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The office this week: CLOSED - Monday, Thursday & Friday

Staffed: Tuesday & Wednesday 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.

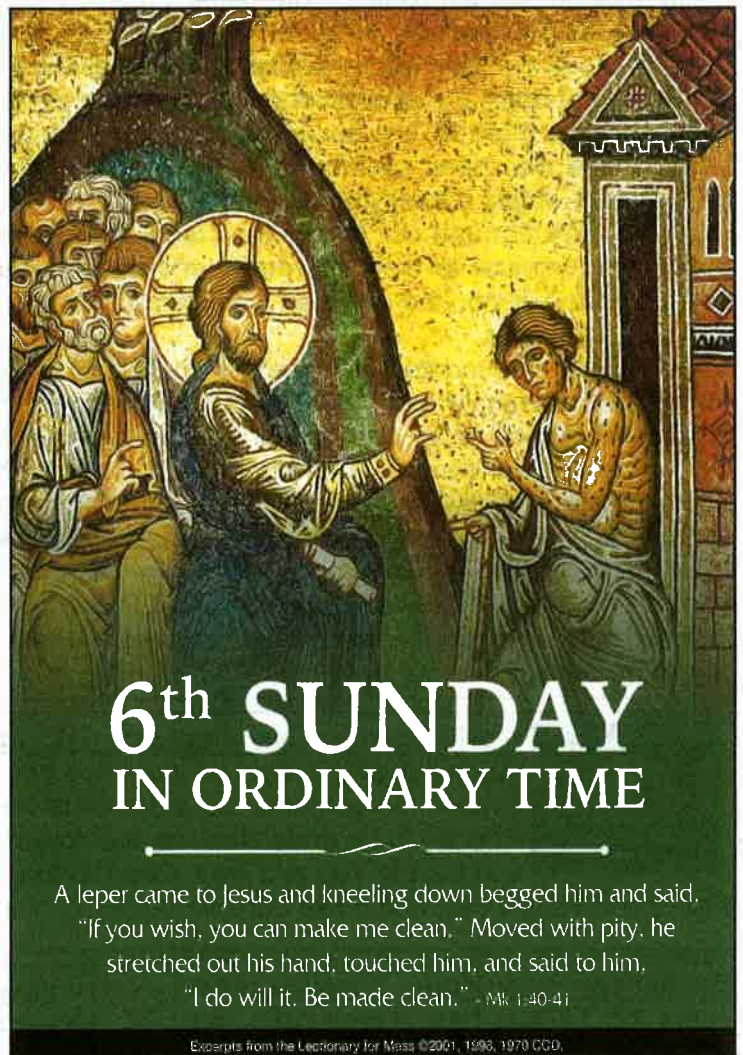
Elma - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

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!



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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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 11, 2024

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. The holy season of Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14. Please note elsewhere in this bulletin the Mass schedule for that day as well as the fasting and abstinence regulations for this season. It's not too often that Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day; in any event, those fasting and abstinence regulations apply for that day. So if you want to take your sweetheart out to dinner, I'm sure you'll be able to find a tasty fish sandwich or mac-and-cheese somewhere!

2. During the Lenten season we will have a **Eucharistic Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. on the Fridays of the five numbered weeks of Lent.** I will be available for confessions during those Holy Hours. The schedule is as follows:

- Friday, Feb. 23 -- Elma
- Friday, Mar. 1 -- Riceville
- Friday, Mar. 8 -- Lourdes
- Friday, Mar. 15 -- Alta Vista
- Friday, Mar. 22 -- New Haven

3. In addition, we will continue our usual second-Tuesday-of-the-month Holy Hours as well. Our February Holy Hour will be this Tuesday, Feb. 13, at New Haven. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 5 p.m. and Benediction at 6 p.m.; I will be available for confessions during that hour.

4. Every February our archdiocese conducts the appeal for **Catholic Charities**; this is one of the most worthwhile charities there is. It is our outreach to those in our archdiocese who are in serious need. Over the last five years, those who have contributed to this annual appeal have enabled Catholic Charities to help over 79,000 people find stable employment, mental health counseling, rental and other economic assistance, helping migrants work through our immigration legal system, jail and prison ministry, crisis pregnancy counseling, and many other services as well. **I strongly encourage you to join me in contributing to this appeal.** Next week-end's bulletin will contain an insert with information on how you can make your donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

5. A quick health update: as I write this on Feb. 6, I'm still dealing with some back and shoulder stiffness and so am still not as nimble as usual. The main issue is still the stomach issues I mentioned a few weeks ago in this column--not much of an appetite (and therefore weight loss), needing to be careful what I eat and how much, etc. I am in regular consultation with my doctor, and he has arranged for me to see a gastroenterologist (stomach doctor) at the Mason City Clinic on Friday, Feb. 23. I'm glad to be able to see him that soon; it often happens that one has to wait quite some time before being able to see a specialist.

