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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

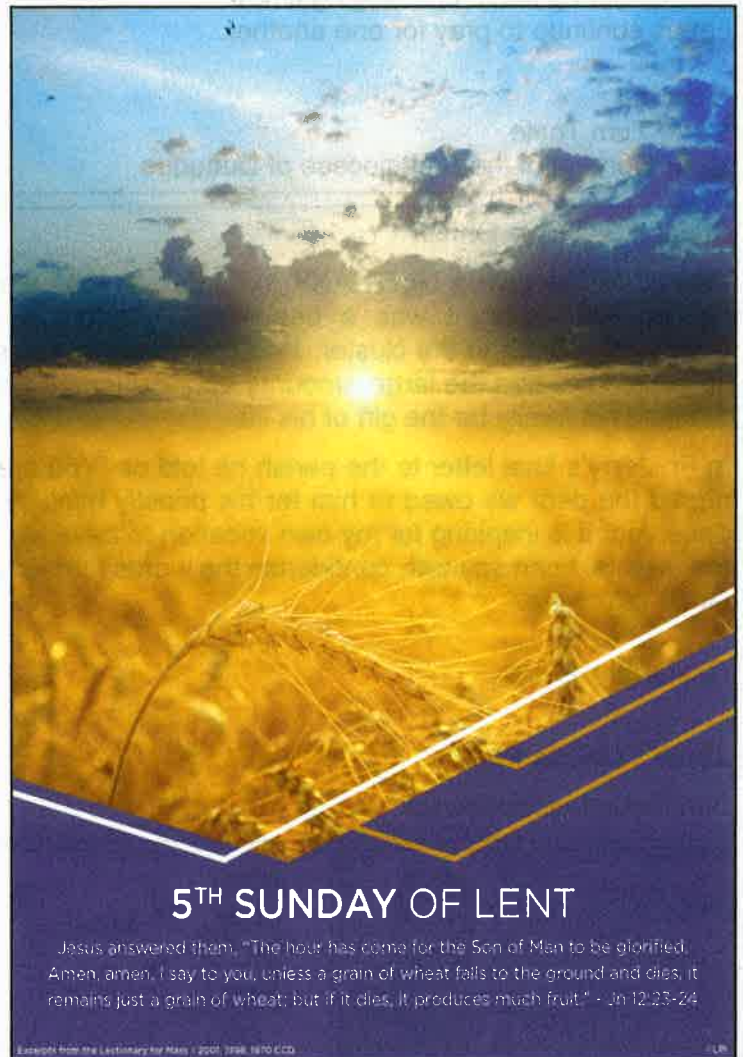
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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!



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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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.

March 17, 2024

# Holy Rosary Cluster

From the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Dubuque:

The people of the Archdiocese join the people of your parishes in mourning the death of your beloved pastor, Fr. Jerry Kopacek. May he rest in peace.



Appreciation is extended to the retired priests of the Archdiocese who have celebrated masses during his illness and since his death.

Beginning March 17 and through April 21, Father Fanuel Jean, a priest from Haiti currently studying at Divine Word College, Epworth, will be residing at Elma and engaged in ministry to your parishes. Please welcome him. After April 21, he needs to return to his studies, so we will once again rely upon the assistance of retired priests, after which a pastor will be assigned.

Special thanks to seminarian Jacob Francois and business manager Nancy Theis for their leadership and service during these challenging times. Let us continue to pray for one another.

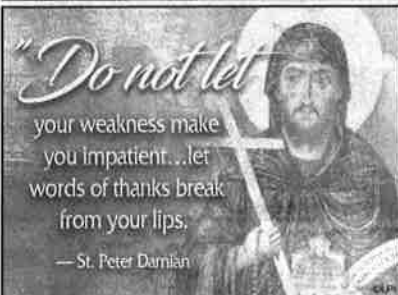
Sincerely,  
Msgr. Tom Toale  
Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who assisted and attended Fr. Kopacek's funeral and vigil service last week. It was a beautiful event that could not have happened without the many volunteers from every parish in the cluster. I was very moved to see how eager and willing everyone was to help and was so pleased to see the large amounts of parishioners and friends of Fr. Jerry who paid their respects to him and thanked his family for the gift of his life.

In Fr. Jerry's final letter to the parish he told us "You are all God's gift to me." By your presence and prayers, we repaid the debt we owed to him for his priestly ministry. Thank you so much for giving him the send-off that he deserved. It is inspiring for my own vocation to have worked with you all and to traverse the difficulties of the past few weeks. I can say with confidence the words that Fr. Jerry said to you all and make them my own: "You are all God's gift to me."

Gratefully yours,  
In Christ,  
Jacob Francois Ph.L.  
Seminarian in Residence



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# Cluster News

## Live Streaming & Daily Reflections

Watch Mass live on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Riceville. Mass will be posted on the cluster website under 'Parish Happenings' or the cluster Facebook page.



