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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!



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one
teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your
father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be
called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The
greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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 5, 2023

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Please note that we will celebrate our annual Knights of Columbus Mass at Immaculate Conception church in Elma this Monday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. Because of that evening Mass, there will be no 8 a.m. Mass in Elma that day.

2. I was recently asked by one of our cluster members if I had sent him a text that had my name on it. This was obviously one of the countless scam attempts that are being attempted these days. Please know that if I ever want to contact you, I will either phone or email you--I am not a texter on any regular basis at all. My flip phone allows me to receive and send texts, but sending them is not the quick and easy process it is for those with smartphones. So if you ever get an unsolicited text that looks like it was sent by me, go ahead and delete it right away.

3. This month of November is the last full month of the current church year; the new church year begins on December 3-- the first Sunday of Advent. And so it makes sense that the Church invites us to give special attention at this time to our ultimate destination--the heavenly kingdom of God. Last Wednesday, November 1, we celebrated All Saints Day--honoring all those souls who are already in heaven and who await being reunited with their bodies at the general resurrection. The older I get, the more I come to appreciate our Catholic devotion to the saints--they are the heroes and heroines of our faith, who show us in so many different ways what being a disciple of Jesus looks like. But the saints are also our friends and fellow members of the Body of Christ, the Church, and they are cheering us on in our path to holiness. The Catechism speaks of this:

"Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness...They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us...So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped" (n. 956, quoting Vatican II's Constitution on the Church).

How blessed we are to have the saints on our side, giving us such great help by the power of the example and intercession on our behalf! May we never tire of learning more about the saints, being inspired by their example, and seeking their prayers on our behalf.

4. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" While attending a marriage preparation weekend, Walter and Ann heard the instructor say "It is essential that husbands and wives know the little things that are important to each other. For example: guys, can you name your wife-to-be's favorite flower?" Walter leaned over, touched Ann's arm gently, and whispered, 'Gold Medal All Purpose, isn't it?'

And for Walter, it only went downhill from there....

~ 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.



Sunday, November 5th Fall Back an Hour



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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 6

Monday, November 6

Weekday - Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

8:00 AM - NO MASS

6:00 PM - (KC Mass-Elma) - For Living & Deceased Knights of Columbus Members

Tuesday, November 7

Weekday - Rom 12:5-16/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:15-24

8:00 AM (Elma) - Joe Gansen

Wednesday, November 8

Weekday - Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

8:00 AM (Elma) - Virginia Elrod

Thursday, November 9

Weekday - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Care Center - Ida Marie Rowe

Friday, November 10

St. Leo the Great - Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8

8:00 AM (Elma) - David Allen Block

Saturday, November 11

Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Roger Lepa

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, November 12

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

7:15 AM (Elma) + Linus Lentz

9:00 AM (Riceville) Live Streamed + Michael & Delphine Mitchell

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

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.



Word of God Workbooks Now Available to Order

Those interested in a '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.



MEETINGS

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

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

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of November 11/12. New Haven's collection will be taken on November 19. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard - The Giving Tree, I.C. Elma - The Giving Tree, Our Lady of Lourdes - The Giving Tree, St. Peter - Mitchell County Food Bank, and I.C. Riceville - The Elf Shop.

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 Fun 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. 15th (4-6 PM)

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

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.



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

November 4 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

November 11 - Jean Cerwinske

Alta Vista Rosary Society News

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

+ Immaculate Conception-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.

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 Memorial Mass

Knights of Columbus will have a Memorial Mass for living and deceased Knights of Columbus on Monday, November 6 at 6:00 PM in Elma at Immaculate Conception Church. Refreshments and fellowship following the Mass in the church basement.

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

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Calendar Events



**St. Mary's, Waucoma
Annual Pork Cutlet Dinner**

St. Mary's Parish in Waucoma is having their 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.

Save the Date - 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference: Beauty in Christ

Saturday, January 27, 2024

8:00 AM to 1:30 PM (tentatively)

The theme this year is, "**Reviving Our Hearts!**". Keynote presentations by national speaker Mari Pablo and local speaker, Mary Pedersen. Start planning to host a group at your parish or cluster. More information coming soon at www.archwomensconference.org. Registration is now open. Contact Joanne Pohland at j.pohland@dbqarch.org.

Financial Stewardship

October 28/29

Our Lady of Lourdes

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| Budget Envelopes | \$1,550.00 |
| Offertory | 128.00 |
| On-Line Giving | 75.00 |

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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| Budget Envelopes | 900.00 |
| Offertory | 58.00 |
| On-Line Giving | 60.00 |

Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

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| On-Line Giving | 50.00 |

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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| Offertory | 256.00 |
| On-Line Giving | 50.00 |

St. Peter - New Haven

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