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Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 2022

Worship This Week

Monday. April 4 St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of Church, Patron of Farmers Rdgs: Dn 13:1-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:12-20 No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John's day off) 4:30 p.m. Adoration (St. Patrick) 5:15 p.m. Stations (St. Patrick) Tuesday, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest Rdgs: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30 8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Patrick) 8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart) Greg & Mary Eischeid † 4:30 p.m. Adoration (Sacred Heart) 5:15 p.m. Stations (Sacred Heart) Wednesday, April 6 Rdgs: Dn 3:14-20, 91-95; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42 7:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark) 🗀 LIVE Tony Helle † 6:00 p.m. Lenten Pastorate **Reconciliation (St. Mark) Thursday, Apri 7** Rdgs: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59 8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mary) 🗀 LIVE / Eleanor Maas † 4:30 p.m. Adoration (St. Mary) 5:15 p.m. Stations (St. Mary) 6:30 p.m. Liturgical Ministry Workshop (St. Mary) Friday, April 8 Rdgs: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42 8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph) 🗀 LIVE / Delores Mangan † 4:30 p.m. Adoration (St. Joseph) 5:15 p.m. Stations (St. Joseph)) Saturday, April 9—Palm Sunday Rdgs: Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-12' Jn 11:45-56 4:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph Anna Hurley † 6:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Mary) Father Thomas McAndrew † Sunday, April 10—Palm Sunday Rdgs: Lk 19:28-40/; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart) For the People 10:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark) LIVE / Fred & Sandy Ries † Thank You to Brenda and Michael Landwehr, Guttenberg, live-stream and KMCH 94.7 FM radio sponsors for Sunday, April 10.

Upcoming Pastorate/Parish Meetings Tuesday, April 12

• St. Mark Finance Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Salt for the Weak



"Let the one without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

The account of the woman caught in adultery should have been a slam dunk. There were two witnesses to the

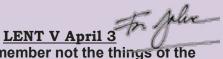
crime and the law was clear about the punishment, but the one who was really on trial was Jesus! This was one of those "damned-if-youdo and damned-if you-don't" situations. Yet, Jesus took the whole "sin thing" to another, more personal level:

Let the one without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

One by one, the whole crowd- including the two "witnesses" (How does one "witness" the act of adultery anyway?) all went away.

What about us? We've heard Jesus' injunction against making judgement on others, but we still are quick to jump in. Especially when we have the "facts," we find ourselves quickly delivering both judgement and penalty, as if it was our job. But it is not our job. And Jesus' response to the woman sums it up: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore." These are very important words of Jesus to remember as we prepare for upcoming Lenten confessions.

We pray that we more readily encourage those in trouble, instead of condemning them.



Is 43:16-21 Remember not the things of the past

Phil 3:8-14 I continue my pursuit of the goal Jn 8:1-11 Has no one condemned you?

- "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit towards the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." What is an area in your life that you can apply this passage to?
- Comment on the Gospel passage of the woman caught in adultery... what touches your heart/ Why?
- Do you believe God condemns?
- Do you believe everyone will go to heaven
- What is the teaching from this Gospel?



PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



WHAT ABOUT THAT SYNOD SURVEY? Last Friday we received an initial report from the Archdiocese of Dubuque concerning the SYNOD SURVEY.

We wanted to pass along the news of this great response, as they take on processing the mountain of information. Note that the average percentage of the Archdiocese was 21%, which the Emmaus Pastorate parishes surpassed with flying colors! Thank you for your interest and concern as we look to the future of faith in these 450 square miles that we call "home."

Emmaus Pastorate Results

Sacred Heart/Volga—40 returned (56% of registered households) St. Mark/Edgewood—152 returned (52% of registered households) St. Joseph/Elkader—116 returned (42% of registered households) St. Patrick/Colesburg—38 returned (40% of registered households) St. Mary/Strawberry Point—46 returned (28% of registered households)

We had 15,577 lay surveys returned which represents 21% of all registered households in the archdiocese. In addition, there were 195 ordained surveys returned (100 deacons, 95 priests), plus 205 from religious communities. There were a total of 15,977 surveys returned. This is an excellent return rate, especially given the length of our survey. This far surpassed what we expected.

