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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

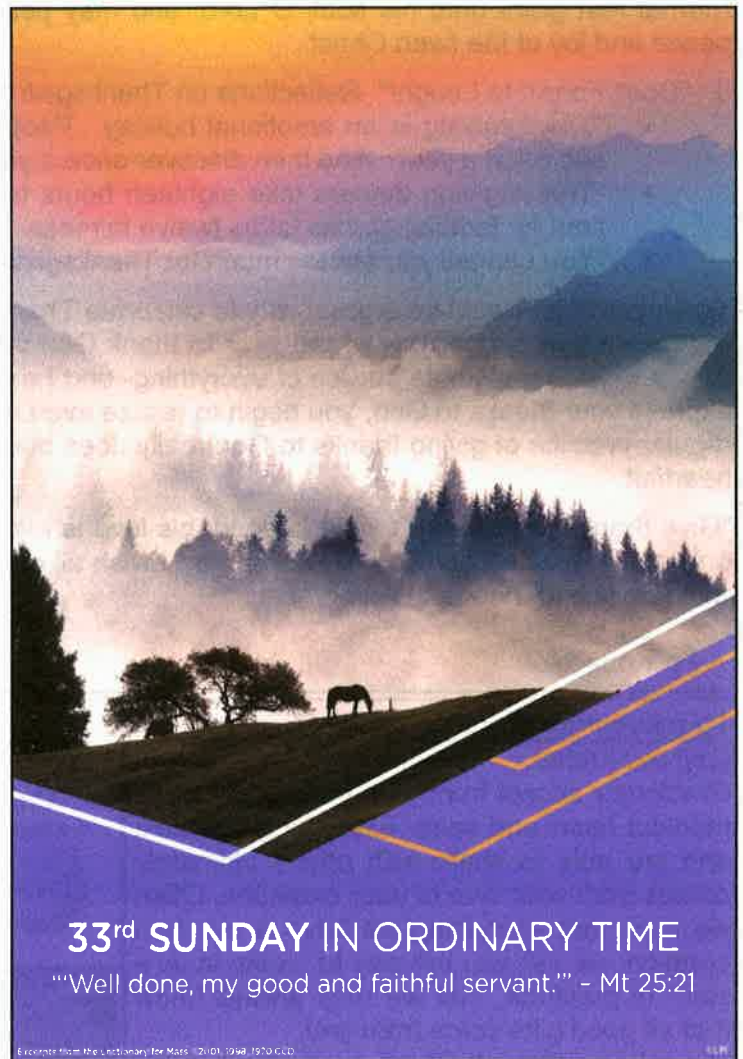
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



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“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” - Mt 25:21

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.

November 19, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Quite a number of schedule items for this upcoming Thanksgiving week:

- no 8 a.m. Mass in Elma on Monday, Nov. 20--I have a meeting in Cedar Rapids on Sunday evening, Nov. 19, and then with my priest support group in Waterloo on Monday the 20th
- ecumenical Thanksgiving service at Zion Lutheran in Alta Vista on Mon. the 20th at 7 p.m.--all are invited
- Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thurs. the 23rd) at 9 a.m. in Elma
- no 8 a.m. Mass in Elma on Friday the 24th--I'll be away that day visiting friends near Waterloo

2. Please pray for the blessed repose of the soul of Fr. Mark Nemmers, one of our retired priests who died on Nov. 5 in Dubuque at the age of 84. He was born in Dubuque in 1939 and ordained to the priesthood in 1966 for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. He served as associate pastor in parishes in Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, and Ossian. He also served as pastor in Dubuque-area parishes, worked in the Metropolitan Tribunal, and served as chaplain for the Presentation Sisters in Dubuque.

Eternal rest grant unto his soul, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in the eternal peace and joy of the risen Christ.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Reflections on Thanksgiving Day from some famous comedians:

- "Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often." (Johnny Carson)
- "Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-time for football games takes twelve minutes. This is not coincidence." (Erma Bombeck)
- "You can tell you ate too much for Thanksgiving when you have to let our bathrobe out." (Jay Leno)

You know what would be a great way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year? Make a commitment to pause for a moment every other day of the year to thank God for at least one particular blessing you have received that day. God is the ultimate source of everything--and I mean everything--we have that is good. And the more you express your thanks to God, you begin to realize even more all that you have to be thankful for. A consistent and regular practice of giving thanks to God really does build on itself and grows ever deeper and more genuine and heartfelt.

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting" (Psalm 118:1). Great words to live by, and not only on the fourth Thursday of November! I wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving holiday, and grace-filled time with family and friends.

