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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

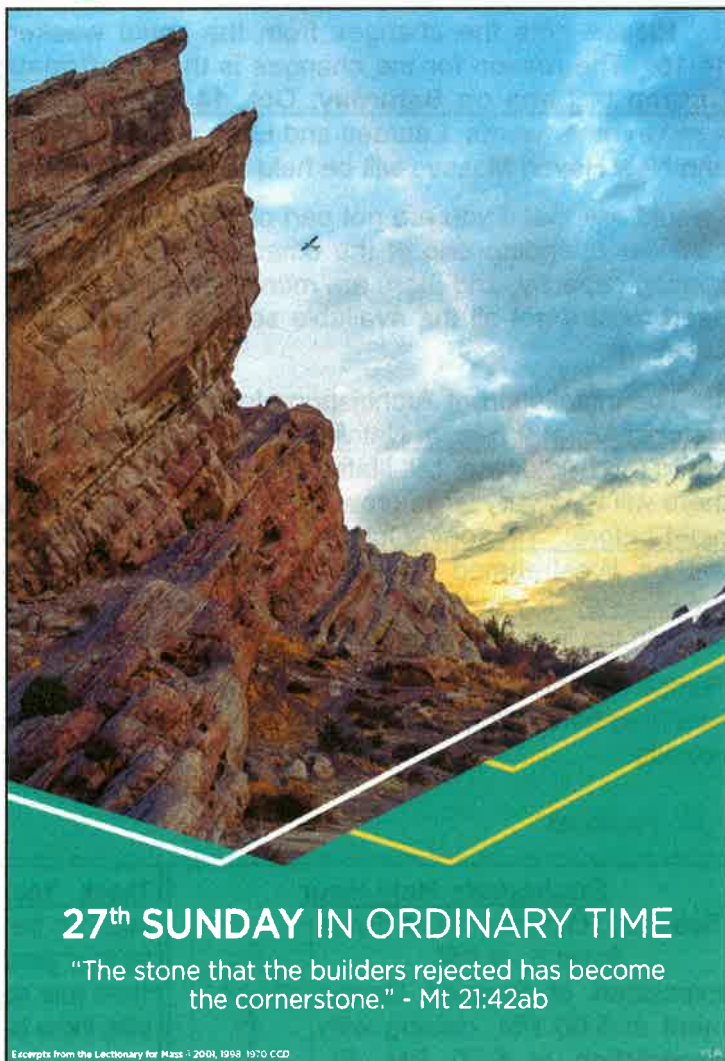
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass: 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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 8, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Join us for our monthly **Eucharistic Holy Hour** this **Tuesday, October 10, at I.C. Church in Elma**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 5 p.m. and Benediction at 6 p.m. I will be available for confessions during that hour.

2. In last weekend's homily I spoke about the Polish family who was killed by the Nazis in 1944 for the 'crime' of sheltering Jews and protecting them from Hitler's plan to destroy all the Jews in Europe. **Jozef and Wiktorina Ulma**, along with their seven children and the eight Jews they had been protecting, were brutally murdered on March 24, 1944. The entire Ulma family were declared martyrs by the Vatican in 2022 and were beatified (declared "Blessed") on September 10 of this year. We hope and pray for their eventual canonization. Their example shows that it is possible to be fully faithful to Jesus and to the challenge of living the gospel commandment of love for neighbor as oneself--even in the most dangerous circumstances. You can find more information about this family by doing a search on the internet using their names. Blessed Jozef and Wiktorina and family, please pray for us that our commitment to faith and love will be as strong and beautiful as was yours, even unto death.

3. Please note the changes from the usual weekend Mass schedule for this coming weekend of October 14/15. The reason for the changes is the **Confirmation Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Pates at I. C. Church in Elma on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 4 p.m.** The **Lourdes Mass will be on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 7:15 a.m.** In other words, Lourdes and Elma are switching their usual day and time for weekend Mass. The Riceville and New Haven Masses will be held at their usual times on Sunday, Oct. 15.

