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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.

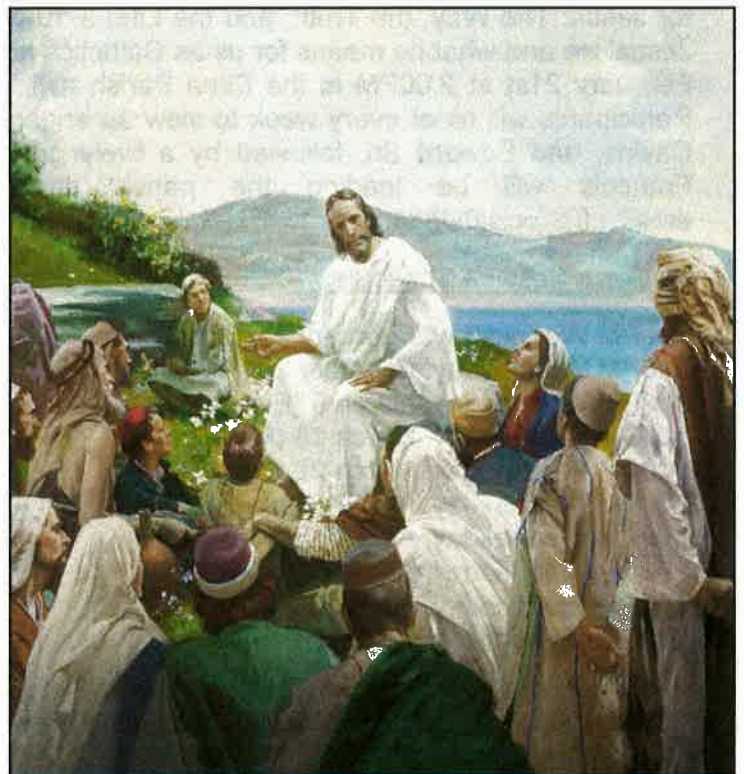
**Elma** - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

**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!



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the  
gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is  
at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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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.

February 18, 2024

# Holy Rosary Cluster

## To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

Health Update: On Monday, February 12th I went to have a few tests done and some tests showed a few things to follow up on. I was admitted to MercyOne Hospital in Mason City and will be here for a few days. I promise to keep you informed about what's going on when I find out myself. I appreciate all of your concern and prayers and know I am keeping all of you in my prayers.

~ Fr. Kopacek



## Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

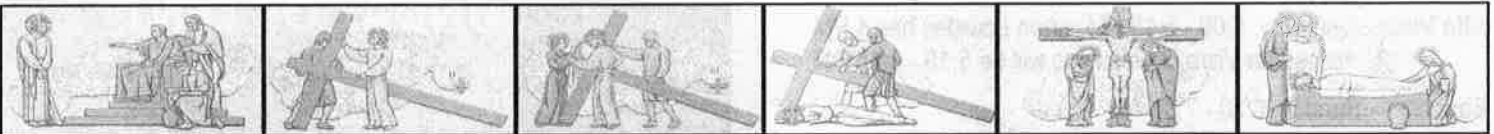
Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. Holy Rosary Cluster will begin the Jesus study on February 21st at 2:00PM in the Elma Parish hall, alternating between the Elma and Riceville parishes. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. Our seminarian, Jacob Francois will be leading the parish study. You can contact him with questions via email: [j.francois@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.francois@dbqarch.org)

### 10 Week Session Schedule:

1. 2:00PM Wednesday, February 21 (Elma)
2. 2:00PM Wednesday, February 28 (Riceville)
3. 2:00PM Wednesday, March 6 (Elma)
4. 2:00PM Wednesday, March 13 (Riceville)
5. 2:00PM Wednesday, March 27 (Elma)
6. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 3 (Riceville)
7. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 10 (Elma)
8. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 24 (Riceville)
9. 2:00PM Wednesday, May 1 (Elma)
10. 2:00PM Wednesday, May 8 (Riceville)

There is no cost to attend the study, a free will offering can be given to off-set the cost of the study. Each participant will be given the workbook, Jesus timeline card and the book. Please bring a bible with you!

