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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

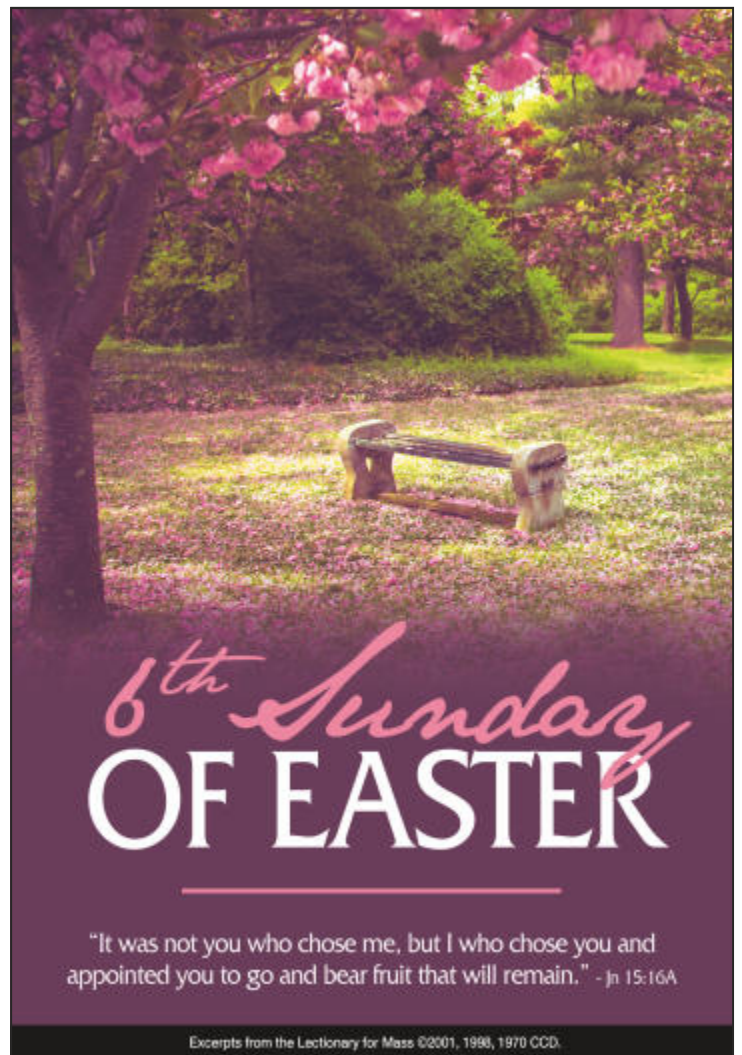
Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

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.



"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and
appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." - Jn 15:16A

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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.

May 9, 2021

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

1. We priests recently received two emails regarding the pandemic from Archbishop Jackels; I want to share highlights with you. First of all, he once again strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated:

"In our fight against COVID, we're close to victory. But some people think it'll be a hard-sell to get those who still aren't vaccinated to join in the fight. So, if you aren't vaccinated against the COVID, and if you're 16 years old and up, and if you don't have a medical reason that prevents you...Please get vaccinated at your earliest convenience, regardless of which vaccine is being offered. "The Catholic Church is in favor of vaccination in general, out of devotion to the common good of public health, and as a way to practice love of neighbor. It is also in favor, or at least not opposed to getting the COVID vaccines, asserting in the strongest terms that getting them is in no way a moral problem."

I do, of course, respect the right of everyone to make this decision for him/herself according to one's own conscience. But I also agree with the archbishop's strong recommendation that everyone be vaccinated; as he also said, "Vaccination is the best way to stop the spread of coronavirus."

2. The archbishop's other email relates to COVID mitigation measures and the reinstatement of the obligation to participate in Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. Archbishop Jackels has consulted with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, the priest council, and many others, asking for their input about such things. He received their strong consensus that the local pastors should be allowed to decide the details of local mitigation efforts while being mindful of recommendations from public health officials. There was also a strong consensus that the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Day Masses should be lifted--that is, that obligation should be reinstated. Archbishop Jackels has accepted those recommendations, in his words:

"Therefore, starting on 5-6 June 2021, the proverbial buck will stop with the Pastor...about which COVID safety measures to practice, in consultation with staff and pastoral council, and in keeping with local ordinances. Also on 5-6 June 2021, the dispensation will expire that excused Catholics in the archdiocese of Dubuque from participating at Sunday Mass in church."

This is obviously a very important moment in the life of the Church in our archdiocese, and I am personally very grateful to the archbishop for his decision...and I told him so. Obviously, the pandemic is still with us, and we need to treat it with all needed caution and prudence. But it is also obvious that much progress has been made in responding to the pandemic challenge on many fronts, and we can continue to move forward--cautiously, yes, but courageously as well.

