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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

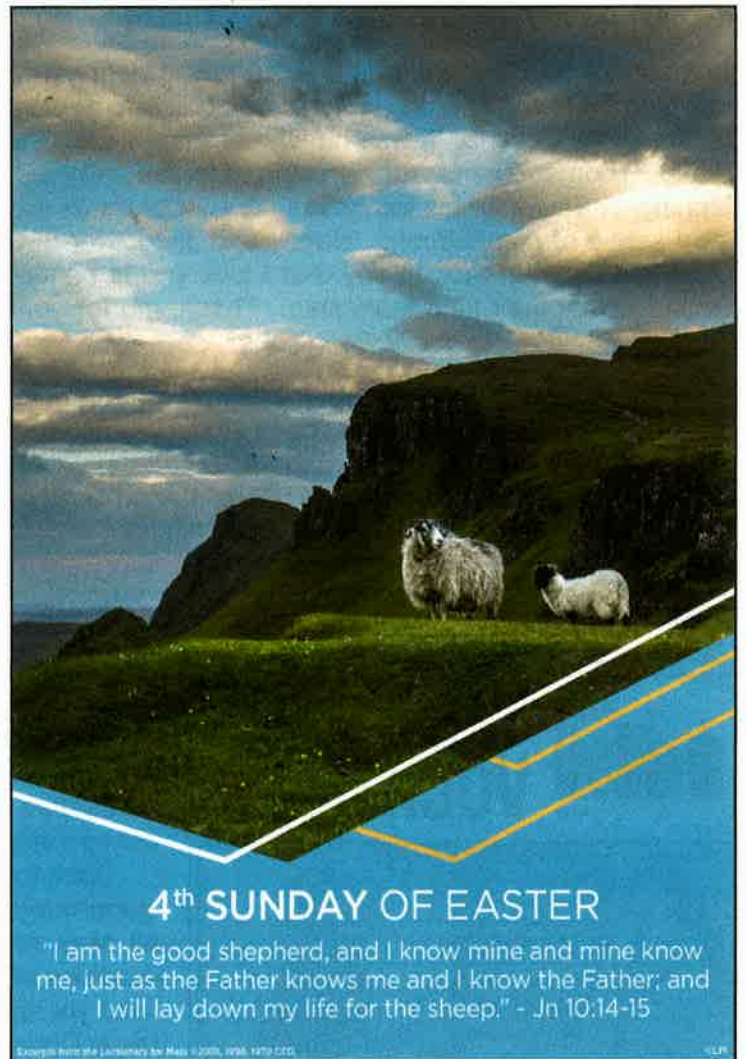
**Alta Vista** - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM  
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

**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!



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

### 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.

April 21, 2024

# Holy Rosary Cluster

Dear parishioners of the Holy Rosary group,



I send you my greetings. I hope you are in good health, both physically and spiritually. I am sorry if you have not had the chance to receive my greetings since the beginning of this experience here in your wonderful parish dedicated to the Holy Rosary. I believe that the essential has been done, for your warm welcome has enabled me to get down to work so quickly that I feel as if I have already lived many long years among you and with you. I have many happy memories. I would like to share a few of them with you:

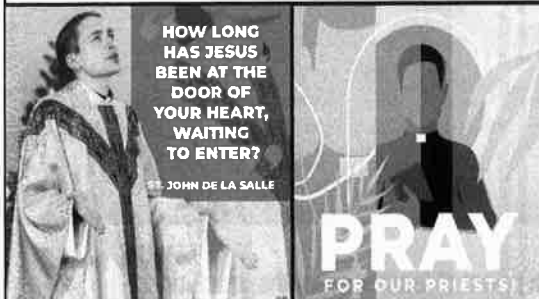
- 1- Your warm welcome and sincere openness;
- 2- Your understanding of my bad English difficult to understand;
- 3- Your kind friendship and generous heart.

The time I spent with you was an opportunity to improve my language and I think I made a lot of progress thanks to your patience. I went to your school and you were very good teachers. We also had a wonderful time during Holy Week. You amazed me with your devotion to prayer, confession and the celebration of the Eucharist. We warmly celebrated the Risen Christ by taking part in all the activities linked to the Easter event.

