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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

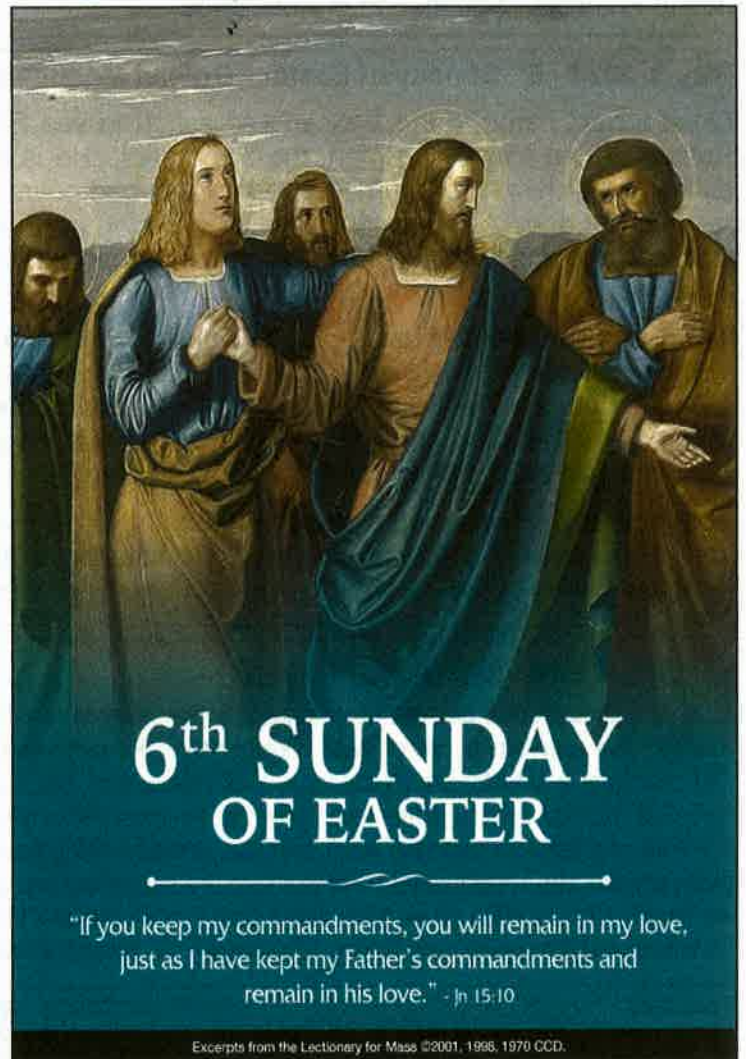
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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!

In today's Gospel, we hear the greatest commandment "Love one another as I have loved you." This past year has been an occasion in which I have seen the Lord's greatest commandment lived out by you, the parishioners of Holy Rosary Cluster. You welcomed me with open arms, loved Fr. Jerry to the end, and were kind and patient with Fr. Fanuel as he *greatly* improved his English during his time with us. I know you will love Fr. Telesphore, your new pastor! His English is phenomenal, he is a man of deep prayer, and loves being a priest of the Church.

This past weekend, I gave Fr. Telesphore a tour of the 5 parishes. He is *very* excited to be your pastor! I know you will welcome him warmly just like how you all welcomed me and Fr. Fanuel into the parish. As we prepare our hearts for the Feast of the Ascension, the Apostles experienced transition as Christ departed from them and the Holy Spirit was sent to them at Pentecost. *The Christian journey is one of change and receptivity to God's will.* As we welcome our new pastor in the coming weeks, let us remember that this is a new moment for our parishes and an opportunity to continue to live the Christian message.

In the Risen Lord,
Jacob Francois, Seminarian in Residence

May 5, 2024 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Gospel Meditation

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "**You are my friends if you do what I command you**" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship. But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love. However, the most inaccurate thing in these movies is the idea that love is a feeling.

