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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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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!



## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1962, 1970 CCD ©LP.

### 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 29, 2023

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. This coming Wed., November 1, is All Saints Day--a holy day of obligation. Please note elsewhere in this bulletin the times and places for Mass on Tuesday evening (Oct. 31) and Wednesday. Note also that because of the evening vigil Mass on Oct. 31, there will be no 8 a.m. Mass in Elma that day. Finally, note that we will have our annual remembrance of those of our cluster members who have died over the last year at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 (All Souls Day) in Riceville.

2. I ask for your prayers for my sister Bonnie Pals who turned 80 this past February and for her family. Two years ago (fall of 2021), at the urging of her children, she moved into senior living in Britt for the sake of her safety and also to be able to socialize with others on a regular basis. Earlier this year the staff notified her family that Bonnie was beginning to need a higher level of care than they could provide--she was starting to have noticeable memory issues. So, in late June, Bonnie's family moved her to a care facility in Waverly (her son Chris Foy lives in Waverly). Then I learned this past weekend that she needs a higher level of nursing care because of the progressive nature of her condition.

I'm not aware of any formal diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia that has been made regarding my sister, but there is some family history--a number of our dad's sisters had that condition for some time before they died. Bonnie has always been in very good health throughout her life, and so it is sad to see this happen. I know that many of you have or had loved ones who dealt with dementia--it is certainly a special challenge for everyone involved. I would be most grateful for your prayers for Bonnie, that she may know God's special grace and peace at this time. Please pray as well for her seven children that the Holy Spirit will continue to help, guide, and strengthen them as they care for their mother at this stage in her life. I thank you for your kindness.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" A minister once visited the home of one of his parishioners. She served him a piece of apple pie but apologized for the lack of cheese. Her son slipped quietly away from the table for a moment, then returned with a small piece of cheese which he laid on the guest's plate. The visitor smiled thankfully at the lad. Putting the cheese in his mouth, he said "You must have sharper eyes than your mother, sonny. Where did you find it?" The boy replied with a smile, "In the mousetrap."

The question that should not have been asked....

~ Fr. Kopacek

## Coming Back to Church

**Question:** I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

**Answer:** If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route, does the food you buy taste different? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

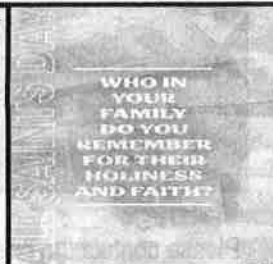
This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

### 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 30

### Monday, October 30

Weekday - Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2,4,6-7,20-21/Lk 13:10-17

8:00 AM (Elma) - Fr. Rick Dagit

### Tuesday, October 31

Vigil of All Saints Day - Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 13:18-21

8:00 AM - NO MASS

5:30 PM (Alta Vista) - Mary McAvoy

### Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

7:00 AM (Elma) - Deb Ries

6:00 PM (Lourdes) - For the People

### Thursday, November 2

All Soul's Day - Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6-7, 17-18/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Care Center - Elsie Ludwig

5:30 PM (Riceville) - For All the Faithful Departed

### Friday, November 3

First Friday - Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

8:00 AM (Elma) - Bob Voves

### Saturday, November 4

Vigil of Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10/Ps

131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Harold Thiele

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Mary O'Donnell

### Sunday, November 5

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10/Ps 131:1-

3/1 Thes 2:7-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Bob Slaughter

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items for the November 19th bulletin need to be to the Cluster Office by Wednesday, November 8th.

## Office Hours Back to Normal

Office Hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Closed on Mondays & Father's Day Off

## Word of God Workbooks Now Available to Order

Those interested in the 'Word of God' Workbook may purchase one 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.



## MEETINGS

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

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

## 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

## Holy Rosary Cluster Game Day



The Parish Life Committee is sponsoring a Game Day on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 PM in the Elma Church Hall. There will be cards, board games and goodies! "Come one, come all!" Family Time without Electronics.

## 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.



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

## **+ Lourdes +**

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Logan Biber and Madeline Tiller who were married at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

## **+ St. Bernard +**

### Vocation Crucifix

October 28 - Mildred Brus

November 4 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

### 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.

St. Bernard Rosary Society will have a meeting Tues., Nov. 7 at 6:00 PM in the Alta Vista Library.

**+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

**First Friday Confessions**

Confessions will be heard on First Friday, November 3 from 4:00 – 4:40 PM at Immaculate Conception in Riceville.

**Rosary Society News**

St. Anne's Rosary Society will have a meeting on Sunday, November 5th at 6:00 PM in the church basement.

**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.

**First Friday Confessions**

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

**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.



**Gift of Grain**

Fall Harvest is a good time to consider giving the 'Gift of Grain' to your church. IRS regulations require the farmer to inform the elevator that he/she is gifting the grain to their parish. The farmer needs to sign a donation form to the elevator. The elevator will complete the form and inform the parish office of the gift. The parish will immediately tell the elevator to sell the grain and send proceeds to the parish. At no time in this process can the farmer receive payment from the elevator for the grain; the grain must be gifted through the elevator to the parish. If you have questions contact the cluster office.



**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

Knights of Columbus Marian Council #4144 annual Tootsie Roll Drive October 28 after 4 PM Mass in Lourdes. Money raised will benefit the Comprehensive Systems Inc. of New Hampton. Please support this worthy cause.

**Calendar Events**



**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.



**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.



**Financial Stewardship**

October 21/22

**Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)**

Budget Envelopes \$45.00

On-Line Giving 75.00

**St. Bernard - Alta Vista**

Budget Envelopes 1,980.00

Offertory 130.00

On-Line Giving 60.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma**

Budget Envelopes 455.00

Offertory 83.00

On-Line Giving 40.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes 1,055.00

Offertory 104.00

On-Line Giving 250.00

**St. Peter - New Haven**

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