

In Christ Alone



Lent 2022

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***Third
Sunday
in Lent***

March 20, 2022

Worship This Week

Monday, March 21

Rdgs: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John's day off)

4:30 p.m. Adoration (St. Patrick)

5:15 p.m. Stations (St. Patrick)

Tuesday, March 22

Rdgs: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35

8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Patrick)

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart)

Myron, Susan & Sabrina Nagel †

4:30 p.m. Adoration (Sacred Heart)

5:15 p.m. Stations (Sacred Heart)

Wednesday, March 23

St. Turibus of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Rdgs: Dt 4:1-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19



7:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)

Jim & Kathy Funke †

6:30 p.m. Emmaus Pastorate Lenten Mission (St. Joseph)

"Why Catholic?"

Thursday, March 24

Rdgs: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23



8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)

Eleanor Maas †

4:30 p.m. Adoration (St. Mary)

4:30 p.m. Adoration (St. Mark)

5:15 p.m. Stations (St. Mary)

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6:30 p.m. Liturgical Ministry Workshop (St. Patrick)

Friday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Rdgs: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38



8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)

Allene Matt †

4:30 p.m. Adoration (St. Joseph)

5:15 p.m. Stations (St. Joseph)

Saturday, March 26—Lent 4

Rdgs: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

4:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)

Ben & Lee Zuercher †

6:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)

Schmelzer Family †

Sunday, March 27—Lent 4

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Rdgs: Jos 5:9, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart)

Jennie Polkow Haight †



10:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)

For the People

Thank You to Rob & Anette Meyers, Dunkerton, live-stream and KMCH 94.7 FM radio sponsors for Sunday, March 27.

Salt for the Weak



It was Rabbi Harold Kushner's groundbreaking book, "*When Bad Things Happen to Good People*," that attempted to explain ways of looking at both God and fate. Using the biblical Book of Job, Kushner reflected on the

God "whose rain falls on the just and the unjust." How about you? Do you believe that bad things happen to people because they deserve it? Or that you deserve it? It was this kind of thinking that Jesus addressed in the gospel from this weekend—but instead of talking about whether or not someone deserved something bad to happen, He focused on repentance.

No matter how bad a situation might be, living a life with little or no repentance will be worse. And to illustrate this, Jesus uses the example of a fig tree which bears no fruit. You and I are fig trees—and our sole purpose in the mind of the Master Gardener—is to bear good fruit, fruit that will last. Life prunes and cultivates and fertilizes (!) us so that we will bear fruit unto life eternal. And part of our pruning is inevitably recognizing, owning and repenting of our fruitless ways of living. Our annual Lenten retreat helps us to focus not on someone else who deserves what, but what we deserve for not repenting of our spiritually barren lives. Let's pray for each other these days, that we are rooted *In Christ Alone*.

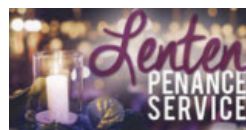
LENT III March 20

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15—The burning bush was not consumed

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12—Whoever thinks he is secure should take care

Lk 13:1-9—If you do not repent you will perish

- Repent. What does it mean? What did it mean in the Gospel? What does it mean now? What does it mean to you personally in your life?
- Why was the fig tree destined to be cut down in the Gospel? What does that mean for us—practically?



PLAN NOW to Participate in the Celebration of Reconciliation with the Emmaus Pastorate Lenten

Confessions, Wednesday April 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Saint Mark Church. Special free-will offering meal (Beef Stroganoff!) and ham sandwiches will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Several priests will be serving as confessors in order that you might prepare spiritually to celebrate the Easter mysteries. Please assist others in giving rides to those in need.

Prayer Requests—In an effort to keep this list up-to-date, names will be left on for 30 days.

