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Holy Rosary Cluster

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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.

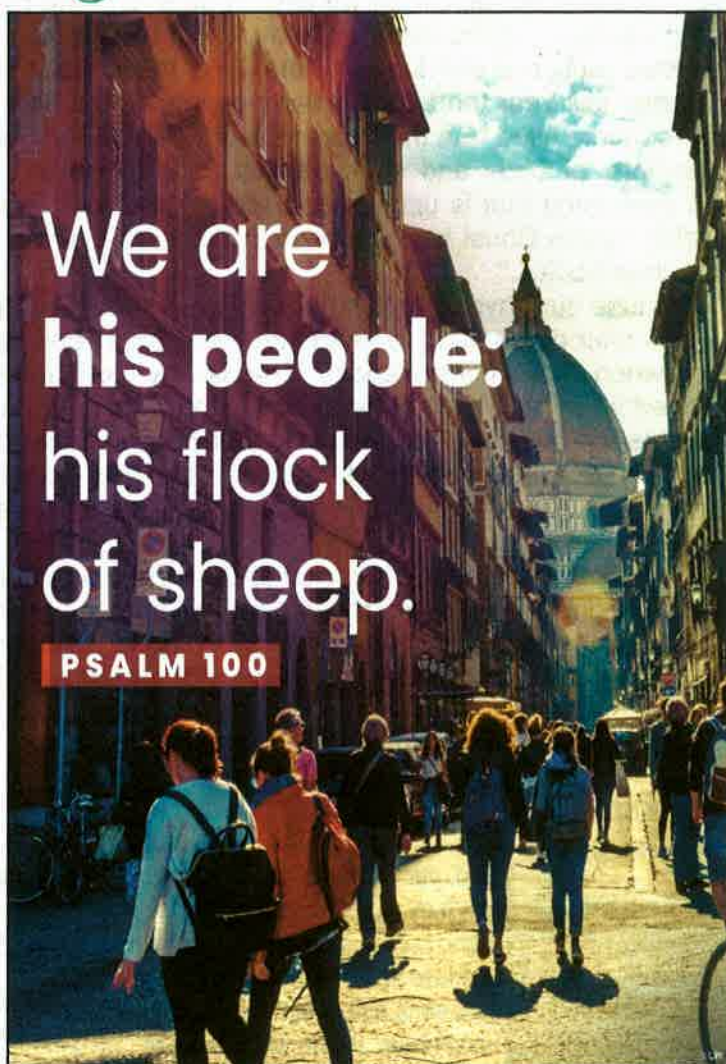
Elma - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

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.

Early Bulletin - Items for July 9 bulletin need to be to the cluster office by Tues., June 27. Thank You!

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!



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. Please note the changes in this week's weekday Mass schedule: there will be no Mass this Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (June 19-21): I have a meeting in Cedar Rapids on Sunday evening, and then our annual priest convocation begins Monday afternoon in Epworth (near Dubuque) and will conclude at noon on Wednesday. I'll be back mid-to-late afternoon that day.

2. One of the subjects that often comes up in funeral planning is cremation, and perhaps the most frequently-raised question is: does the Catholic Church allow for cremation? The short answer is: yes, it is allowed...and in fact is being done more and more frequently. The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: "The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit...The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body" (n. 2300, 2301).

Here it is important to remember a very important element of our Catholic faith—our belief that at the end of time, God will raise our bodies from the dead just as Jesus was raised from the dead on that first Easter Sunday. In the Apostles Creed we say: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, ... the resurrection of the body and life everlasting". Likewise, in the Nicene Creed which we recite on Sunday and Holy Days, we declare: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

Earlier this year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, through its Committee on Doctrine, issued a teaching resource titled "On the Proper Disposition of Bodily Remains." In it they said: "Since every man and woman is a unity of body and soul, respect for the person necessarily includes respect for the body...The body is not something that is used temporarily by the soul as a tool and that can ultimately be discarded as no longer useful. Jesus Christ has promised that one day, at the Final Resurrection, the souls of the dead will be reunited with their bodies."

Because our physical bodies are an essential and irreplaceable part of our personhood as created by God, our bodies after death need to be treated with dignity and respect since they will be raised to new life by the power of God when Jesus comes again. That is why the Church insists on the proper treatment of the remains of a deceased person either through burial of the body or a proper disposition of the cremains if that option is used. In next week's bulletin I'll go into more detail on what the Church means by 'proper disposition of the cremains'.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" It has been said that puns are the lowest form of humor; if that's true, then I'm a low kind of guy... A friend of mine recently sent me a six-page list; allow me to share some highlights (or, if you prefer, 'low-lights'):

I bought some new frog skin shoes. They are open-toad.

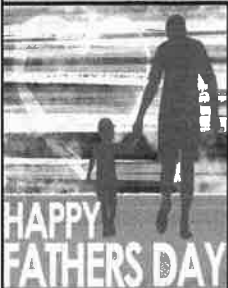
My uncle used to get me to apply his fake tan for him. I was like the sun he never had.

I just finished reading a book about the world's greatest basement—it was a best cellar.