~ Fr. Kopacek

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Thanksgiving
Blessings
Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his
love endures forever.*



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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 November 20

Monday, November 20

Weekday - 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57/Ps 119:53, 61,134,/Lk 18:35-43
NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/
Lk 19:1-10

8:00 AM (Elma) - Linda Smith

Wednesday, November 22

St. Cecilia - 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8, 15/Lk 19:11-28

8:00 AM (Elma) - Bill Youngblut

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving/St. Clement I - 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk
19:41-44

9:00 AM (Elma) - Eleanor Burke

Friday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac-1Mc 4:36-37,52-59/1Chr29:10-12/Lk 19:45-48
NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Saturday, November 25

Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Ez 34:11-
12,15-17/Ps 23:1-3,5-6 /1Cor15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Mary Lee Geerts

Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Ez 34:11-12,15-17/
Ps 23:1-3,5-6 /1Cor15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

7:15 AM (Elma) + Deb Ries

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

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Alma Sweeney

Parish Annual Reports

The 2022-2023 Parish Annual Reports are available in the entryway of your church. Information on parish leadership, financial stewardship and religious education are included.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Zion Lutheran Church in Alta Vista will host the Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service on **Monday, November 20 at 7:00 PM**. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the VFW Hall in Alta Vista. The collection will be donated to Chickasaw County Food Pantry. All are welcome to attend.



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 Date: Tues., November 28 (6-7 PM)



IRA Rollover Gift

If you are 70 1/2 or older you can make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 from your IRA. The best part is, if you must make an IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) your gift will qualify for that RMD and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given. To make an IRA Rollover gift, contact your IRA administrator to see how you can roll over into tax savings while helping support your parish. There is a specific process and forms that need to be used and they can help you through those simple steps.



Gift of Grain

Fall Harvest is a good time to consider giving the 'Gift of Grain' to your church. IRS regulations require 1)the farmer to inform the elevator that he/she is gifting the grain to their parish. 2)The farmer needs to sign a donation form to the elevator. 3)The elevator will complete the form and inform the parish office of the gift. 4) 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.



Early Bulletin Deadlines

Holidays are fast approaching so **Please** keep in mind these dates for early bulletin deadlines:

Fri., Dec. 1 - Items due for Dec. 10 bulletin

Thurs., Dec. 7 - Items due for Dec. 17 bulletin

Wed., Dec. 13 - Items due for Dec. 24 bulletin

Wed., Dec. 20 - items due for Dec. 31 bulletin



Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, December 12 at Alta Vista 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.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

November 25 - Bev & Dick White

+ 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.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

We are asking for parishioners to sign up for Liturgical Ministers: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers and Rosary Leaders. We thank those who are already helping but we could use more volunteers. If you can help with these ministries or have questions contact Nancy Theis at 641-330-4593.

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

KC Council #11592 will be having their Tootsie Roll Drive following Mass at Riceville and New Haven on Sunday, November 19. The Special Olympics, the Clear Lake One Vision and the Charles City Comprehensive Systems are the recipients of these funds.



New Parish Portal Tool Now Available!

This tool is your guide to county-specific resources from Catholic Charities and other social service agencies serving your area. Website is catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/parishportal. Bookmark the page for a quick access to this one-stop shop.



ArchdioceseOne Update

New gifts and pledges continue to come in for ArchdioceseOne as we move towards the conclusion of the special appeal at the end of this year. Together, over 6,000 donors have contributed or pledged \$16,575,733 for the four beneficiaries of ArchdioceseOne through September 29, 2023. If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to do so, there's still time to make a new gift or pledge before Dec. 31, 2023 for it to count toward the goals of the special appeal. Gifts can be made online at www.archdioceseone.org/support or by mail to **ArchdioceseOne, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003**. Thank you for your generous support!



Calendar Events



St. Mary's, Waucoma

Annual Pork Cutlet Dinner

Sun., November 19 at the Waucoma Event Center 10:30 AM-1:00 PM.

Serving: Pork Cutlets, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Dressing, Vegetable, Salad, Pies, Desserts & Beverage. Cost is \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Children at the Door. Eat In or Take Out available.

Masses for the Weekend of December 23-24 And Christmas Mass Schedule, Dec. 24-25

Regular Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM - Lourdes

6:00 PM - New Haven

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM - Elma

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM - Riceville

6:00 PM - New Haven

8:00 PM - Alta Vista

Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 25

9:00 AM - Lourdes



Weekly Collection

Due to an early bulletin deadline the bulletin was submitted on November 10. The financial stewardship for November 11 & 12 will be in the next bulletin.

Get Our Bulletin Through Your Email

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