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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

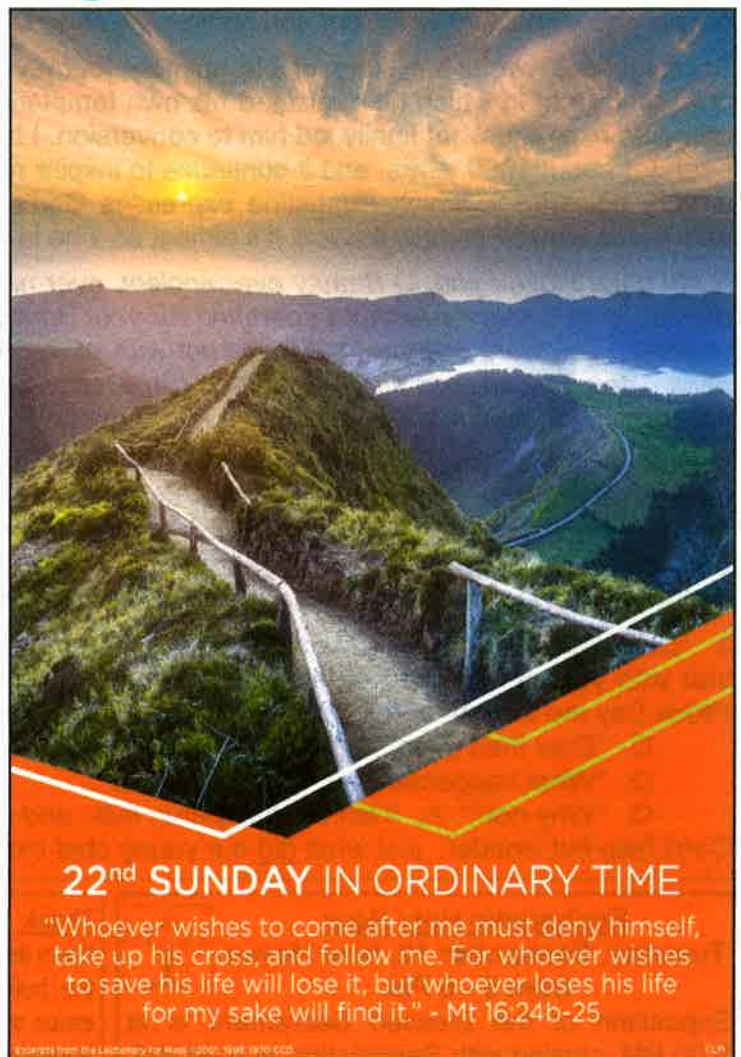
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. As you know, we continue to livestream the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass in Riceville for the benefit of those who are not able to attend Mass in person. On those Sundays when Riceville does not have Mass, we have recorded a Saturday evening Mass at either Lourdes or Alta Vista and then uploaded that recording to our cluster website. Jayden Burke (Elma parish) has been doing that recording almost the entire time since we resumed our weekend Mass schedule after the COVID shutdown ended in May of 2021. Because of new responsibilities in his job, Jayden is no longer able to record that Saturday Mass--I am very grateful for his willingness to help out.

As a result, we now have no one to record Mass for the 'non-Riceville' weekends. I'd like to continue having that Mass available, but unless someone is willing to step forward to do the recording and uploading, there will be no Mass available through our website on the weekends when Riceville does not have Mass. Any volunteers?? Please let me know if you might be interested.

2. Last Monday, August 28, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Augustine (354-430)--one of the most brilliant and important saints in the 2000-year history of the Church. His mother, St. Monica (feast day--August 27), was a Christian who prayed for years on end that her son would accept Christ and baptism. Her perseverance in prayer was vindicated when her son finally experienced the grace of conversion.

St. Augustine wrote the story of his spiritual journey and conversion in his "Confessions"--a masterpiece of spiritual insight in which he explained his own temptations, his long-time refusal to turn away from the sins that attracted him, and what finally led him to conversion. I highly recommend this book--it is readily available and has been for about 1600 years, and it continues to inspire readers to this day. There is one passage in particular that is very powerful in which Augustine expresses God's refusal to 'give up' in seeking him out for Himself. He addresses himself directly to God; it's almost as if he is writing a love letter to God:

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you... You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness... I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace."

