

# *In Christ Alone*



*Lent 2022*

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***Fourth  
Sunday  
in Lent***

***March 27, 2022***

## Worship This Week

### Monday, March 28

Rdgs: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54

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

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

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

### Tuesday, March 29

Rdgs: Ez 47:1-12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16

**8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Patrick)**

Jack Goebel †

**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (Sacred Heart)**

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

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

### Wednesday, March 30

Rdgs: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30

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

Lester & Marian Gudenkauf †

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

**5:15 p.m. Stations (St. Mark)**

### Thursday, March 31

Rdgs: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47

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

Jack Fridley †

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

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

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

### Friday, April 1

Rdgs: Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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

Mary Clark †

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

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

### Saturday, April 2—Lent 5

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Rdgs: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53

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

Kathleen Neylan †

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

For the People

### Sunday, April 3—Lent 5

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Rdgs: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Patrick)**

Harold & Dottie Maiers †

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

Senior Class of 2021

Thank You to Rob & Anette Meyers, Dunkerton, live-stream and KMCH 94.7 FM radio sponsors for Sunday, April 3.

## Salt for the Weak

Two sons.

Same loving father.

Two very different personalities.

Same loving father.

Two very stupid mistakes.

Same loving father.

Two very different reactions.

Same loving father.

Which one are you?

The selfish, disrespectful one who wants what he wants right now?

(You still have the same loving, forgiving Father.)

Or are you the secretly resentful and angry one, who does all the work, but has a faker face and an even more false "pretend" respect?

(You, too, have the same loving, forgiving Father.)

Thank God we have the same loving, forgiving Father.

Our Father.

Who art in heaven.

Ain't love grand?

### LENT IV March 27

**Josh 5:9s, 10-12—Today I have removed the reproach from Egypt**

**2 Cor 5:17-21—We implore you, be reconciled to God**

**Lk 15:1-3,11-32—The return of the prodigal son**

- "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation—the old things have passed away." What might that mean? Are you afraid of "old things" (parts of your life) passing away? What would you LIKE to change?
- How do you feel about the prodigal FATHER'S actions in the Gospel?
- Of the three persons in the Gospel (father, prodigal son, son who stayed on the farm) with whom do you relate the most? Why?

### Upcoming Pastorate/Parish Meetings Tuesday, April 12

- ♦ St. Mark Finance Meeting, 5:30 p.m.



## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

**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  
Kathy Kirkpatrick  
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 Schaefers

**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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Dorothy Roling 563-856-4655

**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.**

**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.



**On Friday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, Pope Francis consecrated Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We include the full text of his prayer for you to use.**



O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.

O Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world. O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

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## The Consecration of Ukraine and Russia

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Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (Jn 19:26.) In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "Fiat," on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope," water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

### 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.

**The Final Liturgical Ministry Workshop** will be held on Thursday, April 7, at St. Mary. The workshop begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Welcome New Parishioners~

- ♦ St. Mark is pleased to welcome Jed and Dana Kopren and their children as new parishioners.
- ♦ St. Mark is pleased to welcome Richard and Ruth Welch as new parishioners.
- ♦ St. Mary is pleased to welcome Andrew and Danielle Brachman and their children, William, Jacob, and Charlotte as new parishioners.



**Do you know what your Pastoral Council does?** 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—2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- St Mark—1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- St Joseph—2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- St Mary—4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Sacred Heart—4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

### (Please note the change of day for Sacred Heart)

In EVEN Months, Pastoral Councils meet together on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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



**The Grief Committee** began its spring meetings on March 22. They will continue for the next 11 Tuesdays, ending on May 31. The meetings will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Saint Joseph Parish Center (330 1<sup>st</sup> St. SW, Elkader). The Support Group is for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Call any of the committee members for information or to register: Dianne Fette **(563-880-9847)**; Kandi DeShaw **(608-306-2558)** or Fran Zichal **(563-880-0873)**.