St. Mary

Luke Baade
Bonnie Hayes
Marlene Olinger
Dean Tucker

St. Joseph

Dan Collins
Dave Dennler
Rachel Engelhardt
Irene Evans
Jerry Kessler
Emma Parker
Ray Piorkowski
Pat Roach
Abby Samuelson
Bob White
Becky Wilke

Sacred Heart

Randei McTaggart
Anna Mae Shea
Mary Schaefer

St. Mark

Glady Felton
Zach Fisher
Annette Hoffman
Josephine Hunt
Lou Ann Hunt
Al Kruse
Bob Mescher
Kara Schechtman
Donna (Wilson) Sewick
Jan Tschirgi

St. Patrick

Mark Brown
Jean VonHandorf
Jerry Vorwald
Shirley Waterman



Emmaus Pastorate Prayer Chain Ministry is available to pray for any needs you or someone you know may have. Call your parish representative to be placed on the Prayer Chain list. Your intention remains private.

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The minds and hearts of many people are on THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



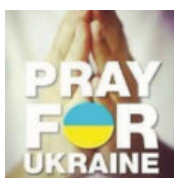
PLEASE come together for a special ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

3:00 p.m.

**Saint Mary Church
Strawberry Point, Iowa**

Invite anyone and everyone. Make this your Lenten sacrifice for the week.



Caring for Our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine—As we watch the tragic situation unfold in Ukraine, many people are seeking ways to help those fleeing violence. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Caritas

Ukraine are in Ukraine helping displaced individuals and families. They are on the ground providing relief services such as food kitchens, transportation assistance, and evacuation centers where individuals can eat, rest, and receive psychological support. Go to Catholic Relief Services (crs.org) to make a donation to CRS and to learn more about how CRS is providing relief services for displaced individuals through Caritas Ukraine's 17 diocesan offices. Please continue to pray for peace for all those displaced and suffering around the world.

The Grief Support Group Committee has set March 22 as the beginning of the spring meetings. The Support Group is for help and encouragement



after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Saint Joseph Parish Center (330 1st St. SW, Elkader). The class will meet for 11 weeks until May 31. Call any of the committee members to register: Dianne Fette (**563-880-9847**); Kandi DeShaw (**608-306-2558**) or Fran Zichal (**563-880-0873**).

The Archdiocesan Adult Faith Formation office is introducing a new initiative, *The Institute of the Transfiguration*. This will provide an opportunity for deepening the spiritual lives of Catholics in the Archdiocese and also training men and women in the charism and ministry of Spiritual Direction. This two-year training program is especially for priests, deacons and their wives, faith formation leaders, pastoral associates, other parish staff, and alumni of the Lay Formation and IMPACT programs. The first program is slated to begin in the fall of 2022 in Cedar Rapids. The official application process will open on April 1. To learn more, visit www.dbqarch.org/spiritual-director-training or contact Matt Selby (563-556-2580, ext. 233 or msselby@dbqarch.org).



ATTENTION ALL PARISH COMMITTEES—As a courtesy, please remember to discuss ANY parish activities with your Pastoral Council at least two months before your event. This will allow time to review schedules and avoid conflicts with other committees, in addition to making sure facilities and any licenses are ready in time. Contact a Council member to get on the agenda. Council meetings for each parish are listed below.

Council meetings during ODD months are held at the Parish according to the following schedule:

- St Patrick—2nd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- St Mark—1st Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- St Joseph—2nd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- St Mary—4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Sacred Heart—3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

In EVEN Months, Pastoral Councils meet together on the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at various locations across the Pastorate. Individual Councils meet before or after according to their choice:

- April 26—St Patrick, Colesburg
- June 28—St Joseph, Elkader
- August 23—St Mary, Strawberry Point
- October 25—Sacred Heart, Volga
- December 27—St Patrick, Colesburg



Special Prayers for Pope Francis as he has had to cancel several public prayers and meetings due to severe pain in his knee. May the Divine physician grant him relief and restoration.

