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Office Hours

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

Baptism Class is required. Make baptism arrangements
by phoning the Cluster Office (393-2520) during office hours.

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. On Monday, April 12, Archbishop Jackels released the new priest assignments that will be effective on July 13. First: I'm glad to report that my name is not on that list! It's hard to believe that I've been here at Holy Rosary Cluster for almost three years already, and I look forward to remaining here as long as the archbishop allows. There are no priest moves in our immediate area. Fr. Bob Gross is being appointed to a second six-year term as pastor of the parishes in Calmar, Ossian, Festina and Spillville. Fr. John Gossman is retiring from active ministry after serving as pastor in Clear Lake/Rockwell; he will be replaced by Fr. Josh Link (currently the associate pastor in Mason City and Manly). You can find the entire list of new priest assignments on the insert in this bulletin, on our cluster website, or on the archdiocesan website (dbqarch.org; click on "Announcements" which will take you to the April 12, 2021 list of new assignments).

2. Speaking of priests, I want to inform you of the recent death of another of our retired priests--Fr. John O'Connor, age 88, died on Easter Sunday, April 4, at Stonehill Care Center in Dubuque. He was born in Rockford and was ordained to the priesthood in 1958. Other than five years as associate pastor in Cedar Rapids (at Immaculate Conception Church), Fr. O'Connor served his entire priesthood in Dubuque County as associate pastor and pastor in various parishes and on the staff of Wahlert Catholic High School in Dubuque. May his soul rest forever in the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

3. You will remember that we had Anthony Digmann with us last year who presented our cluster parishes with an excellent series of talks on why it makes sense to believe in God, to be Christian, and to be Catholic. His knowledge and enthusiasm to share the riches of our Catholic faith were very evident to one and all.

I'm glad to inform you that Anthony has begun a new venture: he has launched a YouTube channel that he calls "Passionately Catholic". In his words, he wants "to unite souls more closely to Christ and his Church with short videos exploring topics that are fun, relevant, and appealing". These videos generally range from about 2-12 minutes in length, and cover various Catholic teachings, saints, apologetics (explaining the reasons for our Catholic beliefs) as well as reflections on money, dating, marriage, and parenting. He is also a big fan of Star Wars and Marvel movies and draws some connections between them and our faith. I've watched a couple of those videos, and they are very well done--you just can't help but be drawn in by his great enthusiasm and passion for the truth and the beauty of our faith.

I invite you to check it out: go to Anthony's website at <https://AnthonyDigmann.com>. Click on "Passionately Catholic"; there you will find links to his different videos. You can also subscribe to his YouTube channel and click the "All" bell symbol for notifications of the posting of new videos. Anthony is doing a tremendous job in sharing his passion for Jesus Christ and our precious Catholic faith; he can help to strengthen your faith as well.

~Fr. Kopacek

Laughter, The Best Medicine - Are there HMOs in Heaven?

A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives. The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people."

St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven." The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor." Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"

Pray For Those in Need

Jean Cerwinske, Michelle Cerwinske, Punk Cerwinske, Therese Collins, Ed Durnan, Donna Fitzgerald, Sara Folkers, Ken Gebel, Joann Heying, Rose Heying, Jimmy Holmen, Diane Kovarik, Arlene Kuennen, Joe Ludwig, Ann Foxen Maas, Lois McAvoy, Gladys McGrane, Fran Palmerheim, Ida Roe, Abbey Sculley, Rosemary Schwickerath, Pat Smith, William 'Bill' Smith, Linda Zeimet

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Cluster News



Live Streaming

Watch Mass live with Fr. Kopacek on Sunday mornings at the 9:00 AM Mass in Riceville. Find it on the cluster website under 'Parish Happenings' or on the cluster Facebook page.



Daily Reflections

Fr. Kopacek's daily reflections can be found on Facebook and on the Holy Rosary Cluster website under 'Parish Happenings'.

Mass Intentions Week of April 19

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., April 19 (Elma) + Bob Otting

Tues., April 20 (Elma) + Elsie Ludwig

Wed., April 21 (Elma) + Virgil Zeimetz

Thurs., April 22 (Elma) + Louise Richardson

Fri., April 23 (Elma) + Fr. Richard Gaul

Saturday, April 24

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + NO MASS

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Mike Mahoney

Sunday, April 25

7:15 AM (Elma) + For the People

9:00 AM (Riceville-Live Streamed) + Charles, Daryl, Kim & Ted McPhail

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Joan Wegman

Readings for the week of April 19, 2021

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6- 8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29/
Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

April 17 - Keith & Suezen Glaser

April 24 - Gary & Julie Swehla

Church Cleaners

Kay Recker, Amy Retterath, Lynn Ries are church cleaners the week of April 18.