Regarding the reinstatement of the Sunday/Holy Day obligation: be mindful of the fact that (again in the archbishop's words): "Catholics can still legitimately excuse themselves from Sunday Mass if they're afraid of getting COVID or if...frail from age or illness, or caring for someone sick, homebound, or an infant, or weather makes driving hazardous, or work and Mass schedules conflict." In other words, the Mass obligation is certainly a serious one and not to be lightly disregarded: "I stayed out too late Saturday night and wanted to sleep in on Sunday" doesn't qualify

I will be scheduling as soon as possible a meeting of the Holy Rosary Pastoral Council to discuss these matters in some detail. Be assured that I will keep you informed as these matters are decided. And please continue to pray daily for an end to the pandemic, for the recovery of all who suffer from it (and for all the sick), and for their families and caregivers.

3. "Don't Forget to Laugh!" On this Mother's Day weekend, I couldn't resist sharing this from a Reader's Digest collection: "My older son loves school, but his younger brother absolutely hates it. One weekend he cried and fretted and tried every excuse not to go back on Monday...At the end of my rope, I finally...explained: 'Honey, it's a law. If you don't go to school, they'll put Mommy in jail.' He looked at me, thought a moment, then asked, 'How long would you have to stay?'"

God's special blessing and grace to all moms, living and deceased, and our thanks and deepest gratitude to them for all they have done and continue to do for us! ~Fr. Kopacek

Pray For Those in Need

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

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 May 10

Monday, May 10

St. Damien-Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 15:26-16:4
8:00 AM (Elma) + Gary Gossman

Tuesday, May 11

Easter Weekday-Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Jn 16:5-11
8:00 AM (Elma) + Eleanor Burke

Wednesday, May 12

St. Nereus & St. Achilleus-Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2,
11-14/Jn 16:12-15

8:00 AM (Elma) + Anton & Margaret Trca - Intention

Thursday, May 13

Ascension of the Lord-Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20
10:00AM(Riceville Care Center)+Nicholas & Mary Kolbet

Friday, May 14

St. Matthias - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17
8:00 AM (Elma) + Marilyn Kiernan

Saturday, May 15

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

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Lavern Zobeck

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + For the People

Sunday, May 16

Pentecost Sunday-Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/
Mk 16:15-20

7:15 AM (Elma) + Bob & Jenny Grover

9:00 AM (Riceville) + Mary M. Finley

10:45 AM (New Haven) + **NO MASS**

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, May 11 at Lourdes from 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM, Benediction at 6:00 PM. Fr. Kopacek will be available for confessions during the Holy Hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.



+ Lourdes +

Rosary Society News

OLL Rosary Society will have a meeting on Wed., May 19 at 5:00 PM in the church hall.

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

May 8 - Tony & Deann Meirick

May 15 - Mildred Brus

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Katherine 'Kate' White family. Kate's interment was held on Saturday, May 1 at St. Bernard Calvary Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with the annual cleaning in church. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Church Cleaners

Dawn Shackleton and Janell Swehla are church cleaners the week of May 9th.

+ Immaculate Conception-Elma +

May Crowning

May Crowning will be Sunday, May 9 at the 7:15 AM Mass.

Rolls After Mass

The Immaculate Conception Rosary Society will be handing out cinnamon rolls after Mass on Sunday, May 9 in honor of Mother's Day.

+ St. Peter +

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Jerome "Jerry" Hemrich family. Jerry's Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, May 1 at St. Peter, New Haven. May he rest in peace.

+ Knights of Columbus +

KC Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will have a meeting, Thurs., May 20, 7:30 PM in IC Elma Church Hall.

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'.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



6th Sunday of Easter • John 15:9-17

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Calendar Events

90 Faces of Hope Video Series

Join us in celebrating the 90th anniversary of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is hosting a virtual prayer service on June 8th, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Join us for prayer with Archbishop Jackels and a brief presentation of our 90 Faces of Hope video series.

This video series includes clients, staff, and volunteers sharing their experiences with Catholic Charities throughout the years. Our services have impacted tens of thousands of lives in the past 90 years and we are excited to share their stories!

Go to **YouTube** and type in "90 Faces of Hope", several videos will be available with speakers presenting stories about Catholic Charities and all their good works.


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St. Bernard - Alta Vista

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Offertory	28.50
On-Line Giving	10.00

Immaculate Conception - Elma (NO MASS)

Budget Envelopes	623.00
On-Line Giving	191.00

Immaculate Conception - Riceville

Budget Envelopes	1,160.00
Offertory	53.00
On-Line Giving	175.00

St. Peter - New Haven

Budget Envelopes	130.00
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