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# Holy Rosary Cluster

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The office this week: **CLOSED - Monday**

**Staffed: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday 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!



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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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 24, 2024

# Holy Rosary Cluster



There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, April 4, at 6:00 PM at Holy Family Church in New Hampton. This Holy Hour includes the opportunity to hear from Jacob Francois, a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Dubuque and meet the vocation director, Fr. Mark Murphy. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a pilgrimage and "ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

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

Dear parishioners of Holy Rosary Cluster,

Know of the continued thoughts and prayers of the people of the archdiocese for the five parishes of Holy Rosary Cluster, with the passing of your beloved pastor, Fr. Jerry Kopacek. As was previously announced, **Fr. Fanuel Jean**, currently a student at Divine Word College, Epworth, will be covering Masses for the next six weeks, residing in Elma.



When he leaves April 22 to resume further study we are developing a schedule of coverage by some retired priests.

All pastor and other priestly assignments will be made public on Monday, April 8th and will be posted on the archdiocesan website. A full-time pastor is being assigned to serve your cluster, effective June 1st. Please join me in thanking Fr. Fanuel Jean and retired priests for assisting your cluster during this transition. More information about how you can help welcome your new pastor in June will be forthcoming.

The archdiocese has been in ongoing consultation with Nancy Theis and Jacob Francois. During this transition Nancy will review invoices with the chair of each parish and has permission to write checks. Jacob will be accompanying Fr. Fanuel to help him become more familiar with your five parishes. Both Nancy and Jacob have numerous people at the archdiocese they can call with questions and all of you will surely be a source of great support for them.

Please know of our ongoing support., Msgr. Thomas Toale, Vicar General

## Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI©

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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 25

### Monday, March 25

Monday of Holy Week - Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**NO MASS** - Please Pray for Vocations

### Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday of Holy Week - Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**NO MASS** - Please Pray for Vocations

### Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday of Holy Week - Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

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

### Holy Thursday, March 28

Thursday of Holy Week - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

6:30 PM (Riceville) - David Allen Block

### Good Friday, March 29

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

6:30 PM (Alta Vista) - The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

### Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil - Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

8:30 PM (Elma) + Linda Zeimetz

### Sunday, March 31

Easter, The Resurrection of the Lord - Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

7:15 AM (Lourdes) + For the People

9:00 AM (Alta Vista) + Arlene Klobassa

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Joan Wegman (Riceville) + NO MASS

## 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.

## Thank You from Tri-County Citizens

Tri-County Citizens for Life would like to thank the Holy Rosary Cluster parishes for their February Act of Kindness offertory.

## 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.



## Invitation to Attend the Chrism Mass



Anyone is welcome to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. The Mass is at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 26.



## Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked up to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which help Christians in the Holy Land. Contributing to this collection makes you an instrument of peace. Collections will be taken at the Good Friday Liturgy.

## Good Friday Fasting & Abstinence



Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics ages 18-59. When fasting a person is permitted to eat one full meal, and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## CRS Rice Bowls

Please remember to fill your Rice Bowls to help feed the hungry 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).



## 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:

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 23 - Donna & Joe Zweibohmer  
March 30 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

**Rosary Society News**

- 1) St. Bernard's Rosary Society will have a meeting Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 PM at the Alta Vista City Hall meeting room.
- 2) 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.

+ St. Peter +

**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.



**Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable**

As the Social Arm of the Catholic Church contributions to Catholic Charities make up nearly 50% of their annual operating budget. Go to <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>, or **Please send your contributions directly to: Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52003. Thank you!**

**ArchdioceseOne Cathedral Update**

Over \$17.5 million has been raised for the ArchdioceseOne special appeal. There is still a great need to complete the work, as the goal of \$11 million was not met. If your are in a position to give, gifts can be made online at [www.archdioceseone.org/support](http://www.archdioceseone.org/support) or mailed to ArchdioceseOne, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003.

**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. 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.)

**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

+ 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.



**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)

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**Weekly Collection**

Due to an early bulletin deadline the bulletin was submitted on March 18th. The financial stewardship for March 16/17 will be in the next bulletin.

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