Rosary Society News

Rosary Society will do the annual church cleaning the week of April 26. Circle 3 will clean Mon., Apr. 26 at 5:00 PM; Circle 1 on Tues., Apr. 27 at 5:30 PM; Circle 2 TBD. If you cannot help the day of your circle, you are welcome to come one of the other days. Please wear masks.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Eleanor Burke family. Eleanor's Funeral Mass was held on Friday, April 9 at Immaculate Conception Church in Elma. May she rest in peace.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Celebration of Life

The family of Marilyn Wyant would like to invite you to join them for a Celebration of Life in her honor. It will be held after Mass today, Sunday, April 18 from 10 AM - 2:00 PM. Luncheon will be held in the Riceville Church Hall.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bentley Condon, Brailee Eastman, Klaire Eastman, Chloe Lohuis, Connley Ries, Andrea Romero-Rodriguez, Miller Shane, Ava Smith and Oliver Smith on receiving their First Holy Communion on April 11th.

Rosary Society News

St. Anne's Rosary Society will meet on May 3 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

+ St. Peter +

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion students who received First Holy Communion today, Sunday, April 18 at the 10:45 AM Mass.

+ Combined Religious Education +

Congratulations

Congratulations to Darby O'Brien of Immaculate Conception, Elma and Mila Meirick and Garrett Swehla of St. Bernard, Alta Vista on receiving their First Holy Communion at St. Bernard's on April 10th.

Priest, Deacon, and Religious Obituary Listings Online

To Find Priests, Deacons, or Religious Obituaries go online to DBQarch.org. Find "Personnel" heading, hover your cursor over the heading to show the drop-down menu. Click on 'Priests, Deacons, or Religious Orders', An Obituaries heading/page link is the bottom menu item in each section.

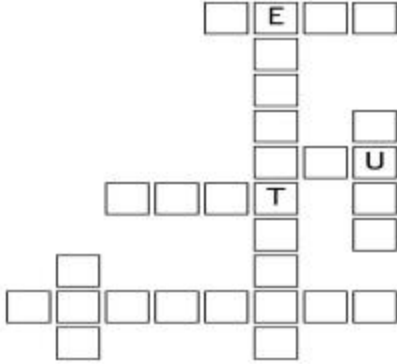
Formation For All

"Formation for All" is an online program designed to help Catholics of all ages in various settings to learn and pray about Respect Life and Social Justice issues. To access sessions go to www.dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You must tell everything that has happened.



MISSION

Send a letter to the missionaries your church supports. Ask them how your family can help them spread God's love with other people.



GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Easter • Luke 24:35-48

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT THIS SCRIPTURE READING ON MY OWN. I THINK I'LL FIND A THEOLOGIAN TO EXPLAIN IT TO ME.



OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE...



Spencer Platt © 2014

Calendar Events

Tri-County Citizens for Life Meeting

Tri-County Citizens for Life meeting will be Monday, April 19 at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church in Elma in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Virtual Programs on Spiritual and Emotional Wellness

The Dubuque Franciscans' Canticle of Creation Center is presenting virtual programs on spiritual and emotional wellness. The first one was held on April 15th, but the second one is available to watch on Monday, April 26 at 6:30 PM. You need the ZOOM app downloaded on your computer, then go to <https://tinyurl.com/34apwkr> or visit [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and enter meeting ID **861 2111 7686** and passcode **528346**. The event is free. More will be available in May and June.

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April 10/11

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Immaculate Conception - Elma

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Act of Kindness	74.00
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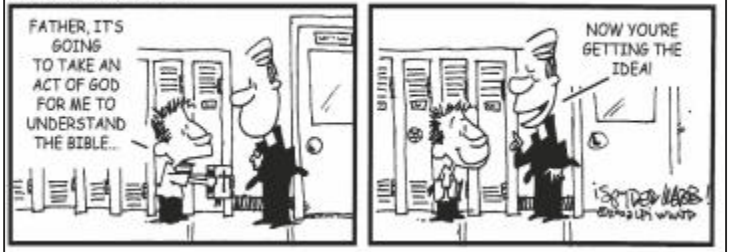
Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	665.00
Easter	75.00
Act of Kindness	100.05
On-Line Giving	25.00

St. Peter - New Haven (NO MASS)

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