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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

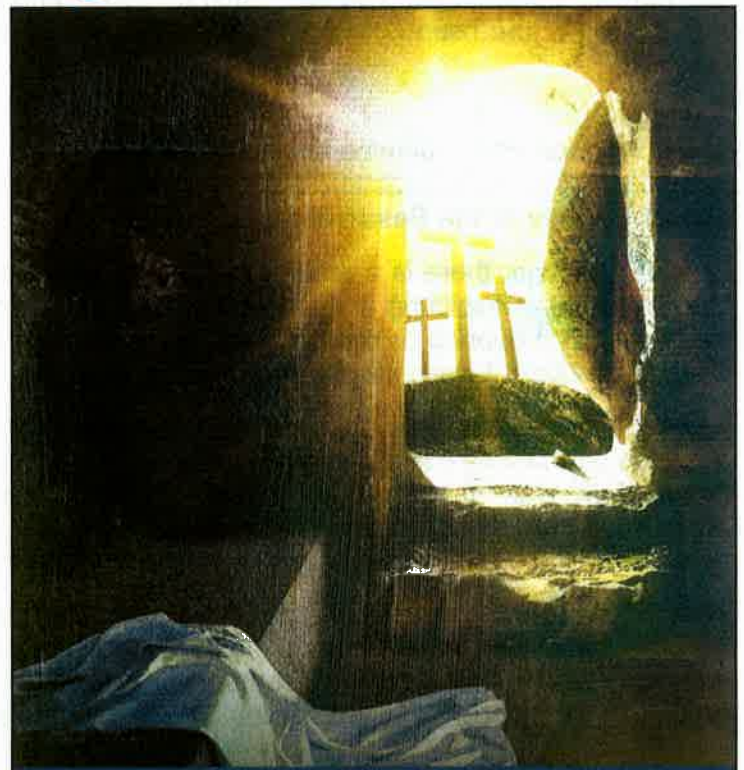
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1993, 1970 CCD

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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.

Holy Rosary Cluster

He is Risen!

This year we will be praying the Divine Mercy novena as a cluster which starts on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7). The Divine Mercy Novena was given to St. Faustina (a nun in Kraków, Poland) by Jesus who gives "complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" to those who pray the chaplet novena during this time. The devotion to Divine Mercy and the chaplet is so powerful that Christ promised, "**Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy**" (Diary, 687). **Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will**" (Diary 1731)



I had a devotion to Divine Mercy ever since I read Sr. Faustina's diary and visited her tomb in Kraków, Poland when I was a teenager. While studying in Kraków, I would serve mass at her tomb at her convent chapel every Sunday. Please join me in praying the chaplet this year! Please pick up a pamphlet in the back of Church and pray the chaplet with your family. It is quick and easy to do, all you need is the rosary and pray on its beads. If you haven't started it yet, you can catch up by praying the missed days. I hope that this Easter season fills you with the joy of the risen Lord like the disciples who discovered that the tomb was empty and their joy became complete.

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir ©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 April 1

Monday, April 1

Easter Weekday - Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, April 2

Easter Weekday - Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenneth & Evelyn Roethler

Wednesday, April 3

Easter Weekday - Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
8:00 AM (Elma) - Kenny & Marilyn Kiernan

Thursday, April 4

Easter Weekday - Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Care Center - Elsie Ludwig

Friday, April 5

First Friday - Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14
8:00 AM (Elma) - Ed Chihak

Saturday, April 6

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy - Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Linda Smith & Janet Flaherty

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + **NO MASS**

Sunday, April 7

Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy - Acts 4:32-35/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

7:15 AM (Elma) + Brenda Enloe Barker

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Peter Schaefer

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

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.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

March 30 - Pat & Gary Halvorson

April 6 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

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.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Rosary Society News

1. The Elma I.C. Rosary Society will hold a planning meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 PM in the church basement. We are planning a church dinner for Sunday, June 23. Band Hostesses should plan to attend.
2. Rosary Society dues are \$20. Please mail your dues to Barb Smith at 14595 185th Street, Elma, IA 50628.

+ St. Peter +

Religious Education News

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 7th. Come to the church hall after Mass for coffee and donuts and help us celebrate with our seven First Communicants.



Ready to File Your 2023 Iowa Income Taxes?

Ask your tax preparer about how you can save on your 2023 Iowa income taxes by making an Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) donation. Now is the perfect time to consider helping Catholic families with the greatest need for tuition assistance while receiving a tax credit on your 2023 Iowa income taxes. Please visit www.OurFaithSTO.org.

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:

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 Francios

Happy Easter

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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 you are in a position to give, gifts can be made online at www.archdioceseone.org/support or mailed to ArchdioceseOne, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003.

Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

Totus Tuus missionaries (college age men and women) serve parishes across the Archdiocese throughout the summer leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children/youth of the Archdiocese. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided for. Application information can be found at www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus or contact Joanne Pohland at j.pohland@dbqarch.org with any questions.



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Easter Sunday - John 20:1-9

Calendar Events



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)

Visitation Catholic Church, Stacyville, Iowa

Hosting a Drive-Thru Supper

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Serving from 4:00-6:00 PM

Menu includes: Scalloped Turkey Casserole, Corn, Cranberries and Cookie



Weekly Collection

Due to an early bulletin deadline the bulletin was submitted on March 22nd. The financial stewardship for March 23/24 will be in the next bulletin.

Financial Stewardship

March 16/17

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes \$825.00

Act of Kindness 128.00

On-Line Giving 305.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes 360.00

Offertory 45.00

On-Line Giving 60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes 285.00

On-Line Giving 75.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes 1,720.00

Offertory 250.00

On-Line Giving 25.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes 645.00

Offertory 214.00

On-Line Giving 100.00

EASTER

HOW COULD PEOPLE NOT BELIEVE EYEWITNESSES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD?



I DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU STILL GET THAT SAME REACTION A LOT TODAY...



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