## Mass Intentions Week of March 18

### Monday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

### Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

8:00 AM (Elma) - Grant Saul

### Wednesday, March 20

Lenten Weekday - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenny Chihak

### Thursday, March 21

Lenten Weekday - Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Care Center - Stan Duffy

### Friday, March 22

Lenten Weekday - Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

8:00 AM (Elma) - Virgil Zeimet

### Saturday, March 23

Vigil of Palm Sunday, The Passion of the Lord - Mk 11:1-10/Is

50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + The Brophy Family

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

### Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday, The Passion of the Lord - Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps

22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

7:15 AM (Elma) + Keith & Avis Roethler

9:00 AM (Riceville) + NO MASS

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Pete Schaefer

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Items Need to be to the Church Office by:

**Monday, March 18** for the March 24 bulletin

**Friday, March 22** for the March 31 bulletin



## Eucharistic Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22--New Haven (5:30 PM)



## Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Lourdes

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament from 5:00 - 6:00 PM.



## MEETINGS

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

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



## Palms

Remember that the palms blessed on Palm Sunday are to be displayed at home (e.g. behind a picture in the living room, kitchen, bedroom, etc.).

Old palms may be burned, separate from regular trash that is burned or they can be buried. Never throw them away. Remember that palms are sacramental and should be treated as such.

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

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:

**No bible study on March 13. Instead it will be on March 20 in Elma.**

3. 2:00PM Wednesday, March 20 (Elma)
4. 2:00PM Wednesday, March 27 (Riceville)
5. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 3 (Elma)
6. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 10 (Riceville)
7. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 24 (Elma)
8. 2:00PM Wednesday, May 1 (Riceville)
- 9 & 10. 2:00PM Wednesday, May 8 (Elma)

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

## + St. Bernard +

### Vocation Crucifix

March 16 - Bev & Dick White

March 23 - Donna & Joe Zweibohmer

### Rosary Society News

St. Bernard Rosary Society dues for 2024 are \$30 and can be sent to Treasurer, Paula Breitbach at 1294 LaSalle Ave, New Hampton, IA 50659.

## + Immaculate Conception-Elma +

### Rosary Society Meeting

The Elma I.C. Rosary Society will hold a meeting Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 PM in the church hall.

## + Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

### Coffee & Rolls

St. Anne's Rosary Society will be serving coffee and rolls today after 9:00 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for some fellowship.



**+ St. Peter +**

**Altar Society News**

1) Church cleaning will be March 18-23. Circles will remain the same as last year.

**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be led by the Religious Education students before Mass on Sun., March 24th.

**Religious Education News**

- 1) The Religious Ed. Program will celebrate their last class on Sunday, March 24th with a meal following Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.
- 2) First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 7th. Come down and help us celebrate our seven students who will receive the sacrament of First Communion with donuts and coffee.

**CRS Rice Bowls**

Please remember to fill your Rice Bowls to help feed the hungry and malnourished in other countries. Rice Bowls with your donations can be put in the offering baskets in church at Easter Masses OR donate directly online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).



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**Calendar Events**

**Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting**

Tri-County Citizens for Life will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 PM in the Elma I.C. Church basement. Refreshments will be provided.

**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**Protivin Knights of Columbus Fundraiser**

The Protivin KCs will hold their annual auction on Sunday, March 24 starting at 10:30 AM at the Protivin Community Center.



Doors open at 8:00 AM. Many new items, baked goods and donated items to bid on. All funds raised go to support local causes and vocations. Donations accepted that morning and Sat., March 23rd from 4:30-6:00 PM.

**Calendar Events**



**Easter Triduum Schedule**

**Holy Thursday, March 28** - 6:30 PM at Riceville

**Good Friday, March 29** - 6:30 PM at Alta Vista

**Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**

Saturday, March 30 - 8:30 PM at Elma

**Easter Sunday - March 31**

7:15 AM - Lourdes

9:00 AM - Alta Vista

10:45 AM - New Haven

NO MASS - Riceville

**Stations of the Cross**

Good Friday, March 29 - Noon at Elma

**Annual Swiss Steak Dinner**

**I.C. North Washington**

Sunday, April 7

Serving from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Drive-Thru Only - Watch for Sign Directions**

**Cost: \$16 per meal** (proceeds go to the upkeep of the church) **Serving:** Swiss Steak, Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw and Pie

**Raffle Tickets:** \$1.00 each (prizes: gift certificates, cash, craft items & more)

**Financial Stewardship**

March 9/10

**Our Lady of Lourdes (NO MASS)**

Budget Envelopes 250.00

On-Line Giving 85.00

**St. Bernard - Alta Vista**

Budget Envelopes 255.00

Act of Kindness 117.00

On-Line Giving 210.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma**

Budget Envelopes 327.00

Act of Kindness 62.00

On-Line Giving 50.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes 620.00

Act of Kindness 279.00

On-Line Giving 375.00

**St. Peter - New Haven**

Budget Envelopes 335.00

Act of Kindness 126.70

On-Line Giving 100.00

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