Thank you! Jacob Francois



**Eucharistic Holy Hour Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Elma from 5-6 PM.** Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM, closing with Benediction at 6:00 PM.



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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 February 19

### Monday, February 19

Lenten Weekday - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

### Tuesday, February 20

Lenten Weekday - Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

### Wednesday, February 21

St. Peter Damian - Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

### Thursday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle-1Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

### Friday, February 23

St. Polycarp - Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

### Saturday, February 24

Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15-19/Rom 8:31-34/Mk 9:2-10

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Pat & Hazel Boyle

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

### Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15-19/Rom 8:31-34/Mk 9:2-10

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Suzanne Lohuis

10:45 AM (New Haven) + NO MASS

PRAYER  
FASTING  
ALMSGIVING

DAY of  
FASTING  
and ABSTINENCE

## Lenten Regulations (Fasting & Abstinence)

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply.
4. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from the fast and abstinence prescribed by the Church.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year.

## St. Bernard's 38th Annual St. Patrick's Grilled Pork Chop Supper

DRIVE-THRU ONLY

Sunday, March 10

(Serving 3:00-6:00 PM)

Alta Vista Municipal Hall

(Snow Date is Sun., March 17)

Cost is \$15 in advance or \$16 at the Door

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



## MEETINGS

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

Thurs., April 18 - Parish Life at 6:00 PM

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

## Eucharistic Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross

Father Kopacek will be available for confessions.

- Friday, Feb. 23 -- Elma (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 1 -- Riceville (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 8 -- Lourdes (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 15 -- Alta Vista (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 22 -- New Haven (5:30 PM)



## Cluster Movie Day

MOVIE  
DAY

Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 PM  
in the I.C. Elma Church Hall.  
Refreshments will be available.  
Sponsored by the Parish Life  
Committee.



+ St. Bernard +

## Vocation Crucifix

February 17 - Deann & Tony Meirick

February 24 - Mildred Brus

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

## Welcome Seminarian Jacob Francois

Elma I.C. Rosary Society will be serving coffee, juice and rolls from Dough & Joe's, on Sunday, February 18 following the 7:15 AM Mass in the church hall. Everyone is invited to join us, introduce yourself and welcome Jacob to the cluster.



BY  
HIS  
WOUNDS  
WE  
ARE  
HEALED.



TAKE UP  
YOUR CROSS  
AND FOLLOW HIM.

**+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

**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 and welcome Jacob Francois to our cluster.



**Thank You**

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the Elf Shop. Many families benefit year round from all the generous donations. Your thoughtfulness was a blessing. ~Donna McPhail

**+ St. Peter +**

**Liturgy Schedules Available**

The March and April liturgy schedules are available in the back of church. Liturgical Ministers, please pick up a schedule.

**Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable**

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**Everyday Stewardship**

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Calendar Events**

**Holy Family Parish Annual Soup Festival**

Sunday, February 25, 2024  
4:30 - 6:30 PM, Serving: Chili, Chicken Noodle and Cheese soup Hynes Hall, Holy Family Parish, New Hampton; \$12/per person (dine-in) or Pre-order Carryout only: \$25 per order includes: 32 oz. soup, 2 sandwiches, 2 cookies/bars.  
Raffle Tickets available to purchase.

**Faith Revival at I.C. in Charles City**

**Lenten Faith Revival, February 25, 26 & 27**

Speaker, Joe Farris and Musician, Lee Roessler will bring encouragement, prayer and music.  
6:00-7:00 PM Free-Will Donation Supper in the Social Hall and Program from 7:00-8:00 PM.

**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. 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](http://www.archmenconference.org).

**Financial Stewardship**

February 10/11

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