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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

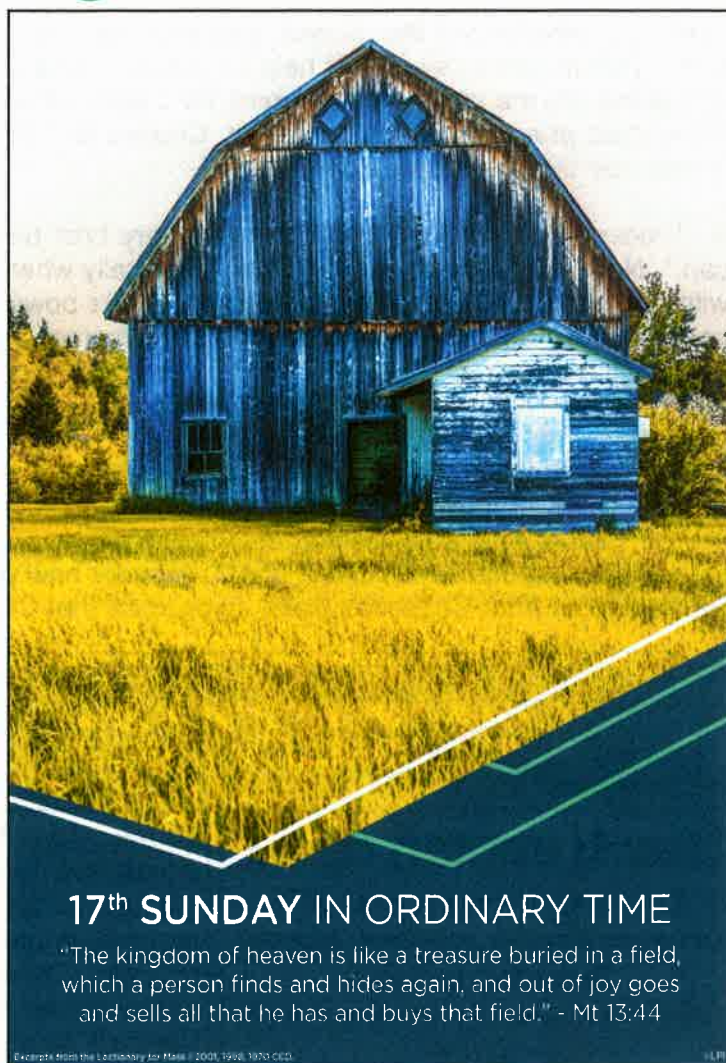
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes
and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

Excerpt from the Liturgy for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCL

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 30, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please note that there will be **no 8:00 a.m. Mass this Wed., August 2**. On Tuesday the 1st I'm going to Des Moines to visit some folks who I knew back in the early 1980's when I worked there. The next day I'll see some friends in Waterloo and then head to Jesup for the annual priest gathering there (golf for some, playing cards for us non-golfers).

2. In the homily this weekend I spoke about the importance of praying for the wisdom and grace to know God's will for us and for the resolve to do his will. I mentioned one particular prayer that has been very helpful for me in my relationship with God--it comes from St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and whose feast the Church celebrates on July 31 (this Monday). Here is the text of that prayer:

"Accept, O Lord, all my freedom. Accept my memory, my mind, and my entire will. Whatever I am or possess you have graciously given me--I give it all back to you to be completely governed by your will. Give me only your love and your grace, and I am rich enough and I ask nothing more."

I strongly recommend this prayer; you may want to cut it out and keep it with you for your individual prayer time. This prayer was of great help for me back in the 1980's when I was trying to decide about leaving my job and going into the seminary to prepare for the priesthood. There is another prayer like this that has become part of my daily prayer time. Written by St. Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916), it's on p. 326 of the current Breaking Bread, and the title is "Into Your Hands."

3. I recently received a set of cards with very brief bits of spiritual wisdom; for example: "Lord, I can't but you can." Not a bad thing to keep in mind, especially when we're frustrated by our inability to 'fix' a difficult situation with a loved one or even within ourselves. God's power and desire to help, heal, and strengthen us, however, is not limited by our powerlessness. And so: any time you are at your wit's end about what seems to be a hopeless situation, remind yourself: "Lord, I can't...but you can." It's an act of faith...which also just happens to be true!

4. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Some gems from the world of advertising:

"Get rid of aunts: Zap does the job in twenty-four hours." (your uncles would probably prefer that you get rid of your 'ants' instead...)

"Stock up and save. Limit: one." (wonder how you can 'stock up' with just one??)

