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Office Hours

The office this week: Closed - Monday

Staffed: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 (Noon)

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

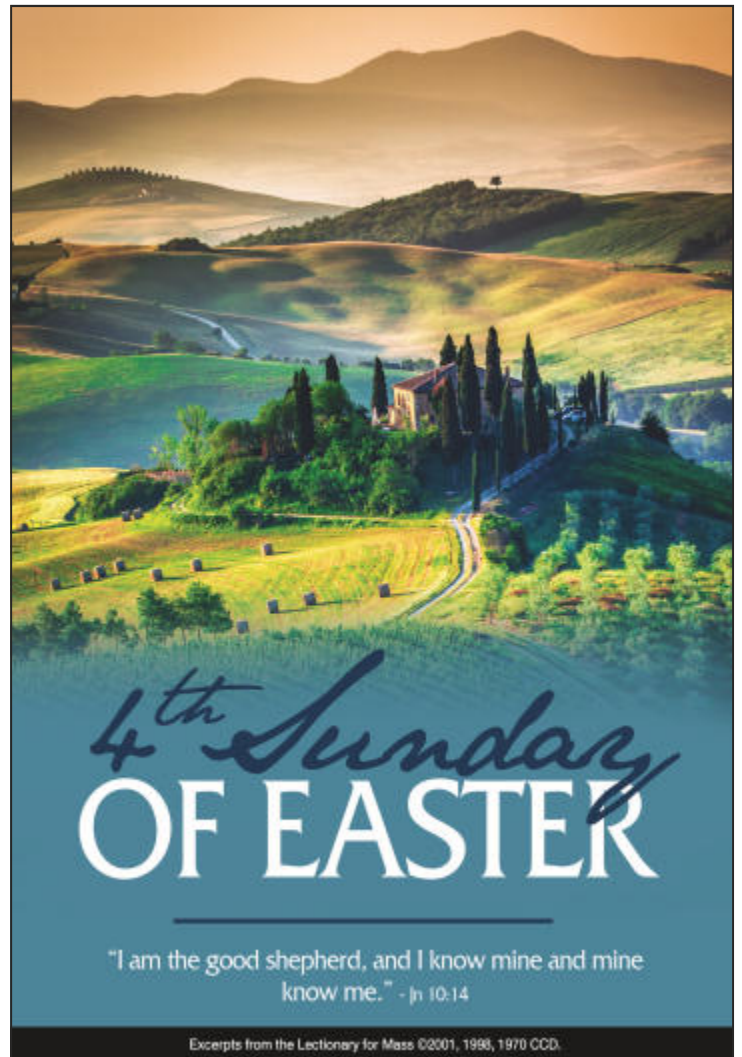
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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. I am very glad to report that I will be able to **resume offering Mass at the nursing home in Riceville and at Afton Oaks in Elma**...after over a year since those facilities were closed to the public because of the pandemic. Actually, I've been able to take Holy Communion to those residents in the past few weeks as more and more people are getting vaccinating and the visiting restrictions continue to loosen on a gradual basis. It has been wonderful to see the residents again! At this time, the Colonial Manor residents (Elma) won't be able to take part in the Mass at Afton Oaks; I look forward to the time (may it be soon!) when we can all be together at the Manor like we used to.

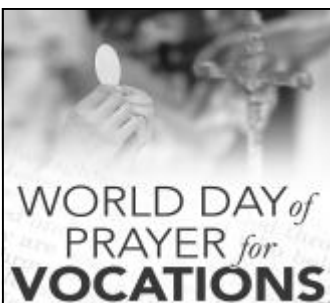
Those Masses will begin in the month of May and will be held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. On May 6 I'll be at Afton Oaks and then on May 13 at the Riceville nursing home...and then alternating between those places on a weekly basis. Unfortunately, those Masses will not be open to outside visitors at this time--I hope that changes soon so that loved ones of the residents can join them for Mass as happened before last year's shutdown. With the resumption of these Masses, there **will no longer be 8 a.m. Mass in Elma on Thursday beginning in May.**

Please continue to pray daily for an end to the pandemic, for the recovery of all who are ill, for consolation and peace for those mourning the death of loved ones, and for the wise and prudent resumption of public ministries and activities.

