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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!



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.

August 13, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. This coming Tuesday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into heaven. This is a holy day of obligation, so please note elsewhere in this bulletin the times and places for this Mass on Monday evening (vigil) and Tuesday. Pope Pius XII defined this as a divinely-revealed dogma of our faith in 1950, but this had been believed and celebrated in the Church for many preceding centuries. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

"Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son..." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation on her Son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians" (n. 966, quoting Pope Pius XII).

Thus, Mary's Assumption into heaven was not only a special privilege given to her by God, but also reminds us that we will all be raised from the dead and that the Lord wills to bring our risen bodies to share in the glory and joy of his eternal kingdom. In a sense, Mary's Assumption 'paves the way' for us; this feast is therefore most important and relevant for each of us.

2. A friend of mine recently emailed me some thoughts from Fr. Con Keogh, an Australian Catholic priest (1921-2011) who founded the GROW mental health recovery program. His reflections are worthy of sharing, to say the least:

"If you are troubled by constant worries, especially if you are often gripped by vague fears of something unknown, it is a pretty good guess that your idea of God is too little...If you want the true, the big idea of God, get rid of all the limits that belong to creatures. Our God is infinite, which means He has no limits in Himself...His care of us is constant, complete and minutely detailed. Talk to Him, therefore, each day about anything and everything. Don't leave out the little things. Give Him credit for being big enough to be interested in the little things of your life. And give Him credit too for being big enough to have big and wonderful things in store for you."

This is so good and so true. If you take delight when your little kids or grandkids share their thoughts and joys with you, imagine (if you can!) how much our loving God delights in us when we bring ourselves and all parts of our lives--big and not-so-big--to Him. The infinitely powerful God who created the universe from nothing also is personally, lovingly, and joyfully concerned about you and everything about you. If that isn't good news, I don't know what is!

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Another real-life gem from Reader's Digest: "Recently, my husband was pulled over for not wearing his seat belt. But he was convinced he was being railroaded. 'Officer,' he said in his most condescending voice, 'How do you know I'm not wearing a seat belt if my windows are tinted?' 'Because, sir,' replied the officer, 'it's hanging out the door.'"

Oh, that's how..... (you can't make this stuff up!)

~ 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 August 14

Monday, August 14

8:00 AM - NO MASS

Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54-57/Lk 11:27-28

5:30 PM (New Haven) - Deceased Members of St. Peter Altar Society

Tuesday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

7:00 AM (Elma) - For the People

5:30 PM (Lourdes) - Roger Lipa

Wednesday, August 16

St. Stephen- Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

8:00 AM (Elma) - Deceased Members & Spouses of IC Class of 1963

Thursday, August 17

Weekday - Jos 3:7-10-11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Care Center - Francis Dietrich

Friday, August 18

Weekday - Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12

8:00 AM (Elma) - Joe & Margaret McGrane

Saturday, August 19

Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Mildred Shatek

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Kate White

Sunday, August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Merlyn Gunsallus

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Tuesday, September 12 at
New Haven 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.



CLUSTER MASS & SOCIAL

**Sunday, August 27
Mass at 10:45 AM**

The Parish Cluster Picnic sponsored by the Parish Life Committee will be held at St. Bernards in Alta Vista. Mass at 10:45 AM with Meal to follow at the Alta Vista Community Hall.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

August 12 - Bev & Dick White

August 19 - Donna & Joe Zweibohmer

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.

Winners of Steeple Day Raffle

\$1,000-Kim Steinlage; \$500-Steve Kruash; \$100-Dennis Smith, Robert Shatek, Melinda Bielefeld, Grant Ludwig; \$50-Matt Drek, Steve Gebel, Judson Ferries, Connie Ludwig

+ 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 +

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.

Religious Ed. News

Riceville religious ed. Needs a teacher for 7th grade (4 students) and 8th grade (8 students). Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 20. Please contact Debbie Oulman at 641-985-2791.

Thank You

Thank you to Christensen Ag for the sweet corn seed and to the Mike and Kenny Marr families for growing the sweet corn and all the excellent help who came to pick, shuck and prepare the sweet corn for our Fall Festival!

+ St. Peter +

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.

Liturgy Schedules Available

September and October liturgy schedules are available in the entrance of the church.

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

New gifts and pledges continue to come in for ArchdioceseOne as we move towards the conclusion of the special appeal at the end of this year. Together, over 6,000 donors have contributed or pledged \$16,502,548 for the four beneficiaries of ArchdioceseOne through July 31, 2023.

We are extremely grateful for all of our donors and their gifts to ArchdioceseOne. The path we are on is God's will, and we have faith that the Holy Spirit will continue to move hearts towards charity and stewardship. This faith is best stated through a line in a hymn, "Where charity and love are, God is there."

Our prayer is that the Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque continue to generously support Catholic ministries within our archdiocese, and in particular through the beneficiaries of ArchdioceseOne.

If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to do so, there is still time. Please contact Jeff Schneider at jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org or at 563-556-2580x219 or Cassie Bird at 563-556-2580x211 or c.bird@dbqarch.org for information on how to give or any other questions you might have. Thank you and bless you for all your support!

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Calendar Events

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)



Mass Schedule

Monday, August 14 - 5:30 PM (New Haven)
Tuesday, August 15 - 7:00 AM (Elma)
Tuesday, August 15 - 5:30 PM (Lourdes)

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
Carry-Out or Drive-Thru
Music - Games - Bingo - Kolache Sales - Raffle - Facebook Auction

45th Annual Czech Days, Protivin August 18-20, 2023

Some of the weekend festivities include: fireworks, volleyball, softball, and bean bag tournaments, kid's games, bingo, cakewalk, great music, parade at 10:30 AM on Saturday, polka Mass at 10:30 AM on Sunday, raffle and auction, great food at the Community Center (chicken noodle soup, creamed chicken, rohlicky and kolaches). "Come to Holy Trinity Parish in Protivin and Czech it out!"
For more info. go to ChristOurHopeCluster.com

Financial Stewardship

August 5/6

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