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Holy Rosary Cluster

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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.

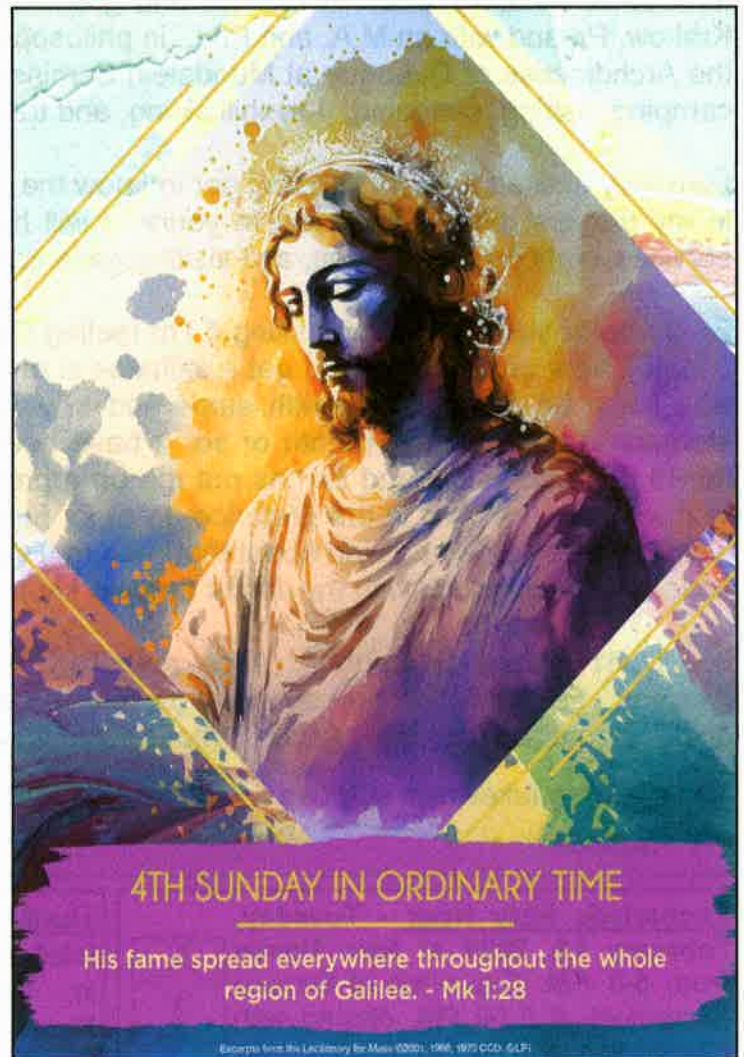
Elma - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

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!



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. A hearty, warm Holy-Rosary-Cluster welcome to Jacob Francois who joins us this weekend for his internship! He arrived this weekend and will be with us until around mid-May. Jacob introduced himself briefly when he was here earlier this month; he put together the following that gives a bit more detail:

"Hello everyone! I am a native of Cedar Rapids, IA where I attended Holy Family School System and graduated from Xavier High School in 2016. After graduation I pursued seminary formation at Loras College where I met Fr. Jerry Kopacek at St. Pius X Seminary. After departing from Dubuque to pursue studies at Benedictine College in Atchison KS, I graduated with a B.A. in philosophy and a minor in theology and campus ministry from Benedictine College.

I then worked as the department head of theology and campus ministry at Don Bosco High School in Gilbertville IA and then as youth and young adult minister at St. Patrick Church in Cedar Rapids. After ministerial work, I moved to Europe and graduated from the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Poland with an M.A. and Ph.L. in philosophy in 2022. I came back to study as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque at Mundelein Seminary just north of Chicago. My hobbies include hiking, camping, fishing, canoeing, downhill skiing, and traveling.

I am very excited to meet you and get to know the parishes in the Holy Rosary Cluster! You have been in my prayers; please keep me in yours. I will be leading a parish bible study, wake & communion services, stations of the cross, and visiting parishioners in homebound and hospital ministry.