I would ask that if you are not part of the immediate family of one or more of our confirmation candidates, please consider attending one of the other weekend Masses in our cluster. The Elma church has a relatively limited seating capacity, and there are more than thirty candidates this year. They along with their own families will likely need most if not all the available seating in the church for that confirmation Mass. I thank you for your understanding.

4. The installation of Archbishop-elect Thomas Zinkula as our new archbishop will take place on Wednesday, October 18, at 2 p.m. at Nativity Church in Dubuque. Normally, such a ceremony is held in the cathedral church of the (arch-)diocese, but Nativity Church has much more seating capacity than does St. Raphael Cathedral--and there will be a very large crowd attending. Also, Archbishop-elect Zinkula will lead an Evening Prayer service the night before: Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. Both this service and the formal installation Mass on Oct. 18 will be livestreamed on the archdiocesan web page; you can access them at: <https://dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts>. If you have difficulty with that link, simply go to the archdiocesan home page at: dbqarch.org and click on the livestream link that will be provided.

Please continue to pray daily for our Archbishop-elect--he will be facing many challenges on many fronts as our new shepherd. May the Holy Spirit guide, guard, and strengthen him for the ministry and leadership that he will provide.

~ Fr. Kopacek

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 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 9

Monday, October 9

St. John Leonardi - Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

8:00 AM (Elma) - Deb Ries

Tuesday, October 10

Weekday - Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1-4, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

8:00 AM (Elma) - Chuck & Annie Riley

Wednesday, October 11

St. John XXIII - Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

8:00 AM (Elma) - Arlene Klobassa

Thursday, October 12

Weekday - Mal 3:13-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13

Care Center - Merlyn Gunsallus

Friday, October 13

Weekday - Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

8:00 AM (Elma) - Russ O'Donnell

Saturday, October 14

Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

4:00 PM (Elma) + For the People

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) +NO MASS

Sunday, October 15

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

7:15 AM (Lourdes) + Dr. Frank Havlik

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Deceased Members of

St. Anne's Rosary Society

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Don, Ann & Duane Clark



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



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 prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Choir For the Confirmation Mass

All Cluster members are welcome to join the Elma I.C. Choir for the Confirmation Mass on Saturday, October 14 at 4:00 PM. Come make a joyful noise as we praise and worship God.



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. 10th & 24th (6-7 PM)

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

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



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.

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 Catholic-CharitiesDubuque.org/donate or call **563-588-0558**.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

October 7 - Julie & Gary Swehla

October 14 - Irene & Ed Huegel

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Mary McAvoy family. Mary's Funeral was held on Friday, September 29. May she rest in peace.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Thank You

Thank you to all the parishioners for your time and effort hosting the Fall Festival this year and thank you to the people who came to support I.C. Elma and enjoy some delicious waffles.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Mary Evelyn Watson family. Evelyn's Funeral was held on Saturday, September 30. May she rest in peace.

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.

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

+ 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 additional cleaning during the year. Contact the Cluster Office (641-393-2520).

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Harvest Supper

Elma Knights of Columbus Marian Council #4144 "Drive-Thru Style Meal", **Sun., October 8 at the Elma Memorial Hall from 4:00-6:30 PM**

Adults \$15/Under 5 is Free

Menu: Swiss Steak, Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Roll & Pie

Call Dennis at 641-330-2644 or Sue at 641-330-5689 for deliveries. Give your Name/Address/Telephone Number and Number of Meals for Delivery.

+ 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.

Calendar Events

Grieving with Great Hope Workshop

5 Week Program on Thursdays - Oct. 12 - Nov. 9 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Notre Dame Parish, Cresco. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple to cover the cost of a workbook, two remembrance projects and a candle. Registration Link: <https://notredamecresco.com/parish-calendar>.

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 **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 (bring an item or gift basket, value of \$25), door prizes, and displays. To register go [to https://dbqarech.org/accw-events](https://dbqarech.org/accw-events) or contact Joanne Pohland at dbqaccw@dbqarch.org. Registration rate before October 10 is \$20 and after October 10 is \$30.

Financial Stewardship

September 30/October 1

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| On-Line Giving | 75.00 |

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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Immaculate Conception - Elma

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