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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

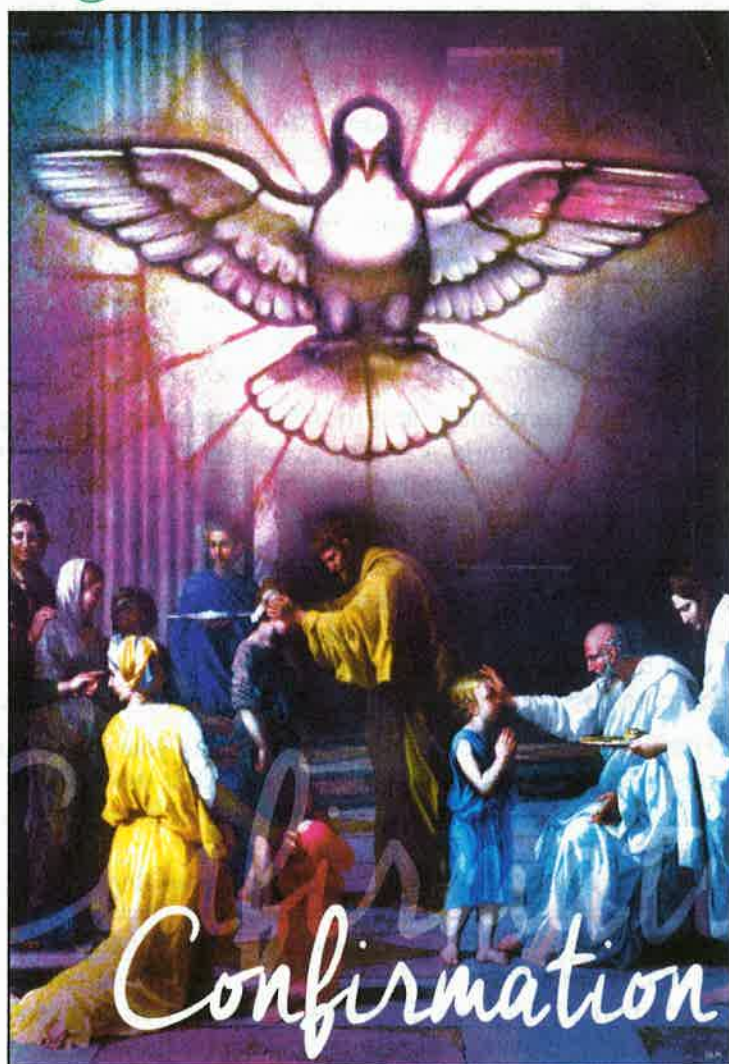
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I will be away from the office this week--I'll be on retreat at New Melleray Abbey, about ten miles southwest of Dubuque. We priests are supposed to go on retreat once a year to 'recharge our spiritual batteries' as it were. I've been to New Melleray a number of times over the years, and I always am glad for the chance for some quiet, prayer, and maybe even an extra nap or two as well. I also appreciate the privilege of concelebrating the morning Mass with the monks there.

As a result, there will be **no weekday Masses this week--Monday, October 16, through Friday, October 20.** I plan to be back here by midday on the 20th. I know that Bishop Zinkula will be installed as our new archbishop on Wed., Oct. 18, at Nativity Church in Dubuque, and I do plan on attending and concelebrating that Mass, after which I'll return to the monastery to finish up my retreat time. I will be praying for all of you and your loved ones; please keep me in your prayers as well.

Speaking of Archbishop-elect Zinkula, I remind you that the Mass of his installation will be at 2 p.m. on Wed., the 18th, and he will lead an Evening Prayer service the night before, Tues., Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Both of these services will be livestreamed on the archdiocesan web page--you can access them at: <https://dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts>. Or you can simply go to the archdiocesan home page at: dbqarch.org and click on the livestream link that will be available there.