We all believe in God, but do we realize that God loves each of us personally and passionately, and that he desires us to desire him above all things--so that he can pour out his love on us?? St. Augustine came to know the reality and power of that burning Divine love, and he desired to be immersed in it ever more deeply; in his own words, he 'burned for [God's] peace." Let's ask St. Augustine to pray for us that we will come to know and be transformed by the power of God's incredible love for us just as he did.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Many of you will remember Art Linkletter's "House Party" TV show, where he would visit with younger children on stage. It was a very popular feature of that show, and Linkletter wrote a book ("Kids Say the Darndest Things") sharing many great experiences with those interviews. For example:

Q. "Ever tried to cook?" A. 'I tried to make some pancakes once.'

Q. "What happened?" A. 'Nothing much.'

Q. "Why not?" A. 'I left out the butter, milk, and eggs.'

Can't help but wonder: just what did our young chef include?? ~ Fr. Kopacek

Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Tuesday, September 12, 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 September 4

Monday, September 4

Labor Day - 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30

8:00 AM (Elma) - Arlene Klobassa

Tuesday, September 5

Weekday - 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

8:00 AM (Elma) - Linda Zeimet

Wednesday, September 6

Weekday - Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44

8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenny Chihak

Thursday, September 7

Weekday - Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11

Care Center - Elsie Ludwig

Friday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mi 5:1-4/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

8:00 AM (Elma) - Kendra O'Brien

Saturday, September 9

Vigil of Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Donald Praska

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, September 10

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Art & Rose Boehmer

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Dale Fox

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. Adults \$10, Children \$5



I.C. Riceville Fall Festival

Beef & Ham Dinner (Drive Thru Only)

Sunday, October 1st

Serving: Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweet Corn, Bun, Fruit and Homemade Pie

Cost: \$15 a meal

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

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of September 9/10. Alta Vista's collection will be taken on September 16. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - Hope for Life in CC, I.C. Elma - Hope for Life in CC, Our Lady of Lourdes - Hope for Life in CC, St. Peter - Hope for Life in CC, and I.C. Riceville - Hope for Life in CC.

MEETINGS

Thurs., Sept. 14 - Liturgy Meeting at 6:30 PM

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

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

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, Lourdes

Debbie Oulman (641-985-2791) - Riceville

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

Religious Education Starting Dates

Combined Religious Ed.

- Wed., Sept. 13 - Registration (In-person with parents)

- Wed., Sept. 20 - First Class

Riceville Begins - Wed., September 20

New Haven Begins - Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 AM

- Pancake Breakfast and Parent Meetings

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 Kopacek or a member of the Social Justice Committee (Scott Niess, Bob Shatek, Elaine Govern or Bruce Weigel).

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

September 2 - Irene & Tom Frantzen
September 9 - LouAnn & John Huegel

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.

+ Lourdes +

Congratulations

We congratulate Spencer & Chelsey Schmitt on the occasion of the baptism of their son Madden Michael. Madden was baptized on August 26. Please welcome and pray for Madden Michael as he begins his new life in the Church.

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 +

Religious Ed. News

Riceville religious ed. needs a teacher for 7th grade (4 students) and 8th grade (8 students). Please contact Debbie Oulman at 641-985-2791.

+ St. Peter +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Joan (Helfter) Yarwood family. Joan's Funeral was held on Friday, August 25. May she rest in peace.

MagnifiKid Books

September MagnifiKid books are on the table in the back of church and are available to anyone with children or grandchildren. 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).

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 988lifeline.org** to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. It's time to raise awareness of this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic.

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.)

Financial Stewardship

August 26/27

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$675.00
Offertory	97.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	225.00
Offertory	92.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	2,517.00
Offertory	67.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville(NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	80.00
On-Line Giving	250.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	240.00
Offertory	23.00
On-Line Giving	105.00



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