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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

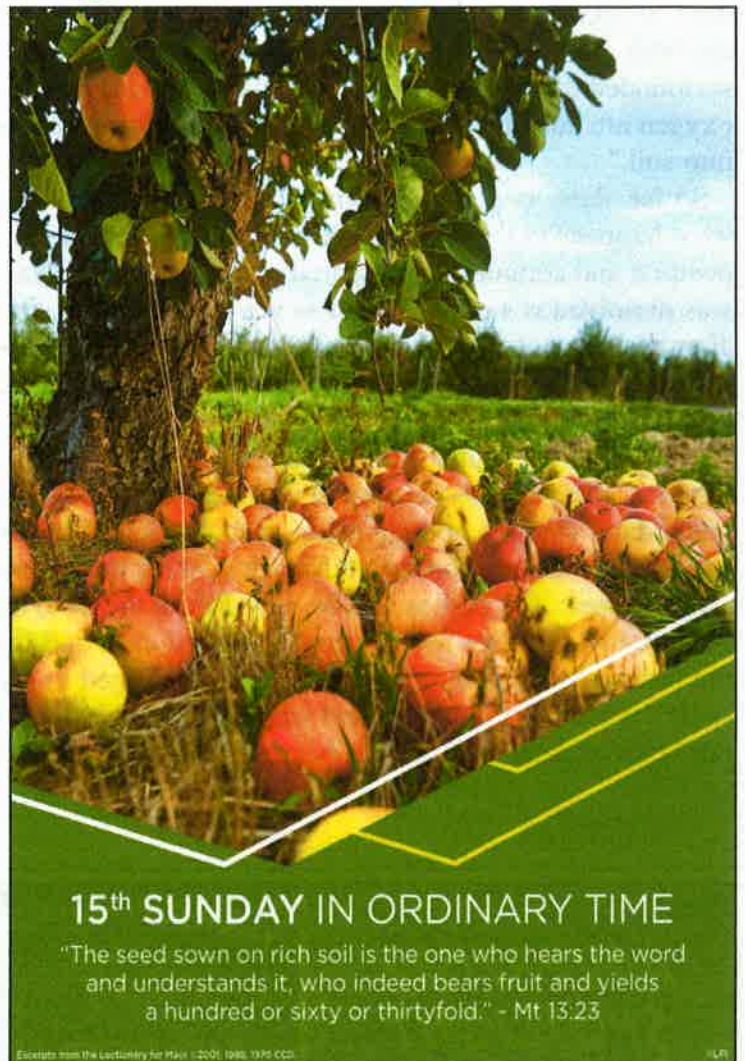
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word
and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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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.

July 16, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Just a reminder: all **weekday Masses this week--July 17-21--will be in Riceville at 11:15 a.m.** because of Totus Tuus. All are welcome to attend any or all of these Masses. I will also have the usual 10 a.m. nursing home Mass (Riceville) on Thurs., July 20.

2. Last month, in the June 18 & 25 issues of our cluster bulletin, I used this column to address some questions regarding what the Church teaches about the practice of cremation and the importance of a proper and respectful committal of the cremains of one who has died. These principles have taken on new urgency in recent years with two new proposed alternatives to burial and cremation: alkaline hydrolysis and human composting. The U.S. bishops Committee on Doctrine, in their statement earlier this year ("On the Proper Disposition of Bodily Remains"), described these as follows:

"In alkaline hydrolysis, the body is placed in a metal tank containing a chemical mixture of water and alkali and then subjected to both high temperature and high pressure in order to speed decomposition. In a matter of hours, the body is dissolved, except for some bone material. In human composting, the body is laid in a metal bin and surrounded by plant material...that fosters the growth of microbes and bacteria to break down the body. Heat and oxygen are added to accelerate the decomposition process. After about a month the body is entirely decomposed into soil."

So far, these two methods are not all that different from what happens in cremation. But the key difference is what happens to those human remains. After cremation, those remains are gathered together and reserved for disposition and committal in a sacred place. But after alkaline hydrolysis, the water/alkali mixture in which the body was dissolved is simply treated as wastewater and is literally poured 'down the drain' into the sewer system. And after the composting process, all that is left is compost--there is nothing that can be identified as the remains of the body. It is supposed that that compost could then be spread on a lawn, in a garden, or some wilderness location.

I can't help but think of the word 'grotesque' to describe both of these methods for the final disposition of human remains. The bishops accurately express the ethical and moral issues that arise from either of these proposed methods: "There is nothing distinguishably left of the body to be placed in a casket or an urn and laid to rest in a sacred place where Chrtin faithful can visit for prayer and remembrance."