2. Last weekend I spoke about the importance of praying to the Holy Spirit to help us know how God wants us to use the Spirit's gifts we received when we received the sacrament of confirmation. We concluded by praying together the "Come, Holy Spirit" on the back of our Breaking Bread books. Many of you probably learned that prayer in your younger years, but it's a good prayer to use on a regular basis and to have in your 'prayer arsenal':

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who has instructed the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in his consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

3. You may remember last month I shared with you a story titled "The Embroidery" that illustrated the point that we can't always understand or even see the details of how God's plan for us will come to completion. I recently received from one of our cluster parishioners another sort of parable along the same lines; it's so good that I couldn't keep it to myself:

"A pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. "Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

"Then the farmer added, 'But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

See what I mean?! And I look forward to seeing you next weekend. ~ Fr. Kopacek

Eucharistic Holy Hour Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Lourdes 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 16

Monday, October 16

St. Hedwig - Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch - Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Wednesday, October 18

St. Luke - 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Thursday, October 19

St. John de Brebeuf - Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-6/Lk 11:47-54

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross - Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Saturday, October 21

Vigil of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps

96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-21

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Virgil Marvin & Carol Alverson

Sunday, October 22

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-

5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-21

7:15 AM (Elma) + Dan O'Brien

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Ray Klaes

Holy Rosary Cluster Confirmation

Saturday, October 14 - 4:00 PM Mass

at I.C. Elma to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with students from all five parishes. Please pray for our Confirmation students as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.



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. 18th (4-6 PM)

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

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

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

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

October 14 - Irene & Ed Huegel

October 21 - Deann & Tony Meirick

Alta Vista Rosary Society News

St. Bernard Rosary Society will hold election of officers. Ballots are located in the back of the church. You can vote before church or during the week.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Sacristans Needed

We are in need of sacristans at I.C. Riceville. If anyone is interested or has questions contact Janet Pridgen at 850-529-5285.

Congratulations

We congratulate Brian & Lorelei Brandau on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Avery Anne Brandau. Avery was baptized on October 8. Please welcome and pray for Avery Anne as she begins her new life in the Church.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy our meal, made a donation or lent a helping hand to make our Fall Festival a success this year!

Raffle Winners: \$100 Cash - Sue Marr, Shannon Paulus; \$50 Cash - Steve Anderlik, Cheryl Smalley, Sullivan Head, Sue Marr; \$50 10th Hole Certificate - Dave Smalley, Sherry Marr; Quilt - Aarika Schwarck

Change In Office Hours

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



MEETINGS

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

Thurs., November 9 - Social Justice at 6:30 PM

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

NOTE Change in Mass Schedule

for October 14/15

Elma will host Confirmation

So Lourdes and Elma are switching Mass times.

Saturday, Oct. 14 - ELMA Mass at 4 PM

NO Alta Vista

Sunday, Oct. 15 - LOURDES Mass at 7:15 AM



+ 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.

Liturgy Schedule Available

The liturgy schedule for November and December is available in the entrance of the church.

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 catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/parishportal. Bookmark the page for a quick access to this one-stop shop.



Invitation to Join

Archbishop Pates invites every Catholic woman in the Archdiocese of Dubuque to consider joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA). Go to www.iowacatholicdaughters.org.



Calendar Events

Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting

Tri-County Citizens for Life will hold a meeting on Monday, October 16 at 6:30 PM in the Elma I.C. Church basement. Everyone is welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served.

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

Knights of Columbus Marian Council #4144 will be doing their annual Tootsie Roll Drive October 21 at St. Bernard after the 6 PM Mass, October 22 in Elma after the 7:15 AM Mass and October 28 in Lourdes after the 4 PM Mass. All money raised will benefit the Comprehensive Systems Inc. of New Hampton. Please look for a KC member by the church entrances and support this worthy cause.

+ 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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 **Sat., October 21** at St. Edward Parish in Waterloo. To register go to <https://dbqarch.org/accw-events> or contact Joanne Pohland at dbqaccw@dbqarch.org. Registration is \$30.

Drive-Thru Turkey & Pork Loin Supper

Sacred Heart Oratory in Meyer, Iowa invites you to their Drive-Thru Turkey & Pork Loin Supper on **Sun., October 29. Serving from 3:30-6:30 PM**. Menu includes: Turkey, Pork Loin, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Sauerkraut and Cookies. Free Will Offering.

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October 7/8

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Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	1,230.00
Act of Kindness	141.00
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St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

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