SYNODALITY in the Emmaus Pastorate—Thank you! To all who took the time and concern to fill out the synod survey for the Archdiocese and the universal Church. The surveys are being processed now and there will be a report sent back to the Pastorate on the parish responses. As we mentioned, “synod” refers to “walking together”—and one of the best ways we do that is through listening to one another—especially to those with whom we do not share the same opinions or even those with whom we radically disagree! Running away, or avoidance is easier but very destructive to the process of synod and of Church. Dialogue, rather than agreement, is a hallmark of the Christian way of life. Look at the life of Christ! The people He sought out, spent time with and called others to serve and love were precisely those who did not share His way of thinking, His values or way of life. These were the people Jesus pursued!

“Synodality” is central to the Mission statement of the Emmaus Pastorate: *“Being church by journeying together on the path to Christ.”* Any family who has ever traveled together for a vacation or extended trip knows the pitfalls of journeying together. Everyone has differing needs for potty breaks, hunger, temperature, sight-seeing, favorite music, and the like. Why do we think that Church could be any different?

As we slowly emerge from our COVID cocoons let us get “back in the saddle” of conversations, of getting together, and of “being church.” Let’s try to do a better job of walking together—either slowing down for some, or speeding to catch up with others— but, most importantly, walking together. We pray and beg the guidance of the Holy Spirit on our individual parishes, on the Emmaus Pastorate, the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and the Universal Church, that we together build up the Body of Christ here on earth.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to~

- ◆ Bruce and Ellen Collins on the death of their grandson, Joshua Collins, who passed away on February 27 in Texas.
- ◆ Verna and Vesse Klostermann on the death of Verna’s sister, Mary Milligan, who passed away on February 28 in Dubuque.
- ◆ Dan and Nancy Hayes, Nick and JoAnn Hayes, Bill and Bonnie Hayes, and Tom Hayes on the death of Dan, Nick, Bill, and Tom’s sister, Sue Hayes-Drayer, who passed away on March 6 in Kansas City Missouri.

Weekly Tithing Reports
Parishes of the Emmaus Pastorate
March 19-20

St. Mark, Edgewood

Budget	\$1,194.00
ACH	\$288.00
Offertory.....	\$288.00
Building Fund	\$110.00
Total Received	\$1,880.00

St. Joseph, Elkader

Budget	\$2,371.00
Offertory.....	\$199.00
Ash Wednesday	\$100.00
Total Received	\$2,670.00

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Budget	\$780.00
ACH	\$10.00
Offertory.....	\$99.00
Energy	\$25.00
Social Concerns	\$25.00
Total Received	\$939.00

Sacred Heart, Volga

Budget	\$2,305.00
Offertory.....	\$122.00
Youth	\$4.00
Ash Wednesday	\$35.00
Maintenance Fund	\$50.00
Total Received	\$2,516.00

EVERY PARISH would welcome new members who would like to serve the community as Lectors to proclaim God's Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to distribute the Body of Christ and Hospitality Ministers to greet, welcome and assist guests and parishioners who come to our churches for Mass. If you would like to find out what is involved, or to join one of the special ministries, simply attend one of the upcoming five Liturgical Ministry Training Nights, held on the Thursdays of Lent.



Dates and Locations for Remaining Liturgical Ministry Workshops

Thursday, March 31—St. Joseph
Thursday, April 7—St. Mary
All workshops begin at 6:30 p.m.

Pastorate Finance Committee, Meeting, March 22, at 6:30 in St Mary Upper Room.



PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Upcoming Pastorate/Parish Meetings
Monday, March 21

- ♦ St. Joseph Finance Committee, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22

- ♦ Pastorate Finance Meeting, St. Mary, 6:30 p.m.

Triduum



Emmaus Pastorate Triduum and Easter Sunday Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Elkader

Good Friday, April 15

7:00 p.m., St. Mary Church, Strawberry Point

Holy Saturday, April 16

8:00 p.m., St. Mark Church, Edgewood

Easter Sunday, April 17

8:00 a.m.—St. Patrick

8:00 a.m.—Sacred Heart

8:00 a.m.—S. Mary

10:00 a.m.—St. Mark

10:00 a.m.—St. Joseph



YOUR BAPTISM empowers you to evangelize! Sharing and spreading the faith is foundational in the life of a Christian! All of us travel in different circles and have varying opportunities to witness to the faith.

