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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

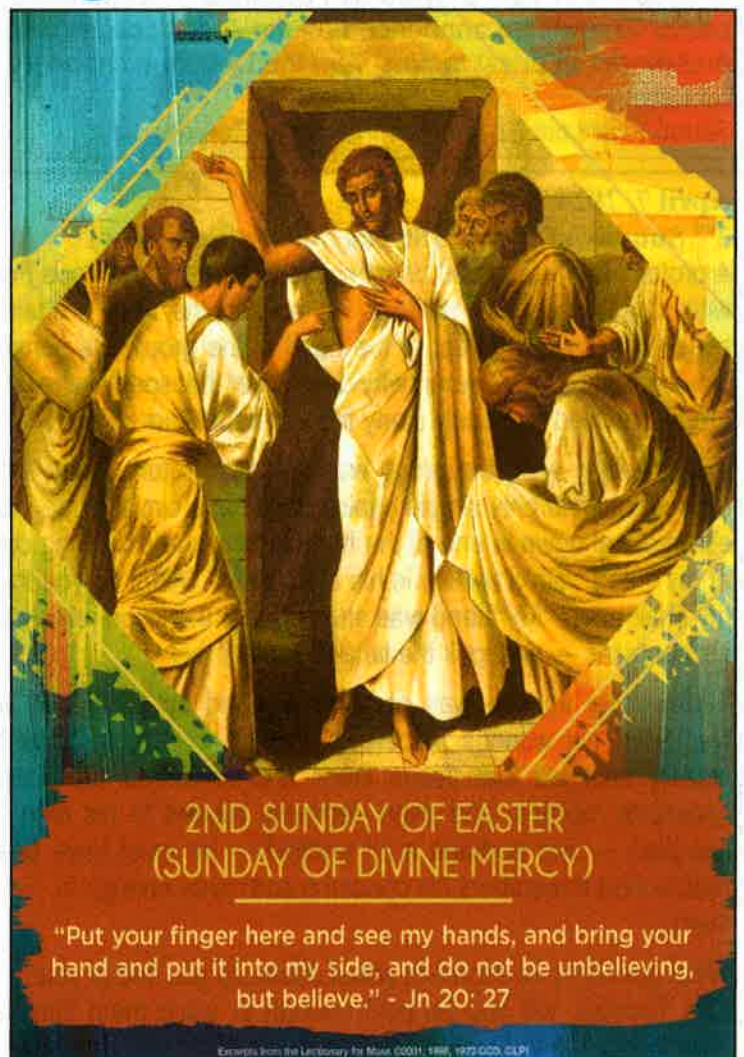
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!



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,

During this Easter Season, we are reminded particularly on this Divine Mercy Sunday that the Lord liberates from sin and death through the sacrament of Confession. I would encourage all parishioners to take advantage of the graces contained within this sacrament to prepare our hearts receiving Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. As Catholics, we are all obliged to receive the Eucharist at least one time during the Easter season (which should also involve an examination of conscience and more than likely -the sacrament of confession). If you would like me to bring you the Blessed Sacrament to your home or your loved one who is homebound, please call the parish office. Additionally, Fr. Fanuel is also very happy to visit those who would like to receive the sacraments of anointing of the sick and confession. Please call us at the parish office or send us an email to assist you in your spiritual needs.



As a quick update, I have been assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Waterloo, IA this summer under Fr. Tony Kruse. I will be doing a hospital chaplaincy internship called CPE (Clinical Pastoral Experience) at MercyOne medical center in Waterloo. My last day at Holy Rosary Cluster will be on May 12th. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I continue in preparation for the priesthood. Additionally, please pray for your new pastor who will be announced on the Archdiocesan website on April 8th which will be published with all the other Archdiocesan priest moves from the Dubuque chancery.

Sincerely,

Jacob Francois Ph.L., Seminarian in Residence

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

- Father John Muir ©LPi

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:

- 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

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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.



Save The Date

The Elma Rosary Society will be hosting a Chicken Dinner (chicken by Mike Reicks) on Sun., June 23 from 11 am - 1 pm. Please watch the bulletin for more information.



Mass Intentions Week of April 8

Monday, April 8

The Annunciation of the Lord - Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, April 9

Easter Weekday - Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7-15

8:00 AM (Elma) - Francis Dietrich

Wednesday, April 10

Easter Weekday - Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

8:00 AM (Elma) - Jerome Haying

Thursday, April 11

St. Stanislaus - Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, April 12

Easter Weekday - Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

8:00 AM (Elma) - Harold Thiele

Saturday, April 13

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter- Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9/1 Jn 2:1-5/Lk 24:35-48

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + **NO MASS**

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Marie King

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter- Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9/1 Jn 2:1-5/Lk 24:35-48

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Ray Maravetz

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Kenny & Irene Michels

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

April 6 - Irene & Tom Frantzen

April 13 - LouAnn & John Huegel

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Rosemary Schwickerath family. Rosemary's Funeral was held on Wednesday, March 27. May she rest in peace.

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.

Thank You

St. Bernard Parish would like to thank everyone who helped or supported the pork chop supper in anyway. We had another successful meal and appreciate everyone who worked, donated and purchased meals and raffle tickets. Thank You!

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the John Ries family. John's Funeral was held on Friday, March 22. May he rest in peace.

Rosary Society News

1. 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.

2. Rosary Society dues are \$20. Please mail your dues to Barb Smith at 14595 185th Street, Elma, IA 50628.

MEETINGS

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

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Lourdes

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



Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of April 13/14. Lourdes' collection will be taken on April 20. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard-Project Flo, I.C. Elma-Howard Co. Hospice, Our Lady of Lourdes -Howard Co. Hospice, St. Peter-Riceville Medical Clinic and I.C. Riceville-Riceville Medical Clinic

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

May Crowning, Senior Recognition & Breakfast

I.C. Riceville will have May Crowning and Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 5 with a breakfast following Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

+ St. Peter +

First Communion

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



Divine Mercy Sunday



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.



Calendar Events

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Council #11592

Travel Gavel on Sunday, April 21

KC Council #11592 will be hosting a Travel Gavel in the I.C. Riceville Church Hall. Social from 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 with all proceeds will be given to Jacob Francois to assist him with his studies. At 6:15 PM Seminarian, Jacob Francois, will speak on the topic of "Being a man in the Catholic Church". The program will be livestreamed on our cluster facebook page and our website.



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



Financial Stewardship

March 23/24

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$375.00
Easter	250.00
Offertory	104.00
On-Line Giving	85.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	635.00
Easter	210.00
Offertory	85.00
On-Line Giving	110.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	602.00
Easter	50.00
Offertory	105.00
On-Line Giving	550.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	105.00
On-Line Giving	300.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	570.00
Easter	50.00
Offertory	103.00
On-Line Giving	100.00

March 30/31(Easter)

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$2,015.00
Easter	1,715.00
Offertory	218.00
On-Line Giving	85.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	650.00
Easter	2,785.00
Offertory	253.00
On-Line Giving	160.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	732.00
Easter	1,425.00
Offertory	65.45
On-Line Giving	292.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	520.00
Easter	925.00
On-Line Giving	.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	290.00
Easter	710.00
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