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

Zach Fisher Annette Hoffman Josephine Hunt Lou Ann Hunt Al Kruse Bob Mescher

St. Patrick

Mark Brown Jean VonHandorf Jerry Vorwald Shirley Waterman

THIS WEEK—the Celebration of Reconciliation with the Emmaus Pastorate Lenten

Confessions will take place on 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.

Emmaus Pastorate Prayer

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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Deb Schloss	563-920-8263	
Sacred Heart Parish		
Mary Jo Fettkether	563-880-0077	
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Dorothy Roling	563-856-4655	

Our Sympathy and Prayers to~

- John and Peggy Tucker, Mary and Terry Knickerbocker, and Mark and Becky Tucker on the death of John, Mary, and Mark's mother, Jeanine Tucker, who passed away on March 25, in Manchester.
- Rozann and Bill Dallenbach on the death of Rozann's mother, Mary Esther Thole Koch, who passed away on March 23, in Edgewood.
- The family of Father Loras Otting, a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, who passed away on March 23 in Dubuque.

Dubuque Archdiocesan Men's Conference—

Thanks to the men who attended the satellite location of the Archdiocesan Men's Conference on March 19! We had a small but solid group who really enjoyed the presentations and Mass with Archbishop Jackels. Thanks also to St. Joseph Parish Life for catering the delicious lunch!! Watch for details on next year's conference!



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



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.



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—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—4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

(Please note the change of day for Sacred Heart) 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

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

St. Mark, Edgewood

Budget	\$1,038.00
АСН	\$288.00
Offertory	
Building Fund	\$2.010.00
Total Received	\$3,715.00

St. Joseph, Elkader

Budget	\$2,795.00
March ACH	
Offertory	
Easter Flowers	
Total Received	
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St. Mary, Strawberry Point

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Budget	\$1,140.00
АСН	\$120.00
Offertory	
Energy	\$200.00
Total Received	\$1.568.00
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Sacred Heart, Volga

\$1,738.00
\$200.00
\$550.00
\$2.00
\$100.00
\$84.00
\$2,674.00

Have you heard about the changes recently announced at the Vatican?

The new plan, a 54-page document issued Saturday (March 19), is titled "Praedicate Evangelium" (Preach the Gospel). It replaces "Pastor Bonus" (Good Pastor), promulgated by St. John Paul II in 1988. It consolidates several offices, opens major roles to laity and urges greater decentralization. "The Roman Curia," the document states, "does not stand between the pope and the bishops, but rather places itself at the service of both in ways that are proper to the nature of each."



The Vatican bureaucracy has always had a reputation for moving at a glacial pace because of bureaucratic inertia and a general opposition to change. Every Vatican bureaucrat has traditionally opposed reform, or any reduction in his responsibilities and power, citing his familiarity with the issues and the likelihood that change will cause catastrophic problems.

Incremental changes have been introduced in the Curia since "Pastor Bonus" in 1988, occasioned by financial and clerical sex abuse scandals. The Congregation for Doctrine of the Faith took on the horrendous task of dealing with the latter, while Pope Benedict XVI agreed to align the Vatican bank with Moneyval's anti-money laundering rules and the Supervisory and Financial Information Authority (ASIF) was created to prevent and counter money laundering. A new Secretariat for the Economy was also created under Pope Francis in 2010 to supervise and strengthen Vatican finances. He also ordered the Secretariat of State to give up control of its investments to APSA, the Vatican's sovereign wealth manager, two years ago.

During his papacy, Francis has also merged offices. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development combined four pontifical councils: Justice and Peace, Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers, and Cor Unum. More mergers are in the latest reform, for instance, the merging of the Council for Promoting the New Evangelization with the Congregation for Evangelization of Peoples. This office is to reflect on "the history of evangelization and mission, especially in their relations with the political, social and cultural events that have marked and conditioned the preaching of the Gospel." It will also help local churches in the "process of inculturating the Good News of Jesus Christ in different cultures and ethnic groups, and helping their evangelization, with particular attention to expressions of popular piety." The creation of the new Dicastery for the Service of Charity reflects Francis' concern for the poor.

Potentially the biggest change in "Praedicate Evangelium" is its opening of top positions in the Vatican to laypeople. This could have monumental impact if truly implemented. Underlying all of these changes are the values Francis has been preaching since the beginning of his papacy: his desire for a more inclusive and listening church that is missionary in outlook. Francis wants a Curia that listens to and serves the whole church in its mission of evangelization and service to the poor. He believes that authority should be more decentralized in the church, which means that bishops' conferences should be taken seriously. If these values become inculturated in the Curia, then his reform will be a success. Francis has tried to reform the culture and organization of the Vatican, but like the church, it should be "semper reformanda" — always reforming.

