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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

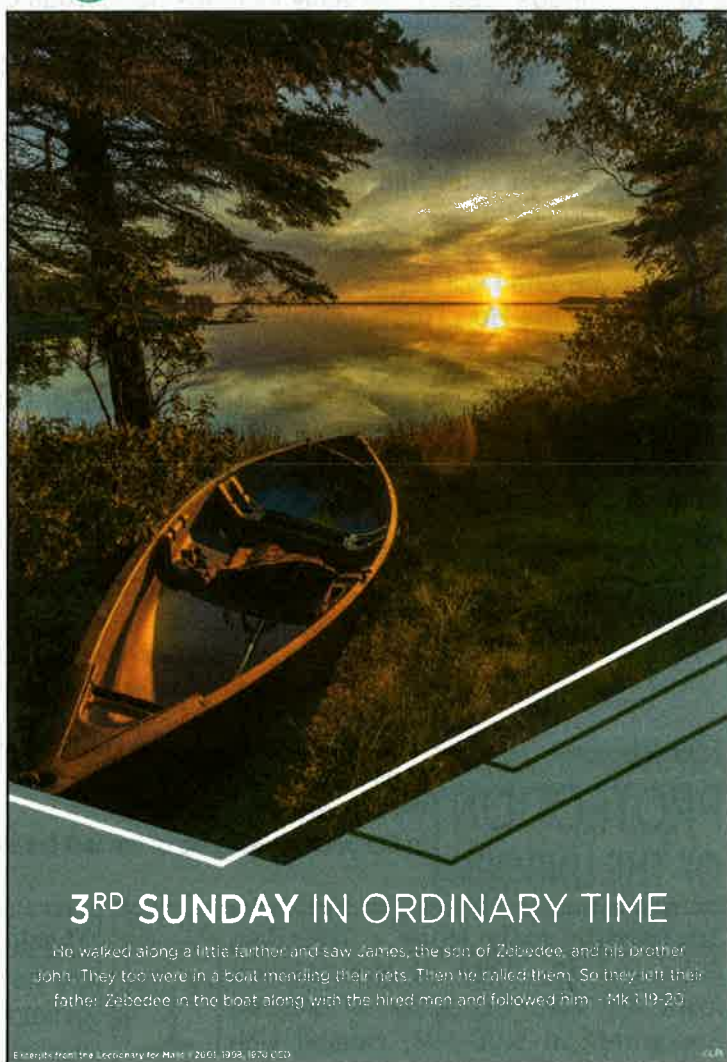
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father, Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass | 2001, 1998, 1970 USCC

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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. Well, we certainly had a big-time return of winter weather!! Last Tuesday's storm led to the cancellation of our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour (we'll try that again in February), and then the weekend storm led to the cancellation of the Masses in Lourdes, Alta Vista, and New Haven. The visibility was very poor on Saturday afternoon--I drove a few miles east of Elma to see what it was like, and it wasn't good at all...so it was an easy call to cancel the Saturday Masses. And then on Sunday morning I heard that some of the local Mitchell County roads had not yet been plowed, and so that made it easy to decide to cancel the New Haven Mass. I don't like cancelling Mass, but even more I don't like having anyone (myself included!) take any chances in driving around in dangerous conditions. I did have 7:15 a.m. Mass here in Elma on Sunday; it was a smaller crowd than usual, but that was completely expected.

Our obligation to attend and take part in Sunday Mass remains in place as it always has been, and we need to take that seriously and not excuse ourselves lightly. But the Church is equally clear that that obligation is "excused for a serious reason...or dispensed by their own pastor" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2181). "Serious reason" certainly includes dangerous driving conditions as we had last weekend. When I decide to cancel any Masses because of such conditions, that means that you are dispensed from that obligation. And there is certainly no sin involved whatsoever when you don't get to Mass under these exceptional circumstances!

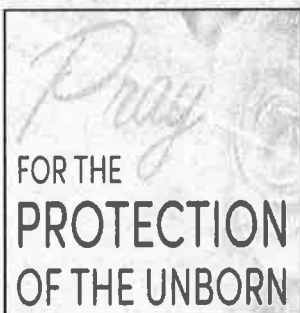
Two other weather-related items:

1. paper copies of last weekend's bulletin (Jan. 14) are now available in all five of our cluster parishes
2. Deacon John Stierman was supposed to be here last weekend to preach about vocations. He lives in Dubuque; he was on his way here Saturday afternoon, but got stopped by police at Dyersville (about 25 miles west of Dubuque) who said that Highway 20 going west was closed because of ice. Anyway, he and I will set up another weekend for him to come out here; I'll let you know when that will happen.


So much for the Holy Rosary Cluster weather report!

2. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Another real-life winner from a Reader's Digest mom: "My three-year-old daughter stuck out her hand and said, 'Look at the fly I killed, Mommy.' Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time, I put her contaminated hands under the faucet and washed them with antibacterial soap. After sitting her down to finish her pickle, I asked 'How did you kill that fly all by yourself?' Between bites, she said, 'I hit it with my pickle.'"