I cannot end these words without acknowledging and thanking some of the people who helped me achieve this incredible experience. First, I would like to express my gratitude to Father Thomas Ashmann, President of Divine Word College. It was he who arranged everything with the authorities of The Archdiocese. Thank you to Bishop Thomas Zinkula for agreeing to let me carry out such an experience in the parish. A very special word to Monsignor Toale for his frankness. A special thank you to Kim for her love of the Church and her much appreciated sense of commitment. Nancy and Jacob, for these two people I cannot find enough words to express my deep gratitude. In fact, to say that I love you is better than anything. Thank you to all the parishioners without distinction for their kind friendship. Thank you for your dedication to the services of the church. Thank you for understanding my linguistic limitations.

Some of you have marked me by your generosity, thank you for that. Your greeting cards remain in the drawers of my heart. May the Risen Christ continue to bless you all! I will leave you now for Sunday. I have to go to Haiti for 2 weeks. Knowing the current situation in my country, I entrust myself to your humble prayers. After this stay, I will return here to the United States to begin my *Master's Studies at St John's University in Minnesota*. Frankly, I love you!

Thank you and God bless you!  
~Father Fanuel Jean



## Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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## Pray For Those in Need

Pat Arnold, Roger Dunn, Ed Durnan, Sara Folkers, Sharon Friedhoff, Judy Gebel, Ken Gebel, 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, Roger Nibaur, Merle Pitz, Tom Rouchka, Abbey Sculley, Kenneth Shatek, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Gaynette Snyder, Kathleen Thiele

# 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 22

### Monday, April 22

**Easter Weekday** - Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10

**NO Word & Communion** - Please Pray for Vocations

### Tuesday, April 23

**St. George & St. Adalbert** - Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

**8:00 AM (Elma) Word & Communion**

### Wednesday, April 24

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**-Acts 12:24-13:5/Ps 67:2-3,5,6/Jn 12:44-50

**8:00 AM (Elma) Word & Communion**

### Thursday, April 25

**St. Mark** - 1 Pt 5:5-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

**NO Word & Communion** - Please Pray for Vocations

### Friday, April 26

**Easter Weekday** - Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

**8:00 AM (Elma) Word & Communion**

### Saturday, April 27

**Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter**- Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-28,30-32/1Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**4:00 PM (Lourdes)** + Raymond & Angeline Rance

**6:00 PM (Alta Vista)** + Father Jerry Kopacek

**Sunday, April 28**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**- Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-28,30-32/1Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**7:15 AM (Elma)** + Linda Zeimetz

**9:00 AM (Riceville)** + NO MASS

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



## NO Eucharistic Holy Hour in May

There will not be a Eucharistic Holy Hour in Alta Vista on May 14.



## 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:

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. Please bring a bible with you! Thank you! Jacob Francois



## Cemetery Clean Up

Holy Rosary Cluster is getting ready for the mowing season. Please help out by removing **ALL** decorations that are not attached to the monuments or would interfere with mowing. Thank You!



## May Crowning

Holy Rosary Cluster Parishes will have May Crowning at their Mass on the following days:

Sat., May 4 - St. Bernard, 6:00 PM Mass

Sun., May 5 - I.C. Elma, 7:15 AM Mass

Sun., May 5 - I.C. Riceville, 9:00 AM Mass

Sat., May 11 - OLL, Lourdes, 4:00 PM Mass

Sun., May 12 - St. Peter, 10:45 AM Mass



## Save the Date for Totus Tuus

Holy Rosary Cluster will again have Totus Tuus this summer. Dates for Totus Tuus will be July 14-19. Totus Tuus is a week-long parish mission to promote Catholic faith while having fun. For children entering grades 1st - 12th this fall 2024. Please watch the bulletin for further information



## + St. Bernard +

### Vocation Crucifix

April 20 - LeRoy Geerts

April 27 - Charlene & Larry Meirick

### Thank You

Thank you to the St. Bernard Rosary Society for the donation to the church for energy expenses.