I very much appreciate your concern and your prayers--thank you from the bottom of my heart! I promise to keep you informed about what's going on when I find out myself. Oh, by the way....the bandage on my forehead? I bumped into something I should have been more aware of--nothing more complicated or exciting than that!

~Fr. Kopacek



World Marriage Day (February 11) - Pray For All Married Couples

We thank you, O God, for the Love You have implanted in our hearts. May it always inspire us to be kind in our words, considerate of feeling, and concerned for each other's needs and wishes. Help us to be understanding and forgiving of human weaknesses and failings. Increase our faith and trust in You and may Your Prudence guide our life and love. Bless our Marriage O God, with Peace and Happiness, and make our love fruitful for Your glory and our Joy both here and in eternity. Amen.

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 February 12

Monday, February 12

Weekday - Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71-72, 75-76/Mk 8:11-13

8:00 AM (Elma) - Fr. Richard Kuhn

Tuesday, February 13

Weekday - Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenneth & Evelyn Roethler

Wednesday, February 14



Jl2:12-18/2Cor5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17/Mt 6:1-6,16-18

7:15 AM (Elma) - For The People

10:00 AM (Colonial Manor) - Communion Service & Ashes

4:30 PM (NH) - Prayer Service & Meal

6:00 PM (Lourdes) - Dr. David Hughes

8:00 PM (Riceville) - Ray Maravetz

Thursday, February 15

Thursday after Ash Wednesday -Dt 30:15-20/Ps1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

Care Center - Deceased Members of St. Anne's Rosary Society

Friday, February 16

Friday after Ash Wednesday - Is58:1-9/Ps51:3-6,18-19/Mt9:14-15

8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenny Chihak

Saturday, February 17

Vigil of First Sunday of Lent-Gn9:8-15/Ps25:4/1Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Amy Wevil & Francis Shatek

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Tom Huegel

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent - Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

7:15 AM (Elma) + Arlene, Dennis & Thomas Keane

9:00 AM (Riceville) + NO MASS

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

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.

Parish Adult Faith Formation Study Group

Our seminarian, Jacob Francois, will hold a 10 Week Faith Formation Study Group. The sessions will begin on **Wednesday, February 21 at 2:00 PM in Elma**. The sessions will rotate between Elma and Riceville. All sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross

Father Kopacek will be available for confessions.

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Lenten Regulations (Fasting & Abstinence)

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and 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.

CRS Rice Bowls

Join our Catholic communities to help other countries overcome hunger and malnutrition by participating in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls Lenten journey. Rice Bowls are available in your church entrances and can be put in the offering baskets in church at the Easter Masses OR donate directly to CRS online at crsricebowl.org/give.

Lenten Daily Reflection Books Available

Two versions of Lenten Daily Reflection books are available in the church entrances. One book is, *The Magnificat Lenten Companion* and the other book is *Daily Reflections for Lent*. Excellent daily reflections to read during the Lenten season.

Cluster 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.



1st Annual Ash Wednesday

Prayer Service & Meal

St. Peter, New Haven

Wednesday, February 14

Service at 4:30 PM, Light Meal to Follow
Fish & Chips (Tots), Grilled Cheese, Mac & Cheese, Drink & Dessert
Free Will Donation

**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



+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

February 10 - Irene & Ed Huegel

February 17 - Deann & Tony Meirick

+ 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.



+ 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

The Archdiocese of Dubuque Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) is tremendously appreciative of St. Anne's Rosary Society. Your recent renewal of annual dues is vital to our work and is utilized for many things that benefit the women of our Archdiocese. Thank you so much for your continued support!

+ 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.

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Your support and prayers for these ministries are a testament to the boundless grace of God. **Please send your contributions directly to: Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52003.**

Calendar Events

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wed., Feb. 14 - 7:00 AM (Elma)

Wed., Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM (Lourdes)

Wed., Feb. 14 - 8:00 PM (Riceville)

Ash Wednesday Service

Wed., Feb. 14 - 10:00 AM - Communion Service & Distribution of Ashes (Colonial Manor)

Wed., Feb. 14 - 4:30 PM - Prayer Service (New Haven)



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.

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.

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February 3/4

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Offertory 51.00

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Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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Offertory 220.82

On-Line Giving 100.00

St. Peter - New Haven

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Offertory 58.40

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