"Semi-Annual After-Christmas Sale" (who knew that Christmas comes twice a year...)

~ Fr. Kopacek

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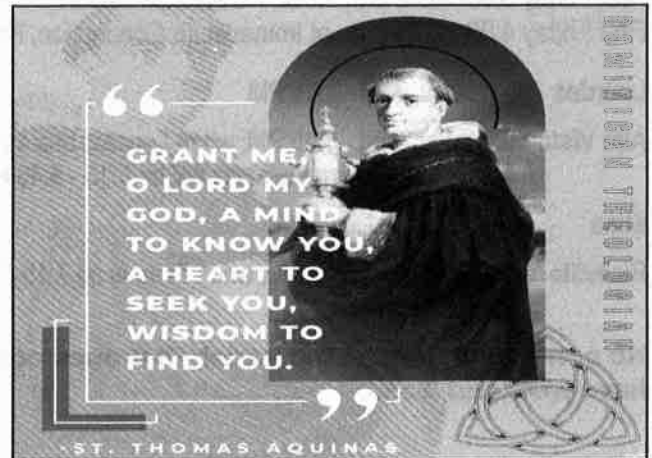
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Cluster News

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



Mass Intentions Week of July 31

Monday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola - Ex 32:15-24,30-34/Ps106:19-23/Mt13:31-35
8:00 AM (Elma) - Grant Saul

Tuesday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori-Ex 33:7-11;34:5-9,28/Ps103:6-13/Mt13:36-43
8:00 AM (Elma) - Joseph, Clarence & Geneva Gansen

Wednesday, August 2

St. Eusebius - Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Thursday, August 3

Weekday - Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Mt 13:47-53
Care Center - Dan & Mary Shane

Friday, August 4

First Friday/St. John Vianney - Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11/Mt 13:54-58

8:00 AM (Elma) - Harold Thiele

Saturday, August 5

Vigil of The Transfiguration of the Lord - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Living & Deceased Members of the Adolph Havlik Family

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

7:15 AM (Elma) + Deb Ries

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Don, Ann & Duane Clark

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.

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.



Cemetery Corporate Meeting

Cemetery Corporate Meeting will be held for all the cemeteries of Holy Rosary Cluster on Wednesday, August 9 at 6:00 PM in the Elma I.C. Church Hall. All cemetery directors are asked to attend this meeting.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

July 29 - Jean Cerwinske

August 5 - Irene & Ed Huegel

Corporate-Finance-Parish Council Meetings

Corporate, Finance and Parish Council meeting will be held Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 PM in the Elma I.C. Church Hall. All Finance & Parish Council members are asked to attend this meeting.

+ Lourdes +

Corporate-Finance-Parish Council Meetings

Corporate, Finance and Parish Council meeting will be held Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 PM in the Lourdes Church Hall. All Finance & Parish Council members are asked to attend this meeting.

Help Needed with Liturgical Ministries

We are asking for parishioners to sign up for liturgical ministries: gift bearers, ushers, lectors, Mass servers, etc. We thank those who are already helping but we can use more volunteers. If you can help with these ministries or have questions contact Doris Anderson at 641-330-0011.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Corporate-Finance-Parish Council Meetings

Corporate, Finance and Parish Council meeting will be held Thursday, August 24 at 6:30 PM in the Elma I.C. Church Hall. All Finance & Parish Council members are asked to attend this meeting.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, August 4 from 4:00 - 4:40 PM at Immaculate Conception in Riceville.

Corporate-Finance-Parish Council Meetings

Corporate, Finance and Parish Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 PM in the Riceville I.C. Church Hall. All Finance & Parish Council members are asked to attend this meeting.

Save the Date

Immaculate Conception, Riceville will hold its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 1. It will be a drive-up meal, serving beef and ham. Watch the bulletin for more details.

+ St. Peter +

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, August 4 from 3:00 – 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

Corporate-Finance-Parish Council Meetings

Corporate, Finance and Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, August 14 at 6:15 PM in the St. Peter Church Hall. All Finance & Parish Council members are asked to attend this meeting.

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

Assumption Parish, Little Turkey

Annual Church Picnic, Tuesday, August 15

Mass at 3:00 PM

Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Menu: 3 pc. Chicken, Real Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy, Homemade Dressing, Corn, Coleslaw, Kolache & Cookies

Cost: \$15.00, Outdoor Dining Only

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Music - Games - Bingo - Kolache Sales - Raffle - Facebook Auction

Czech Days Parade

45th Annual Czech Days Celebration

Sat., August 19; Parade at 10:30 AM in Protivin

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