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The office this week: **CLOSED - Monday and Wednesday - Friday**

Staffed: Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – Noon

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.

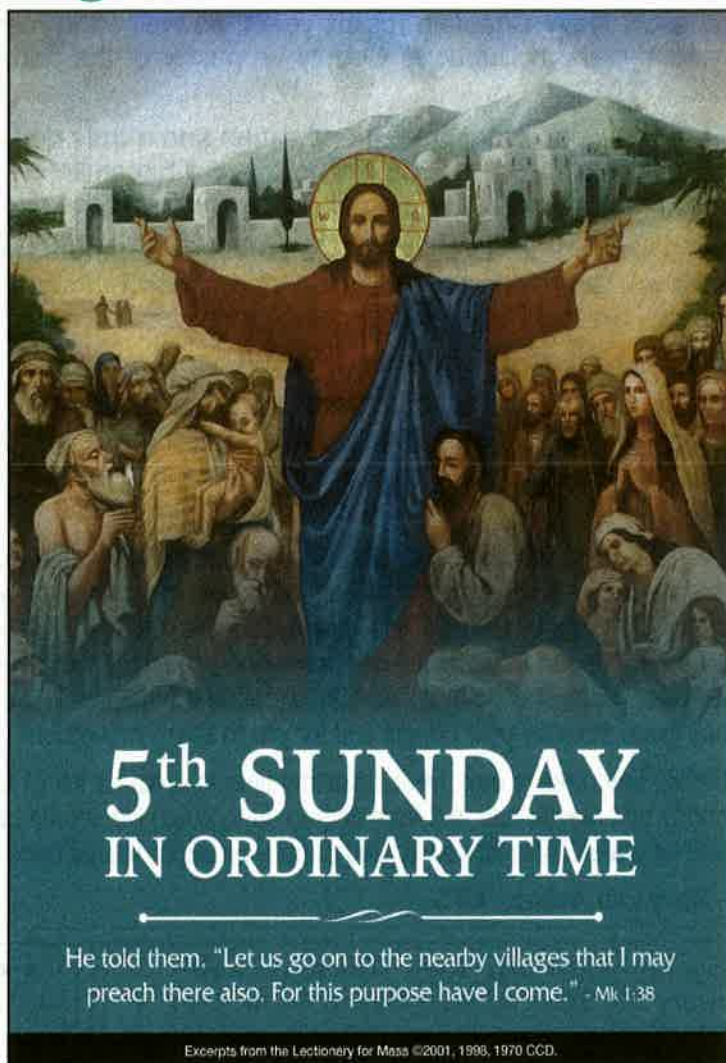
Elma - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

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. As you know, Jacob Francois has arrived and has begun his seminarian internship with us. You can contact him by email: j.francois@dbqarch.org. That address will be on the bulletin cover while he is with us. If you would like to visit with him but you do not have email or use a computer, you can contact him by calling the cluster office/rectory (641-393-2520).

2. Please pray for the blessed repose of the soul of another of our retired priests who died recently: Fr. Richard Kuhn (age 95) died on Friday, Jan. 26, at Stonehill Care Center in Dubuque. He is actually a native son of our northern part of the archdiocese--born on the family farm of Sylvester and Elizabeth Kuhn near Osage. His obituary includes the following 'cool' detail: "He faced his first test at this baptism with ice-cold water from the frozen baptismal font, which was temporarily on the porch of the parish rectory due to a fire in the [Osage] church." Since he was born on March 18 (1928), it was likely a chilly day for an outdoor baptism!

Fr. Kuhn discerned his priestly vocation during his studies at Loras College and did his seminary studies at Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dubuque on May 17, 1953--and so he celebrated his 70th jubilee last May: a remarkable milestone. He served as a US Navy Chaplain for six years, as well as in many parishes throughout the years, and spent most of his recent years in Dubuque County as pastor of the parishes in Peosta and New Melleray before retiring (at age 84!) in 2012.

Fr. Kuhn was a very kind, friendly man and a truly dedicated priest; I don't ever remember a time that I saw him or visited with him that he did not have a big smile on his face. May God grant him restful joy from his labors; may his soul rest in the eternal peace and joy of the risen Christ.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" At breakfast, Grandma asked 4-year-old Susie if she said her prayers the night before. 'Well, I started to,' Susie said, 'Then I thought God must get so tired of hearing 'Now I lay me down to sleep'. So I told him the story of the three bears instead.'

Thanks be to God that he never gets tired of hearing our prayers!

~Fr. Kopacek

Everyday Stewardship - Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out.

Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.

Before Lent begins next week, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.



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)



Mass Intentions Week of February 5

Monday, February 5

St. Agatha - 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
8:00 AM (Elma) - Msgr. Jim Barta

Tuesday, February 6

St. Paul Miki - 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13
8:00 AM (Elma) - Jim Marik

Wednesday, February 7

Weekday - 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
8:00 AM (Elma) - Nick & Lidwina Zeimetz

Thursday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani - 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40/Mk 7:24-30
Care Center - Art & Isabel Gansen Family

Friday, February 9

Weekday - 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37
8:00 AM (Elma) - Kevin & Kraig Boyle

Saturday, February 10

Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Merle Wacha

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Ray Maravetz

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Bob Slaughter

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.



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



Cluster Office Hours the week of February 5th - 9th

NOTE: Change in office hours for February 5th - 9th.

CLOSED: Monday, February 5th

STAFFED: Tuesday, February 6th - 9:00 AM - NOON

CLOSED: Wednesday - Friday, February 7th - 9th

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.

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of February 10/11. Elma's collection will be taken on February 18. Designated charity this month is: St. Bernard - Tri-County Citizens for Life; I.C. Elma - Tri-County Citizens for Life; Our Lady of Lourdes - Tri-County Citizens for Life; St. Peter - Tri-County Citizens for Life; and I.C. Riceville - Tri-County Citizens for Life

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

February 3 - Julie & Gary Swehla

February 10 - Irene & Ed Huegel

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Poinsettias To Give Away

Anyone who would like a poinsettia from Christmas may pick it up in the back of church anytime.

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 +

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.



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 +

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

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 Prairie-woods 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.

Financial Stewardship

January 27/28

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