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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

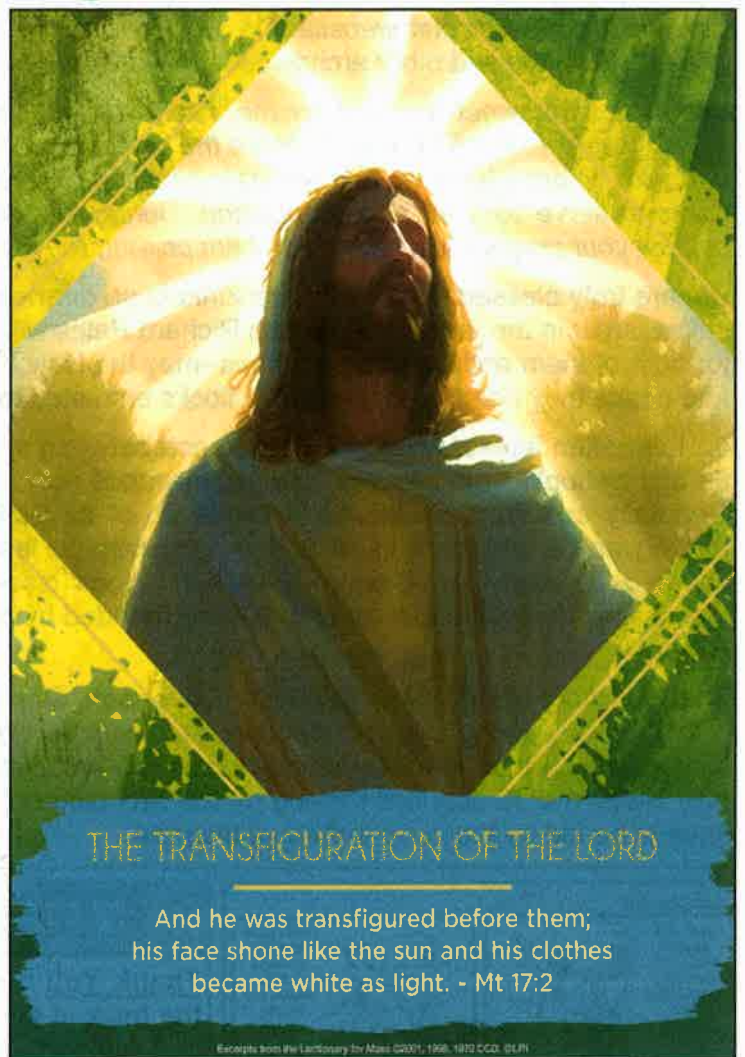
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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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.

August 6, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. A quick reminder about our monthly **Eucharistic Holy Hour** coming up this Tuesday, August 8, in Riceville. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at 5 p.m. with Benediction at 6 p.m. I'll be available for confessions during that time. This is a great opportunity to spend some quiet time with Jesus and to bring him your gratitude, your needs and concerns, your frustrations, and your hopes.

2. Fr. Dan Knipper, one of our retired priests, will have the 6 p.m. Mass in Alta Vista on Saturday, August 12. This will allow me to attend the 50-year reunion of my high school graduating class from Britt High School (now known as West Hancock). We are meeting for dinner and the inevitable sharing of memories that evening; I'm really looking forward to it. I used to think that those having 50-year reunions were really old...well, I've changed my mind about that now! I'll be back for the regular Sunday morning schedule on August 13. Many thanks to Fr. Knipper for his help.

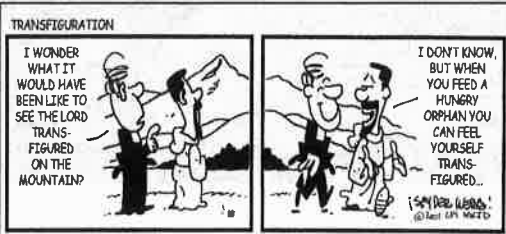
3. We continue to rejoice in the very good news of the appointment of Bishop Thomas Zinkula, bishop of Davenport, to become our new archbishop. I spoke last weekend about this appointment and about my working with him for three years in our archdiocesan college seminary in Dubuque; if you did not hear that homily, you can find it on our cluster website. On July 26, the day of the public announcement, Bishop Zinkula emailed the priests, deacons, and other archdiocesan leadership. In that email he said:

This is a bittersweet moment for me. I tend to fully immerse myself in my assignments [note from me: that is very true!], so it will be hard to leave the diocesan community in Davenport, who taught me how to be a bishop and with whom I have walked the past six year...However, I nonetheless am humbled and overjoyed to return home to serve as your new archbishop. During this time of transition, please remember me and the archdiocese in your prayers, and know that I am praying for you as well."

