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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

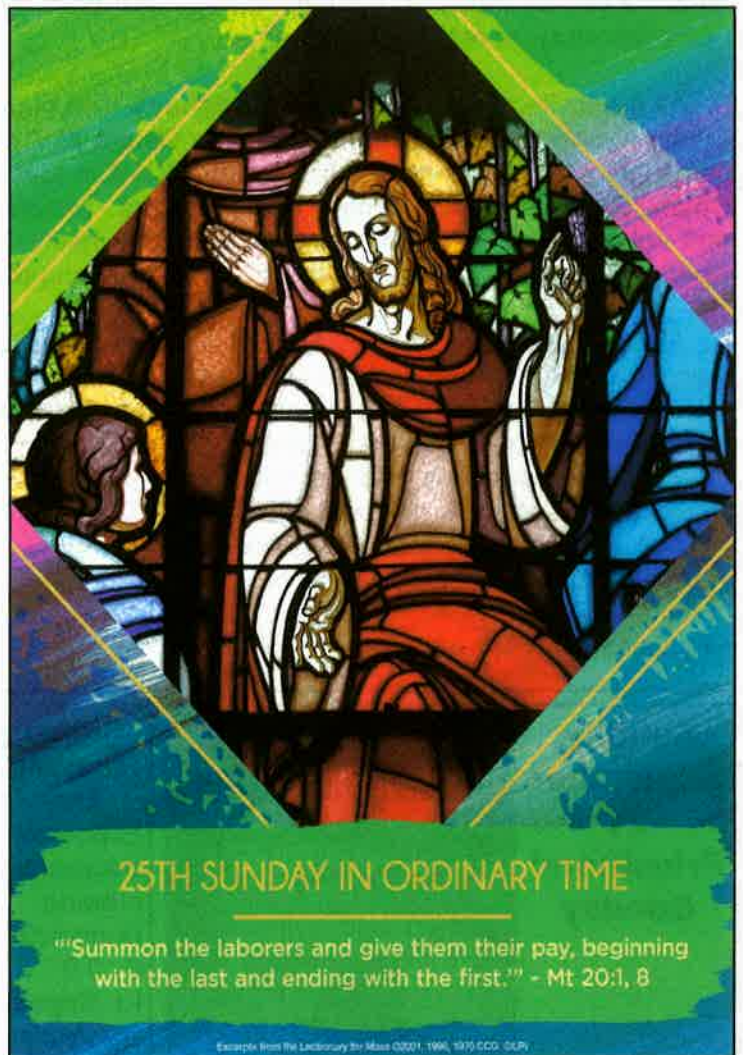
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning
with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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.

September 24, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Last reminder: all are invited to a showing of "**Mother Teresa--No Greater Love**" in the **Elma church hall this Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 p.m.** (not 2 p.m. as originally announced). This film, produced with the help of the Knights of Columbus, is a beautiful and inspiring portrayal of the life of this truly remarkable saint. Free refreshments will be served.

2. I'm sorry to inform you of the death of one of our active priests. Fr. Rick Dagit died on Sept. 14 at the age of 69; he was planning to retire next year. He had some health issues in recent years, but his death was unexpected. Fr. Dagit was a native son of St. Mary's parish in Williams (west of Iowa Falls) and was ordained to the priesthood in 1986. Among other assignments, he served as pastor at Immaculate Conception in Gilbertville, and for many years recently was pastor of the parishes in the Story/Marshall Cluster (St. Mary in Colo, St. Patrick in Nevada, St. Joseph in State Center, and St. Gabriel in Zearing).

Fr. Dagit was a quiet man, but also one of deep faith who had the heart of a loving shepherd of his flock. He was deeply loved by those he served. Eternal rest grant unto his soul, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him--may he rest in peace. Amen.

3. All are invited to a showing of "**Gridshock**"--an hour-long documentary about sex trafficking here in Iowa. It will be shown at Sacred Heart Church in Osage at 7 p.m. on both Wed., Sept. 27, and Sun., Oct. 1. After the film, there will be a 20-minute talk by Jess Clayton (case manager and forensic nurse examiner from the Mitchell County Regional Health Center) on the subject. I know some of you have seen "Sound of Freedom"--a powerful and sobering movie on the same subject that has raised awareness of the evil of sex trafficking around the world. "Gridshock" shows that this evil is even taking place in our own state.

4. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" One of the great sources of laugh material is...transcripts from legal proceedings. The laughter comes from some less-than-brilliant questions from the attorneys trying the case or from the 'interesting' (to say the least) responses given by witnesses. Consider this gem:

Q. And where was the location of the accident?

A. Approximately milepost 499.

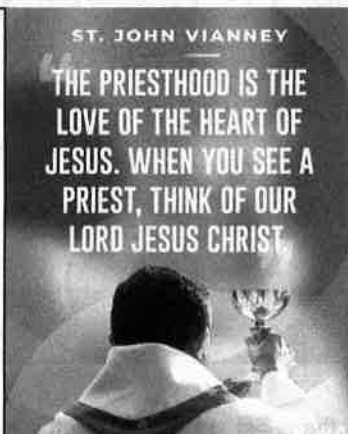
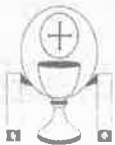
Q. And where is milepost 499?

A. Probably between mileposts 498 and 500.

No doubt truthful, but hardly helpful.....

~ Fr. Kopacek

**Sunday,
September
24
Priesthood
Sunday**



**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 P.M. 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 September 25

Monday, September 25

Weekday - Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenny Chihak

Tuesday, September 26

St. Cosmas & St. Damian -Ezr 6:7-8,12,14-20/Ps122:1-5/Lk8:19-21

8:00 AM (Elma) - Bernard & Phyllis Felder

Wednesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul - Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

8:00 AM (Elma) - Michael Ungs

Thursday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus - Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 9:7-9

Care Center - David Allen Block

Friday, September 29

St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

8:00 AM (Elma) - Eugene Meier

Saturday, September 30

Vigil of Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Joe & Shirley Praska

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, October 1

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

7:15 AM (Elma) + Vince & Millie Lentz

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + NO MASS

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Mark, Helen & Anne Sullivan

+ 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.



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.



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)

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

September 23 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

September 30 - Suezan & Keith Glaser

+ 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.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Eileen A. Chihak family. Eileen's Funeral was held on Friday, September 15. May she rest in peace.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Thank You

Thank you to the Pat & Hazel Boyle family for the donation to Calvary Cemetery in memory of Pat & Hazel.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Pat Fitzgerald, brother to Jerry Fitzgerald and formerly from Elma. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat who recently passed away.

MEETINGS

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

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

Cluster Movie Day

Sunday, September 24 at 2:30 PM

(not 2:00 PM) in the Elma I.C. church basement. All Cluster mem-

bers are invited to join us for the movie, "Mother Teresa, No Greater Love". A soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times. Please join us. Snacks will be provided.

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.



+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Coffee & Rolls

Everyone is welcome to join us for Coffee & Rolls after Mass on Sunday, September 24.



+ St. Peter +

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 some additional cleaning during the year. If interested contact the Cluster Office (641-393-2520).

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background. If you or someone you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts or a mental health condition **Call** or **Text 988** or **Chat 988life-line.org** to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.



Invitation to Join

Archbishop Pates invites every Catholic woman in the Archdiocese of Dubuque to consider joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) as a member. Go to www.iowacatholicdaughters.org for more information and to find a local chapter.



New Parish Portal Tool Now Available!

This Parish Portal tool is your guide to county-specific resources from Catholic Charities and other social service agencies serving your area. This website is available at catholic-charitiesdubuque.org/parishportal. Bookmark the page for a quick access to this one-stop shop.



Calendar Events

**St. John's Parish, Fort Atkinson
Rendezvous Days, September 23, & 24**

*Kolaches and Homemade Pies for sale and the meals are at the Fort Atkinson Community Center
Saturday, Sept. 23 - 5K Run/Walk; Registration at 7 AM, cost is \$25, starts at 8:30 AM.

Sunday, Sept. 24 - *Breakfast* from 8:00 AM - Noon; Menu: Scrambled Eggs & Toppings, Ham, Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Milk & Coffee

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, with 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, door prizes, and displays. To register go *to* <https://dbqarech.org/accw-events> or contact Joanne Pohland at dbqaccw@dbqarch.org. Early bird registration rate ends October 10.

Financial Stewardship

September 16/17

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