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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.

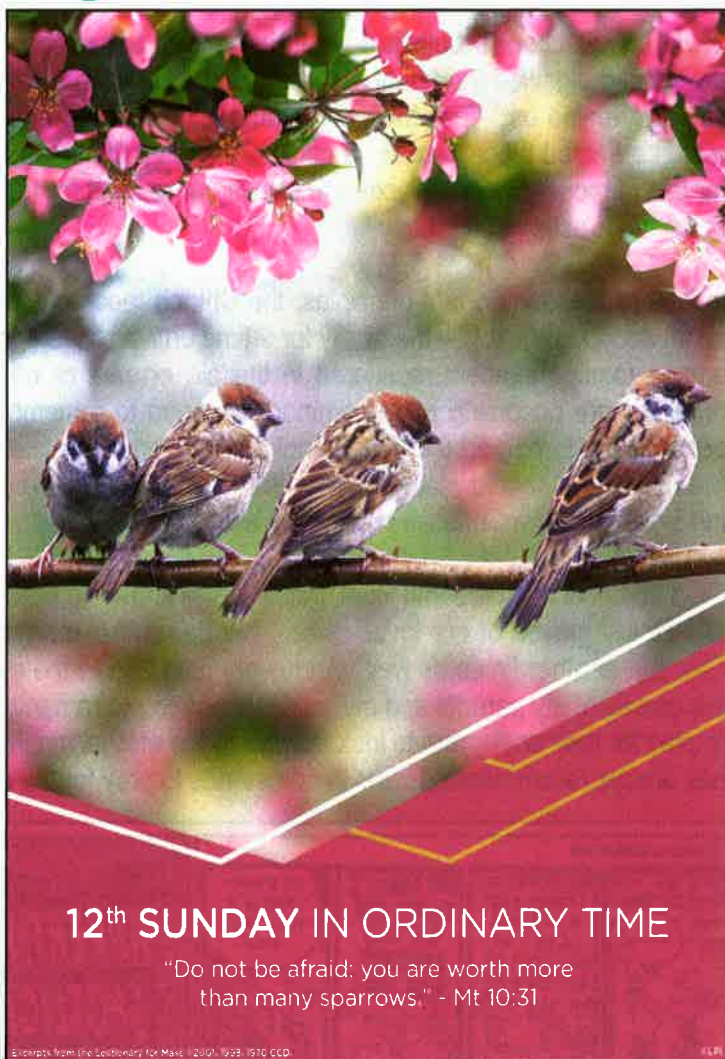
Elma - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

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!



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid: you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

Excerpts from The Lectionary for Mass, 1989, 1970 CCD.

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.

June 25, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Last weekend I mentioned the exhibit on Eucharistic miracles at Notre Dame parish in Cresco. That exhibit will be open June 21 - July 2:

Monday-Fridays: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturdays: noon - 7 p.m.

Sundays: 9 a.m. - noon

There is no cost to attend. The church is located at 223 2nd Ave. E. in Cresco. You can find background information on this exhibit and on Eucharist miracles in general at www.miracolieucaaristici.org.

This exhibit is the fruit of the love for Jesus of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young Italian man who died in 2006 at the age of 15 of leukemia. He had a deep devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist; he also enjoyed computer programming. He traveled around the world to see a wide variety of Eucharistic miracles, and he created a website that documents his travels. His is an amazing story, and he wanted the world to know the amazing truth of Jesus Christ who gave us the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

2. In last weekend's bulletin I wrote in general terms about the Church's approach to cremation and the importance of a proper and dignified treatment of the remains of one who has died. In their March 2023 statement on these matters, the U.S. bishops remind us: "The basic requirement for showing proper respect to the ashes of the deceased is that they 'be laid to rest in a sacred place...usually a cemetery, though it could possibly be a church or some other area that has been set aside for this purpose...Such a placement shows our respect for the last remains of the deceased and manifests our Christian hope in the resurrection of the body."