## + Lourdes +

### Chair Lift Project

The Chair Lift Project is nearing completion but funds are still needed to pay for it. Please consider giving to the project if you haven't already done so.

**Mail contributions to:** Holy Rosary Cluster Office, 203 7th St., Elma, IA 50628 or drop in the collection basket and mark the envelope 'Parish Hall Donation'.

### Help Needed for Doing Outside Flowers

If anyone is interested in helping do the outside flowers at the church for this year only, please contact Pat Sir (641-393-2193). Thank You!

## + Immaculate Conception-Elma +

### Rosary Society News

#### NOTE Change of Date for Meeting

The Elma I.C. Rosary Society will hold a planning meeting on **Tuesday, May 7** at 6:00 PM in the church basement. We are planning a church dinner for Sunday, June 23. Band Hostesses should plan to attend.

### Senior Recognition

Elma I.C. will have Senior Recognition on Sun., May 5 at the 7:15 AM Mass.

**+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +**

**Senior Recognition & Breakfast**

I.C. Riceville will have Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 5th with a breakfast following Mass.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to our seniors: Taylor Herman, Andrew Pridgen and Tyler Sprung who have completed all 12 years of our Religious Education program at I.C. Church, Riceville.

**Farewell for Jacob Francois**

We will also have a Farewell for our seminarian, Jacob Francois on May 5th after the Mass. Everyone is invited.

**Rosary Society Meeting**

St. Anne's Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Sun., April 28 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

**+ St. Peter +**

**Farewell for Fr. Fanuel**

Join us at St. Peter Church following the 10:45 AM Mass on Sunday, April 21 for refreshments on the church steps to show our appreciation to Fr. Fanuel.

**May & June Liturgical Schedules Available**

May and June Liturgical Schedules are now available to pick up in the church entrance for anyone who helps with these ministries.

**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**Knights of Columbus Council #4144**

**Invitation to Participate**



God gifts every person with skills that provide the clearest path in sanctity. I invite you to consider your skills and the fruits they have produced and use these gifts in our council. We are here to support one another and our community. One way to support your brother knights is by serving as the Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, or Trustee. If you are interested in any of the aforementioned officer positions please reach out to me, Jayden Burke-Grand Knight, by phone at 641-257-8335 or email at [burkejayden45@gmail.com](mailto:burkejayden45@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration and all you do for our communities.

**Calendar Events**

**+ Knights of Columbus +**

**Knights of Columbus Council #11592**

**Travel Gavel on Sunday, April 21**

Travel Gavel will be in the I.C. Riceville Church Hall. Social 5-5:30 PM and meal at 5:30 PM. The meal is open to all KC members and spouses. The free will offering for the meal will be given to Jacob Francois to assist with his studies. 6:15 PM-Seminarian, Jacob Francois, will speak on "Being a man in the Catholic Church". The program will be livestreamed on our cluster facebook page and website.

**Calendar Events**

**Riceville Bloodmobile on April 24**

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Riceville Community School RAC Center on Wed., April 24 from 12:00-6:00 PM. Call Darlene Seidel for an Appointment (641-220-3788). Give the Gift of Life!

**2nd Annual Ecumenical Spring Sing**

Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 PM, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Osage is hosting an Ecumenical Spring Sing. The concert features Gospel and Christian Music performed by neighboring church choirs. 100% of monetary donations received will benefit the food shelf of Mitchell County. Refreshments will be served after the concert. We hope to see you there.

**Financial Stewardship**

April 13/14

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

Budget Envelopes	\$200.00
On-Line Giving	305.00

**St. Bernard - Alta Vista**

Budget Envelopes	1,420.00
Act of Kindness	160.25
On-Line Giving	160.00

**Immaculate Conception - Elma**

Budget Envelopes	265.00
Act of Kindness	77.00
On-Line Giving	75.00

**Immaculate Conception - Riceville**

Budget Envelopes	785.00
Act of Kindness	264.00
On-Line Giving	.00

**St. Peter - New Haven**

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER





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