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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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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

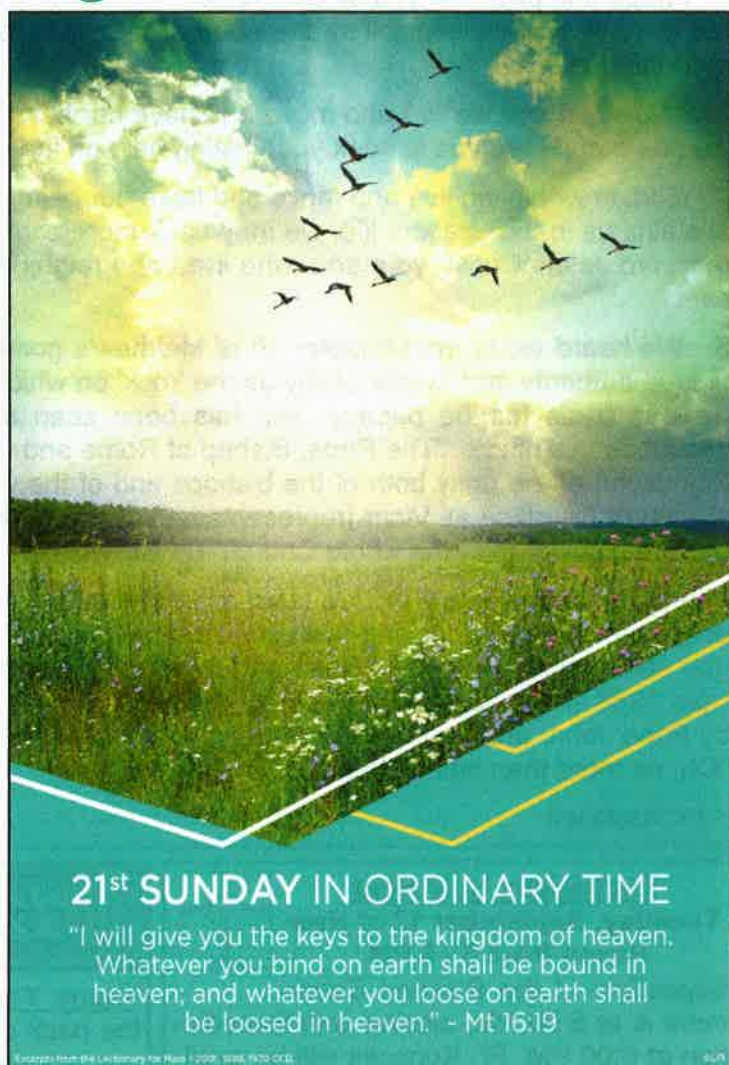
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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 27, 2023

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I'm glad to report that I had a great time at my 50th high school class reunion in Britt on August 12. There were 70 members of the Class of 1973 from Britt High School (now West Hancock), and nearly half of the class came to the reunion. The memories flowed, of course, and it was fun seeing how often we could identify each other--and, for the most part, we did pretty good! We also acknowledged and remembered the nine members of our class who have died, and I was honored to be asked to offer a prayer for them. All in all, it was a whole lot of fun and I'm very glad I was able to attend...and I'm grateful to Fr. Dan Knipper who had the Saturday evening Mass schedule for me that day so that I could be there.

And--in yet another example of 'it's a small world': classmate Linda (Nedved) Johnson and her husband John did the major work in scheduling and arranging all the details for our reunion. Linda and John have one daughter--Whitney--who, two years ago, married Aaron Burke--son of Pat and Renee Burke of our Elma parish. And it was my great privilege to baptize Aaron and Whitney's son Wyatt last fall here in Elma. It may be a cliché, but it's so true--it is a small world!

2. I hope and pray that you all endured our excessive heat this past week without too many ill effects. And it's all too obvious that we are still in dire need of rain. I recently came across these prayers for rain--I highly recommend them:

"Lord God, in you we live and move and have our being. Help us in our present time of trouble, send us the rain we need, and teach us to seek your lasting help on the way to eternal life."

"O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever."

3. We heard today from chapter 16 of Matthew's gospel--the famous scene where Jesus gives Simon Peter a unique authority and responsibility as the 'rock' on which he would build his church. This passage is a clear and obvious basis for the papacy, and has been seen as such from the Church's beginning. The Catechism describes this office: "The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful. For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar [representative] of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church" (n. 882).

The pope indeed has a unique leadership and teaching role in the Church, a role established by Jesus himself and protected from teaching what is false. But the popes do not in any way lose their humanity when elected to that office...and some have been gifted with a wonderful sense of humor. St. John XXIII, who served as pope from 1958 till his death in 1963, is a great example. A diplomat newly accredited to the Holy See was received by Pope John, and he asked how many persons worked at the Vatican. With a wink of an eye, the pope replied "Oh, no more than half of them!"

