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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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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

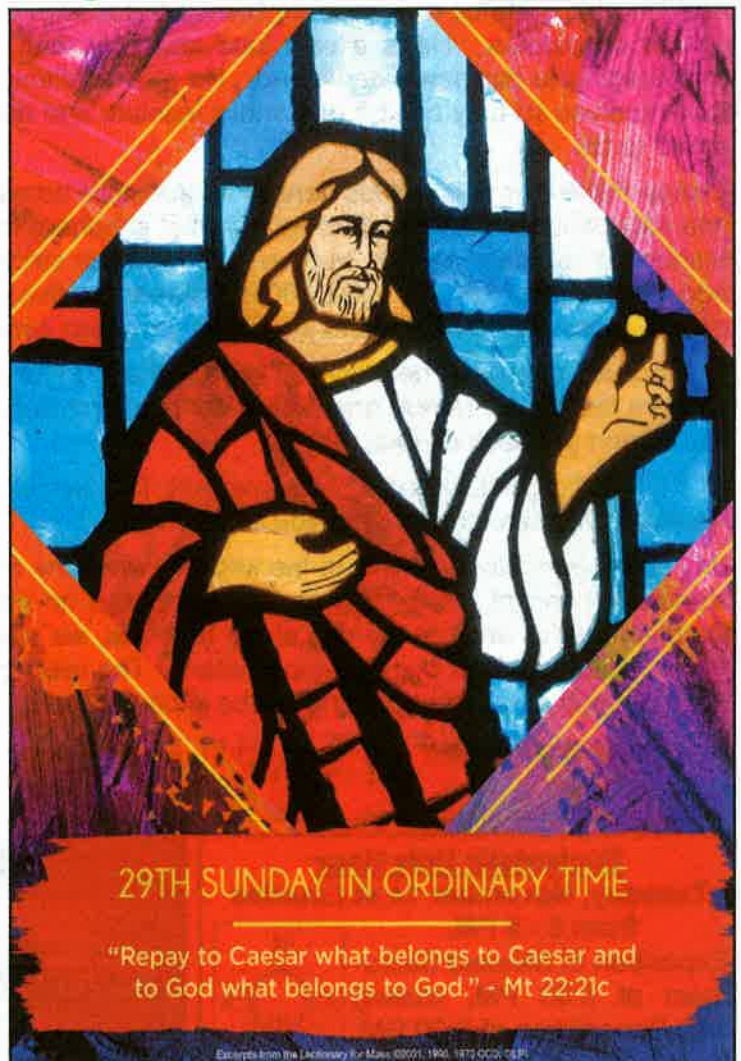
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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!



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c

### 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 22, 2023

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. I want to thank everyone who had any role whatsoever, large or small, in helping to prepare for and carry out our cluster celebration of the sacrament of confirmation last Saturday (Oct. 14) in Elma:

- all the liturgical ministers: musicians, lector, servers, ushers and greeters, all who prepared the church sanctuary environment and decorations, all who got the church hall ready for the overflow crowd...and everyone else;
- everyone involved in helping to prepare our 31 candidates for confirmation: their teachers, the DREs, and of course all their parents and sponsors as well;
- everyone involved in the planning, set-up, serving, and cleaning up regarding the delicious dinner at the Elma Memorial Hall after the confirmation Mass; and
- Nancy and everyone else who helped with all the paperwork and seemingly countless other details at the cluster office that go in to planning for such a major event.

I'm sure I missed someone, and for that I apologize. But I am truly grateful for all the wonderful work done by so many great folks in this cluster to make this such a special and Spirit-filled occasion.

And I'm also grateful, of course, to Bishop Pates who was the main celebrant and who conferred the sacrament on our candidates. He is a very kind and holy man, and he could not have been any more supportive and encouraging to our newly-confirmed. He also challenged them to take seriously the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they received so they can be ever more resolute and dedicated to being the disciple of Jesus Christ that they are called to be.

Bishop Pates has finished his service as apostolic administrator for our archdiocese now that Archbishop Zinkula has now been formally installed as the chief shepherd for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. This is the third time that Bishop Pates has served as such an administrator since his retirement from active service as a bishop five years ago at the age of 75. He turned 80 in February of this year; may God bless this faithful servant with many years of rest, peace, good health and joy for his generous service to the Lord and to his Church!

2. Because of bulletin deadlines (Tuesday the 17th for the Oct. 22 bulletin), I'm preparing this column on Oct. 15 --before leaving for retreat and before our new archbishop's installation. I'll certainly share highlights of both with you when I get back on Oct. 20.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" I know that Thanksgiving is still about a month away, but this true story from Reader's Digest might help get you in the mood:

"My sister Donnelly is a whiz in the kitchen, while my other sister and I are culinary klutzes. So she was understandably hesitant when Maureen and I insisted on making Thanksgiving dinner on a visit to her house. After Donnelly left for work on the day of our big meal, we studied the oven manual, set the timer, and left to go skiing, feeling quite proud of our accomplishment. The feeling lasted until six hours later, when we returned--to a nice hot oven and a raw turkey sitting on the kitchen counter."

No comment necessary...