We are truly blessed to have Bishop Zinkula as our new archbishop. He will be formally installed on October 18 in Dubuque; in the meantime, Bishop Richard Pates will continue to serve as apostolic administrator. Please pray for both of them and for all the bishops--may the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them with the grace, courage, and peace they need to shepherd the flocks entrusted to them.

4. I am often asked: what is the difference between a diocese and an archdiocese (and between a bishop and an archbishop)? That takes on special relevance now that Bishop Zinkula will soon become Archbishop Zinkula. Generally speaking, a diocese is made up of all Catholics within the boundaries of a specific geographical territory and is under the pastoral and administrative leadership of a bishop. For purposes of a broader cooperation and focus on the mission of the Church, local dioceses are grouped together into a province. One of those dioceses is designated as an archdiocese (headed by an archbishop) and is considered as a sort of 'first among equals'.

The four dioceses of Iowa--Dubuque, Davenport, Des Moines, and Sioux City--make up the province of Iowa, with Dubuque being the archdiocese. Archbishops exercise their episcopal authority (that is, their authority as bishop) only within their own archdioceses--so Archbishop-elect Zinkula, for example, will exercise his authority only within the 30 counties making up the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The other three dioceses in Iowa will continue to be led by their own individual bishops. ~ Fr. Kopáček



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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 7

Monday, August 7

St. Sixtus II - Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

8:00 AM (Elma) - William & Lillian Chihak

Tuesday, August 8

St. Dominic - Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36

8:00 AM (Elma) - Tom Smith

Wednesday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta - Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35/Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23/Mt 15:21-28

8:00 AM (Elma) - Deceased Members of the Quinten & Lucille Fangman Family

Thursday, August 10

St. Lawrence - 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Care Center - John & Eleanor Burke

Friday, August 11

St. Clare - Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28

8:00 AM (Elma) - Living & Deceased Members of the Ptacek Family

Saturday, August 12

Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Nicholas & Mary Kolbet

Sunday, August 13

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

7:15 AM (Elma) + Merle McGrane

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Clarence & Alma Sweeney

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.

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of August 12/13. Lourdes' collection will be taken on August 19. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - Totus Tuus, I.C. Elma - Howard Co. First Responders, Our Lady of Lourdes - Howard Co. First Responders, St. Peter - Relay For Life, and I.C. Riceville - Relay For Life.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

August 5 - Irene & Ed Huegel

August 12 - Bev & Dick White

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 +

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.

+ 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.

Update Your Information or Join a Parish

It's always helpful to update your information at the Cluster 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 cluster office a call (641-393-2520) if any of your information has changed. Thank You! **OR** anyone looking for a church to join, please call the Cluster Office to register at one of the parishes.

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

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

For parade entries, please contact Farmer's Mill at 563-569-8501 or Koshatka Farm Equipment at 563-569-8636

45th Annual Czech Days Celebration

August 18th, 19th & 20th

Holy Trinity Parish of Protivin Welcomes all of you to our Annual Czech Days Celebration. For a listing of events visit '[Christ Our Hope Cluster.Com](http://ChristOurHopeCluster.Com)'

Financial Stewardship

July 29/30

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St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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On-Line Giving	210.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

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Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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On-Line Giving	350.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	50.00
On-Line Giving	405.00

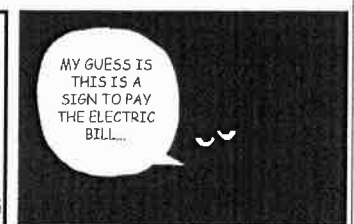
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