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The office this week: CLOSED - Monday
Staffed: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.– Noon

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

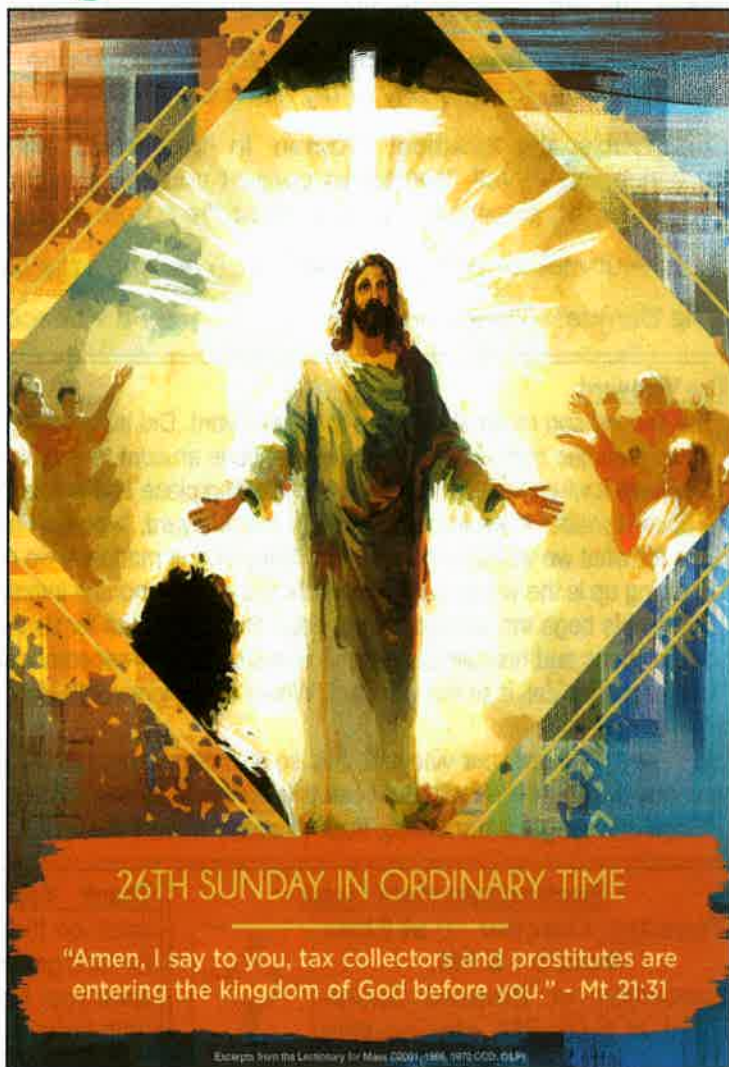
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.

October 1, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I am very glad to share with you the good news that **Jacob Francois**, one of our second-year seminarians at Mundelein Seminary (near Chicago), will be doing his internship here at Holy Rosary Cluster from January 27 to May 12, 2024. Jacob is from Cedar Rapids and comes from St. Patrick parish there. I got to know Jacob when I was at the Vianney House and worked with our college seminarians (before I came up here to Holy Rosary Cluster in 2018). He is a very fine young man with a deep, genuine faith and a strong desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

You may remember that Tim Weber was going to do this internship with us this past spring semester, but then decided to leave the seminary and so was not with us. I recently visited with someone who talked with Tim recently, and it sounds like he is doing well. Please continue to pray for Tim, and add Jacob to your prayer intentions as well--may God help them to know his will for them and their lives, and to do so in genuine faith and hope.

2. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" More gems from Art Linkletter's "Kids Say the Darndest Things!" (taken from his interviews with children on his "House Party" TV show):

Q. Is this your favorite dress? A. *No, it's an old one.* Q. Then why did you wear it? A. *Because my mother didn't want me to wear any of my nice new dresses to your old program and get them dirty.*

Q. Who's the prettiest woman in the world in your opinion? A. *My teacher--right out there in the audience.* Q. Well, that takes care of your grades for this year. But what about your mother? A. *Oh, she's okay, I guess, except she runs around the house in her nightgown all day.*

Q. Is your mother with you today? A. *Yes, she's the lady in the front row there with the run in her stocking.*

"The Darndest Things" indeed! ~ Fr. Kopacek

The Vineyard

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me."

"I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does *the work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8



Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, October 10 at Elma
from 5 - 6 PM.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 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 October 2

Monday, October 2

Weekday - Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
8:00 AM (Elma) - Fr. Rick Dagit

Tuesday, October 3

Weekday - Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56
8:00 AM (Elma) - Ray Maravetz

Wednesday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi - Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
8:00 AM (Elma) - Dale & Ann Schmitz

Thursday, October 5

St. Faustina Kowalska - Neh 8:1-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12
Care Center - Helen Soat

Friday, October 6

First Friday/St. Bruno - Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
8:00 AM (Elma) - David Allen Block

Saturday, October 7

Vigil of Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People

6:00 PM (Alta Vista)+Deceased Members of John Bullerman Family

Sunday, October 8

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

7:15 AM (Elma) + Fay & Berenice Freidhof

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Dr. Frank Havlik

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

+ Combined Religious Education +

Combined Religious Ed. for Alta Vista, Elma and Lourdes is still in need of one teacher for the upcoming year (grade level is flexible). Please contact the cluster office if you or someone you know is interested.



Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the week-end of October 7/8. New Haven's collection will be taken on October 15. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - AV Public Library, I.C. Elma - Howard Co. Food Bank, Our Lady of Lourdes - Howard Co. Food Bank, St. Peter - Totus Tuus, and I.C. Riceville - Catholic Charities.

Holy Rosary Cluster Confirmation

Saturday, October 14 - the 4:00 PM

Mass will be held at I.C. Elma to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with students from all five parishes. Please pray for our Confirmation students as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Volunteers Needed at the Riceville Food Pantry

Holy Rosary Cluster members are asked to help volunteer at the Riceville Food Pantry in the months of October and November. If you are available or a youth needs volunteer hours here is the perfect opportunity. You can work part of a shift or a whole shift. Call Ellen Grady-Mans (641-985-2254) or Diane Setka. You may also just show up to help.

October Dates: Wed., Oct. 4th & 18th (4-6 PM)

Tues., Oct. 10th & 24th (6-7 PM)

November Dates: Wed., Nov. 1st & 15th (4-6 PM)

Tues., Nov. 14th & 28th (6-7 PM)

Change In Office Hours

Office Hours will be from
9:00 AM - Noon
until further notice.



MEETINGS

Thurs., October 19 - Parish Life at 6:00 PM

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

I.C. Riceville Fall Festival

Beef & Ham Dinner (Drive Thru Only)

Sunday, October 1st from 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Serving: Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweet Corn, Bun, Fruit and Home-made Pie Cost: \$15 a meal

Raffles: Quilt, 2-\$100 cash, 4-\$50 cash, 2-\$50 gift certificates to the 10th Hole.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

September 30 - Suezzen & Keith Glaser

October 7 - Julie & Gary Swehla

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Mary O'Donnell family. Mary's Funeral was held on Friday, September 22. May she rest in peace.

+ Lourdes +

Help Needed with Liturgical Ministries

We are asking parishioners to sign up for gift bearers, ushers, lectors, Mass servers, etc. If you can help contact Doris Anderson at 641-330-0011.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Thank You

Thank you to all the parishioners for your time and effort hosting the Fall Festival this year and thank you to the people who came to support I.C. Elma and enjoy some delicious waffles.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, October 6 from 4:00 – 4:40 PM at I.C. Riceville.

+ St. Peter +

First Friday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, October 6 from 3:00 – 3:40 PM at St. Peter in New Haven.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Adam & Tara Franzen and their children Aden, Audrina and Abbigale to St. Peter Parish. We are happy to have them join us.

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 additional cleaning during the year. Contact the Cluster Office (641-393-2520).

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Harvest Supper

Elma Knights of Columbus Marian Council #4144 "Drive-Thru Style Meal", **Sun., October 8 at the Elma Memorial Hall from 4:00-6:30 PM**

Adults \$15/Under 5 is Free

Menu: Swiss Steak, Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Roll & Pie

Call Dennis at 641-330-2644 or Sue at 641-330-5689 for deliveries. Give your Name/Address/Telephone Number and Number of Meals for Delivery.

+ Catholic Order of Foresters +

The Catholic Order of Foresters will have their annual meeting on **Wed., October 25 in the I.C. Elma church hall at 6:30 PM**. If anyone is interested in being a delegate of Court 0878 at the convention next spring (2024) please attend this meeting.

Calendar Events

Grieving with Great Hope Workshop

5 Week Session on Thursdays-Oct. 12 - Nov. 9 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Notre Dame Parish, Cresco. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple to cover the cost of a workbook, two remembrance projects and a candle. Registration Link: <https://notredamecresco.com/parish-calendar>.

Calendar Events

Good Shepherd Cluster Mission October 16-18

Holy Family in New Hampton is hosting a Parish Mission Benefitting the Angelicum in Rome

Mission Services: Mon. & Tues., October 16 & 17 (8:30-9:30 AM and 6:30-7:30 PM)

Eucharistic Healing Service for Families

Wed., October 18 (8:30-9:30 AM & 6:30-7:30 PM)

Angelicum Friars leading the Mission are Fr. Mark Padrez, Fr. Alan Dely and the principal leader Fr. Benedict Croell, who has family ties to new Hampton and Lawler.

2023 Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting

The 2023 ACCW Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 21** at St. Edward Parish in Waterloo. This year's theme is "Path of Renewal Encounter". Keynote speaker will be Fr. Joseph Sevcik and Archbishop-elect Zinkula will be the main celebrant for the Mass. There will be a lunch, short business meeting, silent auction (bring an item or gift basket, value of \$25), door prizes, and displays. To register go [to https://dbqarech.org/accw-events](https://dbqarech.org/accw-events) or contact Joanne Pohland at dbqaccw@dbqarch.org. Registration rate before October 10 is \$20 and after October 10 is \$30.

Financial Stewardship

September 23/24

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Offertory	142.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

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Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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St. Peter - New Haven

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On-Line Giving	395.00

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