In light of these important principles, the Church teaches that cremains are not to be kept permanently at one's home (they might need to be kept by the family for a time until arrangements for burial can be made). Also, cremains are not to be divided among family members, scattered in the air, on sea or on land, or encased in jewelry or other momentos. While such practices are becoming more common, we need to remember another important point from our bishops: "The relationship between the living and the dead is not a purely private matter, but rather involves the entire Christian community. Reserving the ashes in a sacred place ensures that those who have died will not be deprived of the prayers and remembrance of their families and of the Christian community as a whole."

On a practical and personal level, I think we all know the power and the consolation we experience when we go to a cemetery to visit the graves of our loved ones. I've heard that many times over the years from many people--certainly on Memorial Day, but at other times as well. And every time I go to the cemetery at St. Wenceslaus in Duncan (my home parish), I go to the graves of my parents and my sister Mary Ann: to remember them, to express my thanks to God for having them in my life, to pray for their souls, and to look forward to the eternal family reunion that God is preparing for us in his kingdom. The Church has always recommended visits to cemeteries to pray for the dead--one of the spiritual works of mercy. ~ Fr. Kopacek



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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 on the cluster website under 'Parish Happenings' or the cluster Facebook page.



Mass Intentions Week of June 26

Monday, June 26

Weekday - Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5

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

Tuesday, June 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria - Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

8:00 AM (Elma) - Linda Zeimetz

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus - Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20

8:00 AM (Elma) - David Allen Block

Thursday, June 29

St. Peter & St. Paul - Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Care Center - Fr. John Herzog

Friday, June 30

Weekday - Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4

8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenny Chihak

Saturday, July 1

Vigil of The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Margaret Randak

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

7:15 AM (Elma) + Tom Smith

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + John C. & Vern Fox Family

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



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.

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

If you have items for the July 9 bulletin, please have them to the church office by June 27. Thank You!



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

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 with children entering 1st - 12th grade this fall should have received 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.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

June 24 - Irene & Ed Huegel

July 1 - Deann & Tony Meirick

+ 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.

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.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Rosary Society News

St. Anne's Rosary Society will meet on Monday, June 26 at 7:30 PM in the church hall.

+ 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.

ArchdioceseOne Update

As we continue through 2023, ArchdioceseOne continues to move towards its end at the end of this year. To date, we've raised **\$15,805,765** for the four beneficiaries of this special appeal. We continue to have conversations with new donors daily, and if you or any of your parishioners have still not donated, and would like to, there is still time. Please contact Jeff Schneider at jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org or at 563-556-2580 x219 or Cassie Bird at 563-556-2580 x211 or c.bird@dbqarch.org for information on how to give or any other questions you might have. Thank you for your support!

Update Your Information or Join a Parish

It's always helpful to update your information at the church office. If you have discontinued your landline and only have a cell phone number or need to update your address it helps the office to have your most current information. Give the church office a call (641-393-2520) if any of your information has changed. Thank You! **OR** anyone looking for a church to join, please register at one of the Holy Rosary Cluster parishes.



Calendar Events

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

June 21 - July 2 at Notre Dame Parish, Cresco
M-F:8AM-8PM;Sat.:Noon-7PM;Sun.:9AM-Noon

This exhibit was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo died of leukemia in 2006 when he was only 15. Carlo created a website to document his travels to see the Eucharistic miracles of the world. Carlo wanted to share Jesus in the Eucharist with the world. This exhibit is sponsored by Iowa Catholic Radio. Carlo's website - <http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/>

Support Group for Those Who Have Lost Someone to Suicide

Everybody Hurts, a non-profit group for suicide prevention and mental health awareness, will begin a support group for those who have lost someone to suicide. This will begin Sunday, June 25, 1:30 p.m.- 3 p.m. at St. John's School of Religion, 823 W. Main St., New Hampton, across the street from the New Hampton High School. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Audrey Drewelow at 319-610-5873 or Dawn Heying at 641-330-4687.

Financial Stewardship

June 17/18

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$220.00
Offertory	163.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	195.00
Offertory	77.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	2,642.00
Act of Kindness	79.00
On-Line Giving	95.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	270.00
On-Line Giving	90.00

St. Peter - New Haven

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