**Weekly Tithing Reports**  
**Parishes of the Emmaus Pastorate**  
**March 26-27**

**St. Patrick, Colesburg**

Budget .....	\$638.00
ACH .....	\$350.00
Offertory .....	\$113.40
Building Fund .....	\$40.00
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$1,141.40</b>

**St. Mark, Edgewood**

Budget .....	\$2,012.00
ACH .....	\$2,173.00
Pay It Forward .....	\$488.00
Building Fund .....	\$310.00
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$4,983.00</b>

**St. Joseph, Elkader**

Budget .....	\$2,067.00
Offertory .....	\$228.00
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$2,295.00</b>

**St. Mary, Strawberry Point**

Budget .....	\$1,290.00
ACH .....	\$355.00
Offertory .....	\$84.00
Improvement Fund .....	\$80.00
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$1,809.00</b>



**EMMAUS PASTORATE EVANGELIZES!** 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!”

**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.

**Our Sympathy and Prayers to~**

- ◆ Donna and Darrell Rosburg and David and Robin Adams and families on the death of Donna and David’s father, Harvey Adams, who passed away in Independence, Iowa, on March 17.
- ◆ Ian and Kristi Moeller and family on the death of Ian’s grandfather, Miles Leonard, who passed away on March 13 in Independence, Iowa.

**Triduum**



**Emmaus Pastorate Triduum and Easter Sunday Schedule**

**Emmaus Pastorate Holy Thursday, April 14**  
 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Elkader

**Emmaus Pastorate Good Friday, April 15**  
 7:00 p.m., St. Mary Church, Strawberry Point

**Emmaus Pastorate Holy Saturday, April 16**  
 8:00 p.m., St. Mark Church, Edgewood

**Easter Sunday in the Emmaus Pastorate**  
**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

**Please pray for our Nation!**

### St. Mark First Eucharist Retreat—

Please pray for the St. Mark second graders as they will be coming together for their First Eucharist Retreat on Sunday, April 3. During Mass that day, they will present a loaf of bread to a prayer partner they choose who will pray for them during their journey to the First Eucharist. They will receive First Eucharist on Sunday, April 24, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



### Spring Church Cleaning in Emmaus Pastorate Parishes—

**St. Mark**—April 2 at 8:00 a.m. we will be giving the interior of the church a thorough cleaning. We will have all the supplies needed. Children are welcome.

**Sacred Heart** will be cleaning the church for spring on April 2 at 8:30 a.m. Many hands make light work!

**St. Mary** will be doing the annual spring cleaning of the church on Saturday, April 2, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Bring your favorite bucket. Rags and cleaners will be provided. With lots of helping hands, we will be done by noon. Lunch will be provided. Let's get 'er done! Any questions, call Deb Recker (563-920-6609)

### Palm Sunday/Easter Decorating—

**St. Mark** will be changing the environment (decorating) for Palm Sunday on April 9. and on April 15 for Holy Saturday and Easter. We will start at 8:00 a.m. both days. Thank you in advance for your help. It takes many people to get the church ready for these celebrations.



**For the week of March 26, St. Joseph lights the Candles** for Jack and Bev Stence and for Marvin and Sandy Whittle.



**Easter Flowers**—Anyone wishing to donate flowers for Easter at St. Mark is welcome to do so. You can purchase one yourself or put money in an envelope, mark it flowers, and put it in the collection. Different kinds of spring flowers are

welcome. Please bring flowers to church on Friday or Saturday, April 15 or 16. Thank you.

**Sacred Heart** is still looking for someone to help with seasonal and holiday environment (decorating) and also to lead our fellowship. Please contact Theresa Palas (563-880-1049) or Mary Jo Fettkether (563-880-0077).

**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.

**Thanks to the St. Joseph St. Joan of Arc Circle** for the delicious spaghetti supper served before the final night of Anthony Digmann's mission presentation on March 23. Thanks also to all who attended the supper and donated to the Catholic Relief Services for the people of Ukraine.

**St. Joseph Easter Flowers**—Help us create a beautiful church environment this Easter by donating flowers in memory of the loved ones you would like to remember. Envelopes are available in the back of church. Write your loved one's names in the designated place on the envelope and place it in the offertory basket. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church. The names of all our loved ones will be listed in one of the weekly bulletins during the Easter season.



**Lenten Confessions Before Easter—Emmaus Pastorate Reconciliation** will be held April 6 at Saint Mark. A fruitful celebration of Confession (Reconciliation) centers on examining your conscience. Because this is hard to do alone, examination sheets are available in the back of every church for you to take. A thoughtful examination of conscience will surface patterns and areas to take to the Lord for healing and insight. Pick up your EXAMINATION of CONSCIENCE SHEET today.

**Save the Date**—Sacred Heart community picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11. We will be needing people to take on various jobs, such as food, drinks, games, publicity, auction, country store, set up and tear down, to make the picnic a success! We will be having a live auction so we will be looking for items to auction off. This year we will have a Country Store so start thinking of things you can craft, bake, can and donate with funds going to Sacred Heart.



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