Most commonly, this happens by being a good person who cares for others. Other opportunities are lending an ear in times of trouble, asking if you can pray for them and their intention, and sometimes encouraging them to talk with a priest. The Emmaus Pastorate offers multiple ways to engage and evangelize others through our online and media presence.

Each and every week daily Mass is livestreamed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Father John has a mid-week message online (**vibrantcatholic.com**) posted on Wednesdays. Sunday weekend worship is livestreamed at 10:00 a.m. and our Mass and message is on KMCH Radio 94.7 FM at 11:00 a.m. Sunday as well. And the best way is ask someone to join you for worship—or better yet, give them a ride and then go out to eat afterwards. Invite, share, and help others be a “part.” That’s one of the ways you can “Be Church!”



FINAL MISSION NIGHT!
“Why Catholic?”

Don't miss this last evening of Anthony Digmann as he shares with us the beauty of the Roman Catholic faith! Make it a night by coming to PRE-MISSION MEAL, hosted by Saint Joseph Parish, starting at 5:00 p.m.! Friends, fellowship, faith and food—WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT! See you Wednesday night!



Praying Short Invocations—The Church retains an ancient tradition of praying short invocations throughout the day to keep our minds and hearts fixed

on God. This is an especially good and holy practice to try during the season of Lent. Lent is a long season, and at times we may find ourselves not being attentive to its spirit, busying ourselves about many other things. One way to combat this temptation is to pray short invocations that can bring us back to God.

Here are seven such prayers that the Church proposes for us during Lent.

- 1 LORD JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.
- 2 MOTHER OF SORROWS, PRAY FOR US.
- 3 HAIL, O CROSS, OUR ONLY HOPE.
- 4 FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS, I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.
- 5 WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU; BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.
- 6 O HEART OF JESUS, BURNING WITH LOVE FOR US, INFLAME OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE FOR YOU.
- 7 O HEART OF JESUS, I PLACE MY TRUST IN YOU.

Good Wishes to Rachel Engelhardt—If you would like to send a get well and/or birthday card to Rachel (her 96th birthday was March 15 and she is recovering from recent surgery), send it to Rachael Engelhardt, c/o Diane Engelhardt, 1067 Juniper Dr. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

Thank You to everyone who helped make the St. Patrick fish fry on March 11 a success—all who helped serve and cook and everyone who came and helped support our parish. We are very blessed to have such great support and help at our events. The students did a FANTASTIC job and everyone enjoyed seeing our young people take part in the event.

St. Joseph collected 159 pounds of food for the Clayton County Food Shelf on March 5. Cash donations amounted to \$302.75. Thank you for your continued generous support of this ministry.

For the week of March 19, St. Joseph lights the Candles for Kathleen Sullivan.

Sacred Heart is still looking for someone to help with decorating and also to lead our fellowship. Please contact Theresa Palas or Mary Jo Fettkether.

Quilt Tying Invitational—April 4, 9:00 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Elkader. Lunch and coffee breaks provided. Help tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

St. Mark M.I.A.-- Missing in Action...The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph will be away on “retreat” for a short period. The same firm that did our Crucifix (and Petersburg Church) will be repairing a break in Joseph and touching up both statues. Also, the little one of John the Baptist and Jesus (by the Holy Water tank) will be redone in color instead of gold spray paint. We are grateful to Jay Funke and Family who are taking care of this as a memorial to Jim and Kathy.

St. Joseph Parish Life—Please join us for our last Parish Life meeting until next fall. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, in the Parish Hall. This is a great time to share ideas on what we can do for others in our community, state, country, and world.

Reminder to Plan Ahead—Next September St. Joseph Social Justice will be collecting hats and mittens so watch the sales this spring for these items.

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