If you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice. Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



NO Eucharistic Holy Hour **in May**

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



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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, Ann Foxen Maas, Roger Nibaur, 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 May 6

Monday, May 6

Easter Weekday - Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 15:26-16:4

NO Word & Communion - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, May 7

Easter Weekday - Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Jn 16:5-11

NO Word & Communion - Please Pray for Vocations

Wednesday, May 8

Easter Weekday - Acts 17:15, 22:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15

NO Word & Communion - Please Pray for Vocations

Thursday, May 9

Easter Weekday - Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20

NO Word & Communion

Friday, May 10

St. John of Avila - Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23

8:00 AM (Elma) Word & Communion

Saturday, May 11

Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord - Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Beatrice Havlik & Beata Kubik

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, May 12

Ascension of the Lord - Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

7:15 AM (Elma) + Todd Lentz

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Peter J. Govern

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

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:

Wednesday, May 8 (Elma) Sessions 9 & 10 - 2:00 PM

Please bring a bible with you!

Thank you! Jacob Francois

Act of Kindness

Act of Kindness collections will be taken the weekend of May 11/12. Alta Vista's collection will be taken on May 18. Designated charities this month are: St. Bernard-Alzheimer's Assoc. of Greater Iowa, I.C. Elma-Alzheimer's Assoc. of Greater Iowa, Our Lady of Lourdes-Alzheimer's Assoc. of Greater Iowa, St. Peter-Riceville Ambulance Service and I.C. Riceville-Catholic Charities

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



+ Combined Religious Education +

First Communion

First Communion for the Combined Religious Ed. Program will take place at the 4:00 PM Mass on Sat., May 11. This includes students from St. Bernard, I.C. Elma and Lourdes. A reception will follow in the church hall.



Donate Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes Today!



The I.C. Riceville Youth Group is hosting a shoe drive. Boxes are set out at each of the churches. All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners.

Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited.

Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school. Our goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes!! Anything worn on your feet is accepted **EXCEPT** ice skates, roller skates, and roller blades. Donations taken until May 31st.

Please reach out to JoLynn Eastman (641-430-3052) for large shoe donations or for any questions.

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

May 4 - Jane & Bernie Huegel

May 11 - Lynn & Lyle Ries

+ Lourdes +

Congratulations

We congratulate Devon and Lindsay Flugge on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Brinley Claire. Brinley was baptized on April 27. Please welcome and pray for Brinley Claire as she begins her new life in the Church.

Farewell for Jacob Francois and Blessing of the Platform Lift

A Farewell Reception and blessing of the new Platform Lift will be held on Sat., May 11 after the 4:00 PM Mass in the church hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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 +

Senior Recognition/ Farewell for Jacob Francois And/ Coffee & Rolls

Elma I.C. will have Senior Recognition during Mass, a Farewell for our seminarian, Jacob Francois, and the Rosary Society will be serving coffee and rolls on Sunday, May 12 after the 7:15 AM Mass.

Rosary Society News

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.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Senior Recognition / Farewell for Jacob Francois & Breakfast

I.C. Riceville will have Senior Recognition during Mass and a Farewell for our seminarian, Jacob Francois on Sunday, May 5th with a breakfast following Mass. Everyone is invited.

+ St. Peter +

Farewell for Jacob Francois

New Haven will host a Farewell for Jacob Francois on Sunday, May 12. Refreshments will be served on the steps of the church.

+ Knights of Columbus +

Knights of Columbus Council #11592

Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank I.C. Riceville parish for their hosting and support of the KC Travel Gavel that took place on April 21. We had a great turnout. We also want to thank Jacob Francois for the terrific job he did on his talk, "Being a Man in the Catholic Church". God Bless all who attended and helped.

+ 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. One way to support your brother knights is by serving as Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, or Trustee. If you are interested in any of these officer positions please reach out to me, Jayden Burke-Grand Knight, by phone at 641-257-8335 or email at burkejayden45@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration and all you do for our communities.



Calendar Events

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

(Save the Date) Christ Our Life Catholic Conference will be held at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on September 28 & 29. Tickets are \$30 per person for the weekend and can be purchased online at ChristOurLifelowa.com.

There will be several world-renowned speakers including Father Robert Spitzer. He is the host of "Father Spitzer's Universe" on EWTN and explains the complementarity of science, faith and philosophy.

Financial Stewardship

April 27/28

Our Lady of Lourdes

Budget Envelopes	\$315.00
Offertory	108.00
On-Line Giving	85.00

St. Bernard - Alta Vista

Budget Envelopes	320.00
Offertory	54.00
On-Line Giving	60.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma

Budget Envelopes	2,422.00
Offertory	72.00
On-Line Giving	50.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville (NO MASS)

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St. Peter - New Haven

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