~ Fr. Kopacek

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Tuesday, November 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 23

### Monday, October 23

St. John of Capistrano - Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70-75/Lk 12:13-21  
8:00 AM (Elma) - Dick Recker

### Tuesday, October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret - Rom 5:12,15,17-19-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

8:00 AM (Elma) - Eugene Meier

### Wednesday, October 25

Weekday - Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-8/Lk 12:39-48

8:00 AM (Elma) - Deceased Members of the John Bullerman Family

### Thursday, October 26

Weekday - Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53

Care Center - Ida Marie Rowe

### Friday, October 27

Weekday - Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66,68,76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59

8:00 AM (Elma) - Merle McGrane

### Saturday, October 28

Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4,47,51/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Gervase, Kathryn & David O'Brien

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Norbert Burke

### Sunday, October 29

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4,47,51/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Leo & Mary Jane Foxen

## MEETINGS

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

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

### Catholic Charities - Urgent Need in NE Iowa

Prayers and Funds are needed to help Catholic Charities continue their critical services. With skyrocketing costs and increased demands for their compassionate, quality services they are **in need of your financial gifts by October 31, 2023**. Make a donation online at [CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate](http://CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate) or call **563-588-0558**.

### Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed Class of 2023

#### Confirmandi from St. Bernard, Our Lady of Lourdes and I.C. Elma



Patrick Boyle, Briana Burke, Marina Burke, Jackie Pickar, Keira Roethler, Kaden Smith, Nolan Swehla, Rebecca Wickman and Samantha Wilberding

#### Confirmandi from I.C. Riceville

Jack Adams, Johnny Adams, Trevor Carolan, Kylie Dvorak, Carver Hale, John O'Donnell, Matthew Pridgen and Gunnar Smith

#### Confirmandi from St. Peter

Connor Adams, Madeline Bielefeld, William Bielefeld, Scarlett Byrnes, Blake Fox, Aden Franzen, Trace Huisman, Isabelle Jacobs, Jackson Joens, Ruby Lohuis, Mattea Meirick, Beau Taylor, Kara Theis, Jaxson Vroom

### Word of God Workbooks Now Available to Order

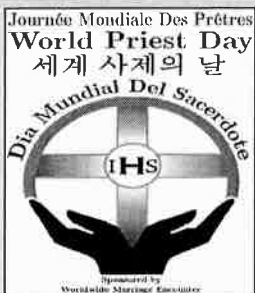
Those interested in the 'Word of God' Workbook is now available for purchase through the Cluster for \$14.00. If interested call the cluster office (641-393-2520) by November 7th. Please make check payable to your parish.

### 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:** Tues., Oct. 24th (6-7 PM)  
**November Dates:** Wed., Nov. 1st & 15th (4-6 PM)  
Tues., Nov. 14th & 28th (6-7 PM)



### Happy World Priest Day Father Kopacek!

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on Father Kopacek, whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders and in Priesthood. Lord Jesus, we ask that you support him with your presence and fill him with grace to serve You faithfully.

Gracious Spirit, unite us in service with those whom you have called. Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to pursue your calling and open their hearts to hear Your call to this most Holy Sacrament. Amen.

### Change In Office Hours

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



**+ St. Bernard +**

**Vocation Crucifix**

October 21 - Deann & Tony Meirick  
October 28 - Mildred Brus

**Alta Vista Rosary Society News**

St. Bernard Rosary Society-election of officers in October. Ballots in the back of 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.

**+ St. Peter +**

**Needed – Director of Religious Education**

We are looking for someone to fill the position of DRE for the St. Peter Rel. Ed. program. If interested 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.

**STO-Student Tuition Organization**

Receive some tax relief and help out qualifying families who would like their children to receive a Catholic Education. Go to [www.OurFaithSTO.org](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org) or call Steve Kane, STO Director (563-552-0297) and **see how you can minimize or even eliminate your Iowa income tax bill** by making an STO donation.

**Calendar Events**

**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

Knights of Columbus Marian Council #4144 will have their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after the following Masses: October 21-St. Bernard-6 PM, October 22-Elma-7:15 AM & October 28-Lourdes-4 PM. 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.

**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.

**Calendar Events**



**All Saints Day Mass Schedule**  
*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Tues., October 31** 5:30 PM at Alta Vista  
**Wed., November 1** 7:00 AM at Elma  
6:00 PM at Lourdes

**Mass to Remember the Deceased**

**Thurs., November 2, 5:30 PM**  
**Mass at Riceville**

This Mass will include remembering the deceased of our Cluster from this past year.



**2023 Archdiocesan Catholic Parenting**  
**Conference and Couples Event**

**Fri., October 27 & Sat., October 28, 2023**

To register for in-person attendance or to attend virtually go to [dbqarch.org/parenting-conference](http://dbqarch.org/parenting-conference). Archdiocesan Couples Event (Fri., Oct. 27, 6-8 PM) and Catholic Parenting Conference (Sat., Oct. 28, 9 AM-3:30 PM) to be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Keynote speakers will be Mike & Alicia Hernon and Jonathan & Amanda Teixeira. For parents of all ages and stages, and will include breakout sessions. A Kidzone will be available for children ages 1-11. Information presented on various aspects of parenting to help you strengthen your church!

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God never asks more  
of us than we have.

**Financial Stewardship**

**October 14/15**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Budget Envelopes	\$800.00
Offertory	63.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

**St. Bernard - Alta Vista (NO MASS)**

Budget Envelopes	4,525.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma**

Budget Envelopes	557.00
Offertory	411.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes	520.00
Offertory	158.00
On-Line Giving	.00

**St. Peter - New Haven**

Budget Envelopes	675.00
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On-Line Giving	95.00

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