2. To the members of St. Peter's in New Haven and those who knew Jerry Hemrich who grew up in that area: his family wants to inform you that his funeral and committal service will be held at St. Peter's this coming Saturday, May 1, at 11 a.m. (he died last September at the age of 85). These services are open to the public. Jerry graduated from St. Mary's School and was an insurance agent for many years in Osage; after retiring, he and his wife Karin settled in Fairfield in southeast Iowa. May his soul rest forever in the peace of the risen Christ.

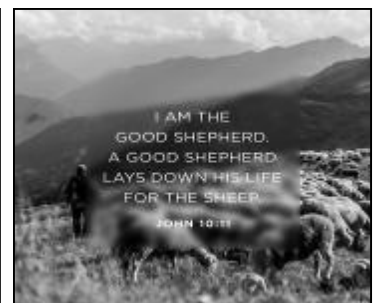
3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" A deacon and his wife invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they finished preparing the meal, the priest asked their son what they were having to eat. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?", the priest asked; "Are you sure about that?" "Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom before you came, 'Today is as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'" Moral of the story: be careful what you say when the kids are around (and even when they're not!).

~Fr. Kopacek



Prayer For Priestly Vocations

Father, in Your plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill Your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for Your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel. Amen.



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 Palmer-sheim, 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 26

Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM

Mon., April 26 (Elma) + Fr. John O'Connor

Tues., April 27 (Elma) + Stan Duffy

Wed., April 28 (Elma) + Raymond & Angeline Rance

Thurs., April 29 (Elma) + Living & Deceased

Members of the Clarence & Geneva Gansen Family

Fri., April 30 (Elma) + Bille Kobliska

Saturday, May 1

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Kathryn O'Brien

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + Mary Lee Geerts

Sunday, May 2

7:15 AM (Elma) + NO MASS

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

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

Readings for the week of April 26, 2021

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

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

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

April 24 - Gary & Julie Swehla

May 1 - Ed & Irene Huegel

May Crowning

May Crowning will be on Saturday, May 1 at St. Bernard.

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 on Thurs., April 29 at 5:00 PM. If you cannot help the day of your circle, you are welcome to come one of the other days. Please wear masks.

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Welcome

We would like to welcome Zachary & Kelsey Byrnes and their children McKinley and Isabella to IC Riceville. We are happy to have them join us.

Rosary Society News

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

May Crowning

May Crowning will be Sunday, May 2 at Riceville.

+ St. Peter +

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our students, Weston Bielefeld, Isaac Hemann, Jovie Howland and Jaxson Walk who made their First Holy Communion, Sunday, April 18 at St. Peter.

May Crowning

May Crowning will be Sunday, May 2 at St. Peter.

The Masses of Ordination

The Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate will take place on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM and the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood will take place on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Both will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. Attendance is by invitation only. Both Masses will be live-streamed and available at www.DBQArch.org/Live-Broadcasts.

ACCW - Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

Women of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, we need your support. All women of the Archdiocese are encouraged to support the ACCW through a sustaining membership of \$10 a year. ACCW sponsors the 'Beauty in Christ women's conference, gives support to seminarians, newly ordained priests and other religious, an annual retreat day and many service projects. Go to dbqarch.org/council-of-catholic-women to fill in a form and pay the \$10 fee online or mail a check (made out to ACCW) for \$10 to Lisa Hemesath, ACCW Treasurer, 1116-240th St. State Center, IA 50247. Your membership includes a quarterly newsletter subscription to 'The Link'.

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.



GOSPEL

Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.

PRAYER

God, help me to always follow Jesus, my good shepherd.



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:11-18

Calendar Events

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/34aprwkr> or visit 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 17/18

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Immaculate Conception - Elma

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On-Line Giving	124.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	705.00
Offertory	192.50
On-Line Giving	105.00

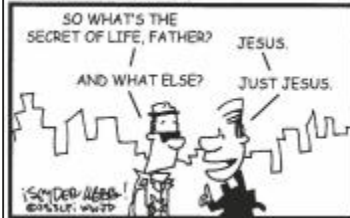
St. Peter - New Haven

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Act of Kindness	93.00
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