I sure hope that little girl wasn't arrested for assault with a deadly pickle... ~Fr. Kopacek

 <p>FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN</p>	<p>Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.</p> <p>Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.</p>	<p>The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.</p> <p>With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.</p>
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Eucharistic Holy Hour - Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at New Haven 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 January 22

Monday, January 22

Weekday - 2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Ps 89:20-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

8:00 AM (Elma) - Joe Gansen

Tuesday, January 23

St. Vincint - 2 Sm 6:12-15,17-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35

8:00 AM (Elma) - Linda Zeimetz

Wednesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales - 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20

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

Thursday, January 25

Weekday - Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18

Care Center - William & Lillian Chihak

Friday, January 26

St. Timothy & St. Titus - 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8,10/Mk 4:26-34

8:00 AM (Elma) - David Allen Block

Saturday, January 27

Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6

-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + For the People

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/1 Cor

7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

7:15 AM (Elma) + Norbert Burke

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Charles, Daryl, Kim & Ted McPhail

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Clarence Sweeney

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Donations for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken until January 28, 2024.

Make check payable to your parish and in the Memo write (RFR). Your gift provides necessities for nearly 25,000 Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and priests. Please be generous. Thank You!



Thurs., January 25 - Parish Life at 6:00 PM

Thurs., February 1 - Faith Formation at 6:30 PM

(Faith Formation was rescheduled due to weather.)

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

Social Justice

The Social Justice Committee is exploring the needs of our Cluster on the topic of Disability Inclusion Ministry and Advocacy, This Archdiocesan Program includes:

- Promoting parish educational, spiritual, liturgical, and social services that ensure the inclusion of all.
- Providing awareness, assistance, and support to parish advocates and staff to identify and meet the unique needs of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities.
- Advocating for the educational and sacramental needs of persons with disabilities, and promoting self-advocacy.
- Offering a supportive presence for families and caregivers.
- Collaborating with Catholic Charities, the Knights of Columbus, and other charitable and supportive organizations.

Our committee wants to hear from you. Are there local needs in the area of Disability Inclusion that are not being met? If so, please contact Father Kopacek or a member of the Social Justice Committee (Scott Niess, Bob Shatek, Elaine Govern or Bruce Weigel).

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

January 20 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

January 27 - Suezan & Keith Glaser

Save the Date - Pork Chop Supper

St. Bernard's Annual St. Patrick's Pork Chop Supper will be a Drive-Thru Meal, **Sun., March 10 from 3-6 PM.** Snow date will be Sun., March 17.

Raffle Items for Pork Chop Supper

Anyone wanting to donate raffle items please contact Becky Mahoney at 641-330-6347 by January 31. Items can be dropped off at Becky Mahoney's.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Volunteers for Ushering or Cleaning

If any individual or families would like to be added to the weekly list for ushering for the year or the weekly cleaning schedule, please contact Rosalie Christensen at 641-220-6187 to sign up. We appreciate all those who are able to share their time and talents with the church.

Save the Dates for Breakfast

St. Anne's Rosary Society will be serving breakfast following the 9:00 AM Masses in the church hall on Sun., January 21st and February 25th. All are welcome to join us.

+ 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. If interested contact the cluster office for more details.

Totus Tuus Summer Missionaries Needed

The Archdiocese is looking for college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams with other men and women during the summer of 2024. Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided for during the summer. Requirements: 1) Confirmed and practicing Catholic, 2) Completed one year of college by May 2024 (minimum age 18), 3) Working knowledge of the Catholic faith, 4) Desire to work with the youth. Contact Joanne Pohland at 563-556-2580, ext. 255 or j.pohland@dbqarch.org.



Calendar Events

Notre Dame, Cresco - Lasagna Carry Out Supper & Online Action

\$12 Carry Out Lasagna Supper (lasagna, French bread, salad and dessert-no individual lasagna for sale.) Preorder for the Public begins January 12 at the Notre Dame Parish Office.

Online Auction includes class projects, pies and baskets: Go to www.tinyurl.com/ndcschool and click on the auction link. Online bidding from Jan. 18-25, closes at 6 PM. Supper & Auction Pick Up Jan. 26 from 4:30-6:30 PM.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLES

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:14-20

Calendar Events

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Riceville RAC Center on Wed., January 24 from Noon - 5:45 PM. For an appointment call Darlene Seidel (641-220-3788). Give the Gift of Life!



SPECIAL APPEAL FOR BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Levels are CRITICALLY LOW! Blood is needed in the hospitals faster than donations are coming in so PLEASE, if you are able, please consider donating Blood!! *Every donation save 3 lives.*

2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference: Beauty in Christ

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

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

Financial Stewardship

January 13/14

Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)

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On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

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On-Line Giving	75.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

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On-Line Giving	250.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

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