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Lourdes, IA



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Alta Vista, IA



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Immaculate Conception
Riceville, IA



Saint Peter
New Haven, IA

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!



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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 3, 2024

Holy Rosary Cluster

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As we continue this Lenten journey, we might have started to become relaxed in our Lenten practices that we promised to hold fast to on Ash Wednesday. If that is the case, do not give up hope! To be a Christian, we must be filled with hope because "hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5).



As we look around our fallen world, some of us might be tempted to despair and might become prophets of doom! But, as Christians we are to become united to the person of Jesus, who overcame death and the dark powers of this world. Christ our savior says, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Christian hope rests on this event, that Christ became man, took on our sinful flesh and redeemed it through His passion, death, and resurrection. How graced are we to have such a God who would become one of us in solidarity and love?

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

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

10 Week Session Schedule:

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

Pray For Those in Need

Pat Arnold, Jerome Boehmer, Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Roger Dunn, Ed Duman, Sara Folkers, Sharon Friedhoff, Judy Gebel, Ken Gebel, Patricia Halvorson, Joann Heying, John Heying, Rose Heying, Marsha Hidding, Jimmy Holmen, Cindy Kirst, Diane Kovarik, Arlene Kuennen, Elsie Lentz, Eula Ludwig, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, LaVern McGrane, Roger Nibaur, Tom Rouchka, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Kenneth Shatek, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Gaynette Snyder, Kathleen Thiele

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Novena for Father Kopacek

St. Peregrine is the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients

St. Peregrine was known for his holiness but also for a miraculous healing that he received. He was scheduled to have his leg amputated because of a cancerous growth. The night before the surgery, he prayed for healing, received a vision of Christ coming down from the cross to touch his leg and was completely healed.



St. Peregrine Novena: Day 1- Day 9 (Repeat the same prayer for 9 days in a row.)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Dear holy servant of God, St. Peregrine, we pray today for healing. Intercede for us! God healed you of cancer and others were healed by your prayers. **Please pray for the physical healing of... Father Kopacek.**

These intentions bring us to our knees seeking your Intercession for healing.

We are humbled by our physical limitations and ailments. We are so weak and so powerless. We are completely dependent upon God. And so, we ask that you pray for us...

Pray for us, that we will not let sickness bring us to despair!

We know, St. Peregrine, that you are a powerful intercessor because your life was completely given to God. We know that in as much as you pray for our healing, you are praying even more for our salvation.

A life of holiness like yours is more important than a life free of suffering and disease. Pray for our healing, but pray even more that we might come as close to Our Lord as you are.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Read more at:

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-peregrine-novena>

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.



Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Elma from 5-6 PM. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament from 5:00 - 6:00 PM.



Mass Intentions Week of March 4

Monday, March 4

St. Casimir - 2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

NO Word & Communion

Tuesday, March 5

Lenten Weekday - Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

8:00 AM - Word & Communion

Wednesday, March 6

Lenten Weekday- Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

8:00 AM - Word & Communion

Thursday, March 7

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity - Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Care Center - Word & Communion

Friday, March 8

St. John of God - Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

8:00 AM - Word & Communion

Saturday, March 9

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent - 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-6/

Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Francis Dietrich

Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-6/Eph 2:4-

10/Jn 3:14-21

7:15 AM (Elma) + Leander & Gerry Heying

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Ray Maravetz

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.



Cluster Movie Day

Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 PM in the I.C. Elma Church Hall.

The Song of Bernadette is a 1943 American biographical drama film based on the 1941 novel of the same name by Franz Werfel. Bernadette Soubirous reportedly experienced eighteen visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary from February to July 1858 and was canonized in 1933.

February 11, 1858, 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, a peasant girl who lives in extreme poverty with her family in Lourdes, France has a vision of "a beautiful lady" in the city dump.

The movie follows Bernadette through her trials and tribulations on her way to becoming a saint. St. Bernadette's story is an inspiring and well written drama, beautifully portrayed by the actors about her life. Refreshments will be available. Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee.

Get Well Cards for Fr. Kopacek

Anyone wishing to send Get Well cards to Fr. Kopacek may send them to the Holy Rosary Cluster Office, 203 7th St, Elma, IA 50628.



Eucharistic Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross

- Friday, Mar. 8 -- Lourdes (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 15 -- Alta Vista (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 22 -- New Haven (5:30 PM)



Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of March 9/10. Lourdes' collection will be taken on March 16. Designated charity this month is: St. Bernard, I.C. Elma, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Peter and I.C. Riceville – Catholic Relief Services CRS Rice Bowl

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

March 2 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer
March 9 - Jean Cerwinske

+ Lourdes +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Leonard Shatek family. Leonard's Funeral was held on Tuesday, February 27. May he rest in peace.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Frances (Kovarik) Langham family. Frances' Funeral was held on Tuesday, February 27. May she rest in peace.

Rosary Society News

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Society will be holding a meeting on **March 13 at 5:30 PM** in the church hall.

'It's time for a change!' Our present rosary officers are seeking people to take over as new rosary officers. The present ones have been in office since 2019! Duties have been streamlined so duties are fewer than in the past. Meetings are minimal. Talk to your friends and form a team. Join us at our meeting.

+ 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 +

Rosary Society News

St. Anne's Rosary Society meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 6:00 PM in the church hall.

+ St. Peter +

Welcome For Jacob Francois

St. Peter, New Haven will have a light luncheon following the 10:45 AM Mass on Sunday, March 10th. Please join us in giving Jacob a warm welcome.

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

At Catholic Charities, we have the privilege of renewing hope when all seems lost and walking alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ through their darkest moments. For those who are elderly, disabled, struggling with mental illness, separated from their families, incarcerated, facing homelessness, we are here. Go to <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>. or **Please send your contributions directly to: Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52003. Thank you!**



Calendar Events

Knights of Columbus Council #11592

Knights of Columbus Council #11592 will hold their Travel Gavel meeting Thurs., March 7 at the Riceville Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Social Hour: 5:30 PM, Meal: 6-7 PM. Free will offering for the meal. Widows of former Knights are free. The meal is open to all K of C members and Holy Rosary Cluster parishioners. All proceeds will be donated to our seminarian, Jacob Francois, to help with his studies. At 7:00 PM Jacob Francois will give a speech on being a man in the church. Jacob's speech will be livestreamed. The link will be posted on our Cluster facebook page and website.

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.

Financial Stewardship

February 24/25

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Offertory	128.00
On-Line Giving	85.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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Offertory	27.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

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Immaculate Conception - Riceville

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St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

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