easter Weekday - Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31

8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenneth & Evelyn Roethler

Wednesday, May 10

St. Damien - Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

8:00 AM (Elma) - Clara Enright

Thursday, May 11

Easter Weekday - Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Care Center - Jim Marr

Friday, May 12

St. Nereus & St. Achilleus - Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17

8:00 AM (Elma) - Linda Zeimetz

Saturday, May 13

Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16,

20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Beatrice Havlik

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Virgil Marvin & Carol Alverson

Sunday, May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt

3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

7:15 AM (Elma) + Marge Gansen

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + NO MASS

10:45 AM (New Haven) + For the People



May Crowning

May Crowning will be at the following Masses:

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

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

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the week-end of May 13 & 14. Riceville's collection will be taken on May 21. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - Alzheimer's Assoc. of Greater Iowa, Our Lady of Lourdes - Alzheimer's Assoc. of Greater Iowa, Elma I.C. - Fire fighters of Elma, Riceville I.C. - Totus Tuus and St. Peter - Riceville Ambulance Service Endowment Fund.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

May 6 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

May 13 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

Liturgy Schedules Available

The St. Bernard Liturgy Schedule from May 6 to October 7, 2023 is available in the back of the church.

+ 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.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Rosary Society News

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

+ St. Peter +

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 childrens' prayers and foster genuine spiritual growth. Enjoy!

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 and ending on the Sunday after Memorial Day. 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.



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. Missionaries (college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams) are needed to make Totus Tuus possible.



"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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls, you called the apostles and made them fishers of men. Continue to draw to yourself ardent and generous souls from among the young, in order to make them your followers and your ministers. Give them a share in your thirst for the redemption of all... Open before them the horizons of the entire world... By responding to your call, may they prolong your mission here on earth, build up your Mystical Body which is the Church, and be 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' (Mt 5:13)". ~ St. Paul VI

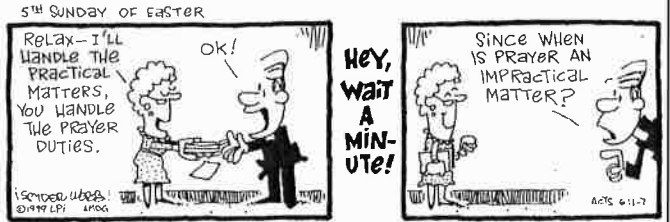
PUZZLE
Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS	PLACE	BELIEVE
TRUST	GOING	LIVING
PREPARE	FATHER	MIRACLES

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MISSION
Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

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Calendar Events

+ 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., May 11.

Men's Grief Support Group
The next men's grief support group meeting will be May 10 at Tim Niess's house (721 Pine St., Osage) at 6:30 PM. If interested or for more information contact Tim at 515-250-2269.

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.

Financial Stewardship
April 29/30

Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

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On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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Offertory	87.25
On-Line Giving	210.00

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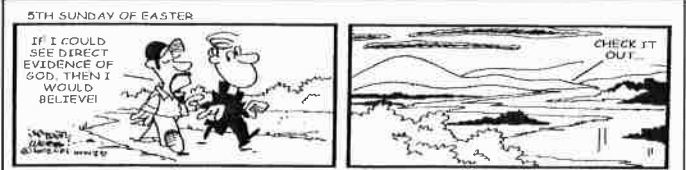
Budget Envelopes	522.00
Offertory	93.00
On-Line Giving	202.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	600.00
Offertory	215.02
On-Line Giving	100.00

St. Peter - New Haven

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On-Line Giving	105.00





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