~ Fr. Kopacek

### 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.

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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 28

### Monday, August 28

St. Augustine - 1Thes1:1-5, 8-10/Ps149:1-6, 9/Mt 23:13-22  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Bill Youngblut

### Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist - 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29

8:00 AM (Elma) - Jim Malek

### Wednesday, August 30

Weekday - 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32

8:00 AM (Elma) - Clarence & Geneva Gansen

### Thursday, August 31

Weekday - 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51  
Care Center - Francis Dietrich

### Friday, September 1

First Friday - 1 Thes4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Stan Duffy

### Saturday, September 2

Vigil of Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 20:7-9/  
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Margaret Randak

### Sunday, September 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Alex & Lucille Adams

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

## 2023-2024 Cluster Religious Education News

Parents of new students or first graders need to call their respective DREs or call the cluster office to register their child for religious education this fall. Please call as soon as possible.



Chad Buckley (515-290-5867) - Elma, Alta Vista and Lourdes  
Debbie Oulman (641-985-2791) - Riceville

For New Haven students call the Cluster Office (641-393-2520)

## Social Justice - Needs of our Cluster

The Social Justice Committee is exploring the needs of our Cluster on the topic of Disability Inclusion, Ministry and Advocacy. This Archdiocesan Program includes: (1) Promoting parish educational, spiritual, liturgical and social services that ensure the inclusion of all. (2) Providing awareness, assistance and support to parish advocates and staff to identify and meet the unique needs of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. (3) Advocating for the educational and sacramental needs of persons with disabilities and promoting self-advocacy. (4) Offering a supportive presence for families and caregivers. (5) Collaborating with Catholic Charities, the Knights of Columbus and other charitable and supportive organizations.

Our committee wants to hear from you. Are there local needs in the area of Disability Inclusion that are not being met? If so, please contact Father or a member of the Social Justice Committee (Scott Niess, Bob Shatek, Elaine Govern or Bruce Weigel).

## + St. Bernard +

### Vocation Crucifix

August 27 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

September 2 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Joyce Kramer family. Joyce's Funeral was held on Thursday, August 17. May she rest in peace.

### Rosary Society News

The St. Bernard Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:00 PM at the Alta Vista Library.

## Cluster Mass & Social

### Note the Change in Mass Times

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 at the A.V. Hall.



## Choir for Cluster Social Mass, 10:45 AM at Alta Vista



Everyone is welcome to join St. Bernard's Choir for the Cluster Social Mass on Sunday, August 27 at 10:45 AM. Come sing with us as we praise and worship God.

## Early Bulletin Deadline

If you have items for the September 10 bulletin, please have them to the church office by August 30. Thank You!



## + Immaculate Conception-Elma +

### Waffles



### ANYONE?

### I.C. Elma Fall Festival Dad's Belgian Waffles

Elma will hold its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 10 from 8:00 - 11:30 AM in the I.C. Elma Church Hall.

**+ Lourdes +**

**Rosary Society News**

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6 at 5:30 PM in the Lourdes Hall. All are welcome and bring ideas.

**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 or have questions contact Doris Anderson at 641-330-0011.

**+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

**First Friday Confessions**

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, September 1st from 4:00 – 4:40 PM at Immaculate Conception in Riceville.

**Rosary Society News**

St. Anne's Rosary Society will meet on Sunday, August 27 at 7:00 PM in the church hall. All ladies are invited to attend. We will be discussing the Fall Festival.

**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.

**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, September 1st from 3:00 – 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

**MagnifiKid Books**

September MagnifiKid books are available to anyone with children or grandchildren. The books are on the table in the back of church. MagnifiKid books help to enrich childrens' prayers and foster genuine spiritual growth. Enjoy!

**Needed – Director of Religious Education**

We are looking for someone to fill the position of DRE for the St. Peter Religious Education program. 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 interested contact the Holy Rosary Cluster Office (641-393-2520).

**Calendar Events**

**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

KC Council #11592 Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, September 3 at Lake Hendricks  
Serving from 8:00 AM - Noon(Take Outs Available)  
Adults \$10; 6 to 12 \$5 or Free Will Offering  
(All Profits Are Shared!)

**Notre Dame Fair Day - Cresco**

Everyone is invited to join us at Notre Dame in Cresco on **Saturday, September 9 from 4:30-8:00 PM**; 4:30-7:00 PM-Burgers, Hot Dogs or Walking Tacos are available; 4:30-8:00 PM-Snack Shack (drinks, popcorn, candy); **5-8 PM - Fun & Games for the entire Family**: Inflatable Ax Throwing, Playstation vr2, Hyperspace Starcade-Game Truck, laser tag, flight simulator, \*Farmer's Market, BINGO, Raffle, Cake Walk and more!! \$10 wristbands for unlimited use; ages 3 and under Free. (Supporting Notre Dame School & Religious Ed.)



**Drive-Thru Pork Loin Sandwich Supper**

**Visitation Catholic Church - Stacyville  
604 N. Broad St.**

Sunday, September 18, serving from 4:00-6:00 PM  
Menu: Pork Loin Sandwich, BBQ Baked Beans, Chips, Cookie, Water or Milk  
Games, Raffle Baskets and the Mitchell County Dairy Trailer from 2:00 - 6:00 PM  
Free Will Offering

**Financial Stewardship**

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On-Line Giving	75.00

**St. Bernard - Alta Vista**

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Offertory	57.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)**

Budget Envelopes	407.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes	410.00
Offertory	312.00
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**St. Peter - New Haven**

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