Remember: our bodies will be raised from the dead and reunited with our souls at the end of time by the power of Christ whose own resurrection destroyed once and for all the lasting power of sin and death. Once again from the bishops' statement: "We are therefore obliged to respect our bodily existence throughout our lives and to respect the bodies of the deceased when their earthly lives have come to an end. The way that we treat the bodies of our beloved dead must always bear witness to our faith in and our hope for what God has promised us."

~ 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 July 17

Monday, July 17

Weekday - Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

11:15 AM (Riceville) - Fr. Louis Zee

Tuesday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis-Ex 2:1-15/Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34/Mt 11:20-24

11:15 AM (Riceville) - Brian Dowd

Wednesday, July 19

Weekday - Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

11:15 AM (Riceville) - Tom & Glenda Kuhn Intention

Thursday, July 20

St. Apollinaris - Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1,5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30

Care Center - Don & Doris Adams

11:15 AM (Riceville) - Nicholas & Mary Kolbet

Friday, July 21

St. Lawrence - Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/Mt 12:1-8

11:15 AM (Riceville) - Jim Marr

Saturday, July 22

Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 12:13, 16-19/

Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Merle Wacha

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-

10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

7:15 AM (Elma) + Pat & Hazel Boyle

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Dean & Darlene Michels

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, August 8 at Riceville 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

Tues., Aug. 8 - Faith Formation at 6:30 PM

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

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

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.

A Prayer as We Await a New Archbishop

O God, you send your Son, Our Lord Jesus, as priest, prophet, and king. We thank you for your abundant blessings bestowed upon our Archdiocese, and thank you for the ministry of Archbishop Jackels. In your grace, send us a bishop like Jesus: a priest of deep and true prayer, a teacher with a loving heart and firm resolve, and a shepherd of joy and peace, who desires above all to do your will. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Cards are available in the entrances of the churches. Please take one with you and pray it daily.

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.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

July 15 - Mary McAvoy

July 22 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

+ Lourdes +

Save the Date - Our Lady of Lourdes

Steeple Day - Saturday, July 29

10 AM - Tractor Pull/Registration at 9 AM; Cash Pay Back in all classes; Lawn Chairs & Tents welcome; Call Tom Shatek (641-330-8626 or Dennis Smith (641-330-8843)

11 AM - Kids Pedal Tractor Pull (Sanctioned) Call George or Julie Freidhof at 641-257-8665.

Time TBD - Garden Tractor Pull (call Bryce Stumme)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Bingo in the Church Hall

1:30 PM - Visit "Stone City" - Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery with Storytelling

4 PM - MASS

Cash Raffle: \$20 per ticket, multiple winners, top prize of \$1,000. Food Truck: Reno's Roadkill Smokehouse Proceeds from Steeple Day support parish projects and improvements. For general information contact Brad Shatek at 641-330-8646.

Everyone is invited. See you there!

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Welcome

We would like to welcome back Jayden Burke to IC, Elma. We are happy to have you back with us in our parish.



+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Helen Graves family. Helen's Funeral was held on Saturday, July 8. May she rest in peace.

+ St. Peter +

Father Kopacek Birthday

Everyone is welcome to join us Sunday, July 16th following the 10:45 AM Mass for cupcakes on the church steps to celebrate Father Kopacek's Birthday.

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.

Calendar Events

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

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For more information call 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates September 22-24 in Dubuque, IA.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel

farmer	rocky	birds
soil	thorns	choked
root	path	seed

frame f a r m e r

sede _____

ptah _____

brisd _____

rkyoc _____

tohrsn _____

rtoo _____

cohekd _____

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MISSION

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.



Financial Stewardship

July 1/2

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$1,275.00
Offertory	120.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	570.00
On-Line Giving	160.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	1,577.00
Offertory	92.00
On-Line Giving	202.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	905.00
Offertory	114.25
On-Line Giving	100.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	660.00
Offertory	123.00
On-Line Giving	705.00

July 8/9

Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	\$800.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	625.00
Act of Kindness	120.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	142.00
Act of Kindness	101.00
On-Line Giving	50.00

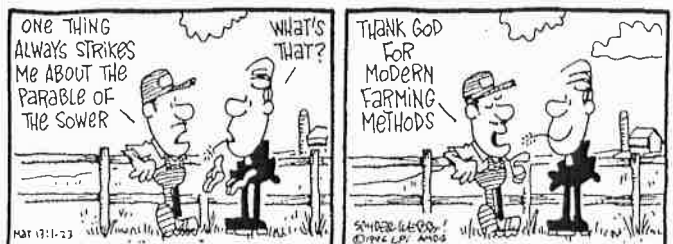
Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	5,565.50
Act of Kindness	248.00
On-Line Giving	325.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	400.00
Act of Kindness	61.75
On-Line Giving	95.00

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