I told my doctor I had a problem with my left ear. He said, 'Are you sure?' I said, 'Yes, I'm definite (deaf in it)'.

You may now groan to your heart's content.

~ Fr. Kopacek



God, our Father, Bless these men, that they may find strength as fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

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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 June 19

Monday, June 19

St. Romuald - 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1-4/Mt 5:38-42

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, June 20

Weekday - 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9/Mt 5:43-48

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Wednesday, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga - 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Thursday, June 22

St. Thomas More - 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Care Center - Tom Mans

Friday, June 23

Weekday - 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-7/Mt 6:19-23

8:00 AM (Elma) - Eugene Meier

Saturday, June 24

Vigil of The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 20:10-13/Ps

69:8-10,14,17,33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Frank Goodale

Sunday, June 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-

10,14,17,33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

7:15 AM (Elma) + Laurie Mohrfeld Nock

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Living & Deceased Members
of the Meyer Family

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, July 11 at Lourdes from 5 - 6 PM.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:00 PM, closing with Benediction at 6:00PM. Fr. Kopacek will be available for confessions.



MEETINGS

Thurs., July 13 - Parish Life at 6:30 PM

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

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



Parish Council Elections

Parish Council Elections will be held at Mass on the following dates.

Sunday, June 18 - St. Peter

Saturday, June 24 - St. Bernard

Saturday, June 24 - Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, June 25 - Immaculate Conception (Elma)

Sunday, June 25 - Immaculate Conception (Riceville)

Early Bulletin Deadline

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End of Fiscal Year

The fiscal year ends on Friday, June 30. Your donations to your parish are tax deductible and are a wonderful spiritual and pastoral investment.

FISCAL YEAR-END

Low Gluten Hosts

Low Gluten hosts are available for those that are in need, please contact the " " Cluster Office. These low gluten hosts meet the stipulations set forth by the Roman Catholic Church and they have low enough gluten to be approved by the Celiac Support Association.



Cluster Mass & Social - Save the Date

The Parish Cluster Picnic sponsored by the Parish Life Committee will be held at St. Bernards in Alta Vista on Sunday, August 27 with Mass at 10:45 AM. Picnic to follow. Watch the bulletin for more details.



Totus Tuus - July 16 to July 21

1. Totus Tuus will be at I.C., Riceville the week of July 16. Totus Tuus is a week-long parish mission to promote Catholic faith while still having fun.
2. Families of children entering 1st - 12th grade this fall should receive information in the mail. If you didn't receive a letter, contact the cluster office.
3. Adult volunteers are needed for classroom aide's that week to assist team members. Three volunteers are needed each day. You will not be asked to teach or assist in teaching. If you are able to help one or all three days, contact the cluster office (641-393-2520) or Janet Pridgen at (850-529-5285) for more details.

1. Ballots & pencils will be in the pews. The ushers will pick up the ballots before the start of Mass.
2. Father will have ballots for all five cluster parishes, if you can't vote in your own parish, get a ballot from Father after the Mass.
3. Eligible voters are: registered members, received sacraments of baptism & confirmation, practicing your Catholic faith.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

June 17 - Julie & Gary Swehla
June 24 - Irene & Ed Huegel

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Rosary Society News

Rosary Society dues for 2023 are \$20.00. Please mail your dues to Barb Smith, 14595 - 185th St., Elma, IA 50628.

+ St. Peter +

Needed – Director of Religious Education

We are looking for someone to fill the position of DRE for the St. Peter Religious Education program. The position opens on July 1, 2023. Anyone interested in this part-time position is asked to contact the cluster office for more details.

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.



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Birth of John the Baptist • Luke 1:57-66, 80

Calendar Events

Kim Grimm Blood Drive

The Kim Grimm Blood Drive will be on Thursday, June 22, at the RAC(Riceville Activity Room at the School) from 12-6:00 -Call Judy Grimm for an appt. 641-220-0233 Give the gift of Life!!!!



Religious Freedom Week June 22-29

The USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act during Religious Freedom Week, June 22-29. This week draws attention to how the practice of our faith is threatened in our country and abroad. It begins on the Feast Day of St. Thomas More and John Fisher, who was convicted of treason and executed for opposing King Henry VIII's divorce. For more resources on how to participate, visit usccb.org/religiousfreedomweek

Iowa March for Life- June 24

Iowa March for Life Sat., June 24th at the state capital. Recognizing the first anniversary of the overturning of Roe v Wade. Rally at 1 pm on the west steps of the capital, followed by a March at 1:45pm to the Iowa Judicial Building. This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders. Visit dbqarch.org/respect-life-1

Financial Stewardship

June 10/11

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Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

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On-Line Giving 50.00

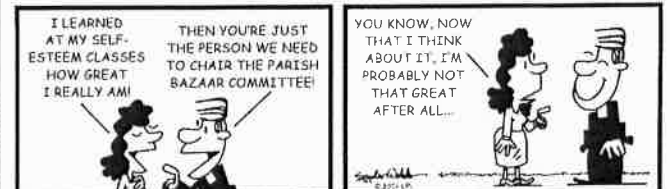
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