2. Some of you have been asking if I'm feeling OK, noticing that I'm walking a bit more gingerly than usual. Every once in a while I get a stiffness in my lower back, and that's what is going on now--that is why I'm a bit more careful with steps and in walking around. I have also been dealing with some stomach issues the last month or so. I have been connecting with my family doctor about this. He thinks it is acid reflux and so has put me on a prescription to counteract it. If that doesn't help, I'll go visit with him (he lives in the Waterloo area) for further consultation. In the meantime, I have lost some weight (I've also been asked about that) and that's only because I don't have much of an appetite these days. I'll stay in touch with my doctor and will keep you posted.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" Alice and Ted went snowboarding and Ted brought a quart-size thermos. He said 'The guy at the store told me it's used for keeping hot things hot and cold things cold.' 'Sounds great,' said Alice. 'What do you have in it?' He replied "Three coffees and a Popsicle.'

Ted's in for a lukewarm surprise...

~Fr. Kopacek

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 29

Monday, January 29

Weekday - 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20

8:00 AM (Elma) - Fr. Mark Nemmers

Tuesday, January 30

Weekday - 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43

8:00 AM (Elma) - Keith & Avis Roethler

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco - 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6

8:00 AM (Elma) - William & Lillian Chihak

Thursday, February 1

Weekday - 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Care Center - Don & Doris Adams

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord - Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7-10/
Lk 2:22-40

8:00 AM (Elma) - Tom Smith

Saturday, February 3

Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1

Cor 9:16-19,22-23/Mk 1:29-39

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Monica Marvin

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor

9:16-19,22-23/Mk 1:29-39

7:15 AM (Elma) + John & Eleanor Burke

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Dan & Mary Shane

10:45 AM (New Haven) + For the People

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!

MEETINGS

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

(Faith Formation was rescheduled due to weather.)

Thurs., March 14 - Social Justice at 6:30 PM

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

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

January 27 - Suezen & Keith Glaser

February 3 - Julie & Gary Swehla

Save the Date - Pork Chop Supper

St. Bernard's 38th Annual

St. Patrick's Grilled Pork Chop Supper

DRIVE-THRU ONLY (Serving 3:00-6:00 PM)

Sunday, March 10, Alta Vista Municipal Hall

(Snow Date is 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.

Raffle: Matching funds by Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Joseph Court #878

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Marie "Gerry" Heying family. Gerry's Funeral was held on Monday, January 22. May she rest in peace.

+ 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 Date for Breakfast

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

Congratulations

We congratulate Christopher and Sarah Conger on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Mallory Renae. Mallory was baptized on January 21. Please welcome and pray for Mallory Renae as she begins her new life in the Church.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Dolores Steffen family. Dolores died on January 13, 2024. A Celebration of Life will take place this spring. May she rest in peace.

+ 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.

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).

Totus Tuus Summer Missionaries Needed

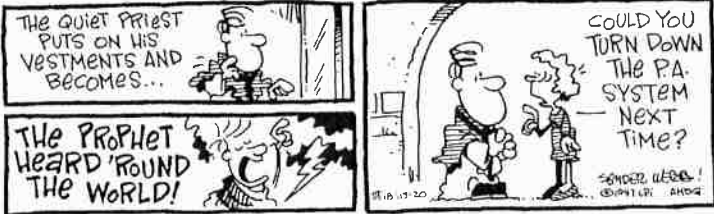
The Archdiocese is looking for college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams with other men and women during the summer of 2024. Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. 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.



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Calendar Events

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.

Men's Conference

28th Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference on Saturday, March 9th at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. The Conference will also be livestreamed. Keynote speaker will be John Edwards, founder and director of Pew Ministries. John is also the host of the Podcast, "Just A Guy in the Pew", www.justaguyinthepew.com. The day also includes Mass with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula and breakout sessions presented by local speakers. For more information and registration, visit www.archmenconference.org.

Disciple Experience Weekend (DEW)

A weekend to study and reflect on the Catholic Social Justice Teachings. March 15-17 at Prairiewoods Retreat Center, 120 Boyson Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233. Begins Friday at 5:30 PM through Sun. at 1 PM. Cost is \$180 - 7 speakers, lodging, meals, Mass and Reconciliation. A co-ed event where all race, creed and sexual orientation persons are welcome to attend. Contact Deanna or Ted Pietryga at (319-541-6303) or email them at: deannaollendick@gmail.com.

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