Excerpted from Thomas Reese, Religion News Service, March 24, 2022



GRIEF SHARE began its spring meetings on March 22. They will continue meeting until May 31. The meetings will be held from 6:30-8:00

p.m. at the Saint Joseph Parish Center (Elkader). The Support Group is for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Remember, anyone is welcome, regardless of denomination. 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).



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!"

Spring Church Cleaning in Emmaus Pastorate Parishes—



St. Joseph Spring Cleaning of Church—On Friday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. we will be cleaning some specific areas of the church. The hot spots are the kneelers and dusting the

station statues. Cleaning supplies will be provided. We are going to need helpers who are able to climb ladders to reach the statues. Please come and help us if you can. Thank you, Karen Koehn

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 April 2, St. Joseph lights the Candles for Darlene Koster



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.

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.



St. Patrick Easter Flowers—If you would like to donate Easter flowers, call Rosalee (563-920-4816) with the names of those you are donating in memory of. Names will be listed in a

bulletin during the Easter season.

Sacred Heart thanks all who donated to and worked for fellowship last weekend; awesome as always!



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.

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.



Holy Land Olive Art will be coming to the Emmaus Pastorate right after Easter, after being cancelled for two years due to COVID. These unique woodcarving help support Catholics and other Christians in the Holy Land. Sales help to provide a more stable income and secure

life to support their families. Generation after generation have taught their children to carve religious figures from Olive wood by hand. For two centuries Catholics have been able to support their families through these sales. But now fewer and fewer pilgrims come now and the bloody conflicts have increased. The Olive tree is an ancient symbol of peace, wisdom, glory, power and pureness. Besides owning something from the Holy Land, these make very fine gifts. Stay tuned for more information about this special upcoming opportunity.



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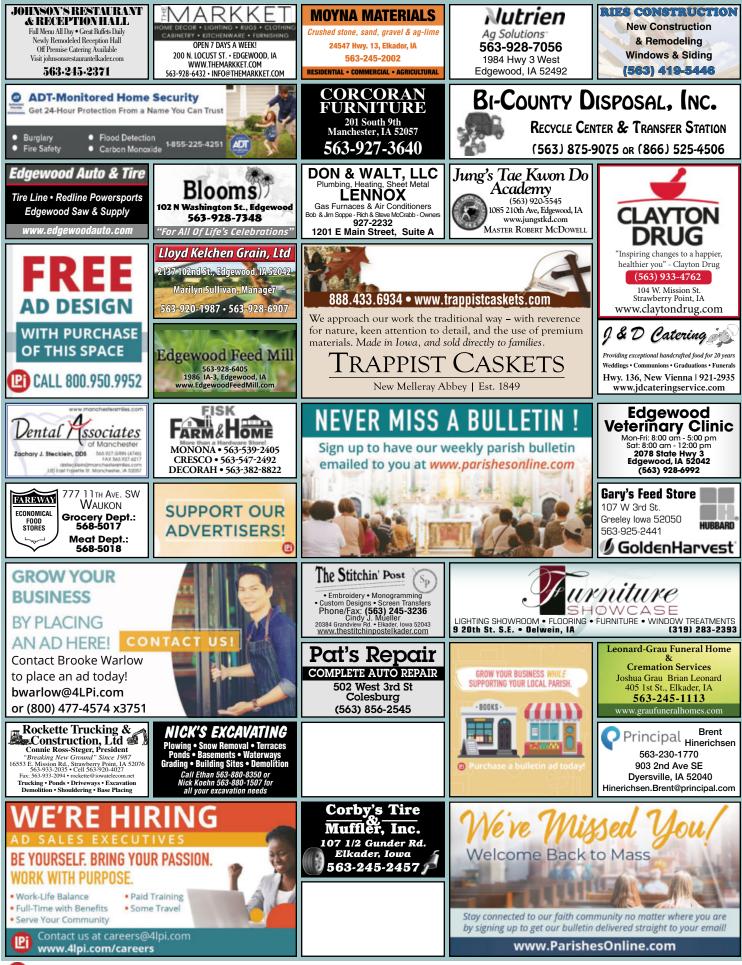
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