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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!



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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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.

January 14, 2024

Holy Rosary Cluster

The bulletin was submitted early due to weather concerns. The following Gospel Meditation is taken from the archives of the Cluster's bulletin publisher, LPI.

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered Brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "**...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

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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 caramental 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).

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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Pat Arnold, Jerome Boehmer, Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Roger Dunn, Ed Duman, Sara Folkers, Sharon Friedhoff, Ken Gebel, Joann Heying, John Heying, Rose Heying, Jimmy Holmen, Cindy Kirst, Diane Kovarik, Arlene Kuennen, Elsie Lentz, Eula Ludwig, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Gladys McGrane, LaVern McGrane, Roger Nibaur, Fran Palmersheim, Tom Rouchka, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Kenneth Shatek, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Kathleen Thiele

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 15

Monday, January 15

Weekday - 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22

8:00 AM (Elma) - Virginia Elrod

Tuesday, January 16

Weekday - 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

8:00 AM (Elma) - Bob Voves

Wednesday, January 17

St. Anthony - 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Ps144:1-2,9-10/Mk 3:1-6

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Thursday, January 18

Weekday - 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, January 19

Weekday - 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19

8:00 AM (Elma) - Stan Duffy

Saturday, January 20

Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jon 3:1-5,10/Ps 25:4-

9/1Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Edward VanDorn

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Virgil Marvin & Carol Alverson

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jon 3:1-5,10/Ps 25:4-9/1Cor 7:29-

31/Mk 1:14-20

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Tom & Norma Armstrong

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

Retirement Fund for Religious

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 to Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and priests. Please be generous. Thank You!

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA, or recently graduated from high school/college, we encourage you to register at one of our cluster parishes. Call the office at 641-393-2520 or Mail to the office, **Holy Rosary Cluster, 203 7th St., Elma, IA 50628** or place info. in the offering basket at one of the cluster churches. (Fill in the Information Below.) Name _____

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Phone _____

Parish (circle one)

St. Bernard ~ Alta Vista Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Lourdes

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St. Peter ~ New Haven Immaculate Conception ~ Riceville

MEETINGS

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

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

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

January 13 - Jane & Bernie Huegel

January 20 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

Rosary Society News

Officers for 2024: Pres. Amy Laures, VP Kate Felder, Sec. Dana Lentz & Treas. Paula Breitbach; Chairs & Co-Chairs: Circle 1-Rebecca Meirick & Val Kolbet, Circle 2-Dawn Schackleton & Bev White, Circle 3 - Carol Bullerman & Liz Geerts

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-Elma +

Thank You

Thank you to the Jack & Lois McAvoy family for the beautiful new banners for I.C. Elma's altar. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Rosary Society Meeting

Elma I.C. Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 PM in the Elma Church Hall.

2024 Rosary Society Officers

President - Sheila Kobliska, Vice-Pres. - Colleen Heying, Secretary - Diane Gardner and Treasurer - Barb Smith. Thank you to outgoing officers: Callie Weigel and Mary Jo Friedrich and thank you to the 2024 officers for volunteering your time and talent!

+ 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 CYCLE B

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 1:35-42

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!

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.

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Treat you and your spouse to a romantic weekend. Call Greg & Denise (563-920-9419) or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are February 16-18, 2024 in Marshalltown or April 12-14 in Epworth.

Financial Stewardship

January 6/7

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Offertory	150.25
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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Offertory	56.01
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

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On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	425.00
Offertory	151.50
On-Line Giving	75.00

St. Peter - New Haven

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Offertory	106.00
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