

# EASTER SUNDAY

*He is risen*



*~ April 17, 2022 ~The Emmaus Pastorate~*

## Worship This Week

### Monday, April 18

Monday within Octave of Easter  
Rdgs: Acts 2:14-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15  
No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John's day off)

### Tuesday, April 19

Tuesday within Octave of Easter  
Rdgs: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Patrick)**  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (Sacred Heart)**

### Wednesday, April 20

Wednesday within Octave of Easter  
St. Martin, Pope & Martyr  
Rdgs: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35  
**7:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Mark)**

### Thursday, April 21

Thursday within Octave of Easter  
Rdgs: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Mary)**

### Friday, April 22

Friday within Octave of Easter  
Rdgs: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14  
**8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Joseph)**

### Saturday, April 23—Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Word Sunday

Rdgs: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15  
**4:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)**  
**First Eucharist**  
For the People  
**6:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)**  
**First Eucharist**  
James Olinger †

### Sunday, April 24—Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday

Rdgs: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rv 1:9-19; Jn 20:19-31  
**8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart)**  
**First Eucharist**  
Vivian Northrup †  
**10:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)**  
**First Eucharist**  
Father Steve Lundgren



Thank You to Joe and Anna Weigel and family, Manchester, live-stream and KMCH 94.7 FM radio sponsors for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24.



We are an  
Easter People  
and Alleluia  
is our song!

## Salt for the Weak



Welcome and Happy Easter to everyone reading this bulletin. We're thrilled you came to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ with us, here in the Emmaus Pastorate.

But...

Bunnies and eggs. Plastic grass and candy. New shoes and white anklets...

How did all this happen anyways? Many (if not most) of the things we associate with Easter Sunday have little to do with today's reality. Let's recap our Triduum journey from this past week...

- an intimate dinner and prayer with close friends, ending with a somewhat
- awkward moment when Jesus doubles as a servant washing feet
- a betrayal by one of His inner circle
- a brutal condemnation and humiliating walk to death
- a violent, shameful and excruciating death
- absolute desertion by His closest friends and colleagues
- a hasty burial by a stranger in a borrowed tomb
- distraught women finding the tomb empty

Bunnies and eggs? Plastic grass and candy? New shoes and white anklet?

How did all this happen anyways?

Transformation and salvation are hard to explain!

- We still have the intimate dinner in the Eucharist
  - which calls us to be servants/foot-washers of others
  - which empowers us to be peace-makers, putting to death the violence within us as signs of a new kind of life
  - a new life characterized by a friend, Christ who promised an eternal presence
  - so that we do not need to fear death,
- for our tombs one day will be empty as well.

So, celebrate with bunnies and eggs! Plastic grass and candy! New shoes and white anklets..! and anything else which symbolizes the crazy joy and unimaginable peace of the promised Resurrection.

Have a blessed fifty days of Easter!






**ARCHDIOCESE  
of DUBUQUE**

**An Archdiocesan  
Synod Survey  
Update**—Nearly  
16,000 households  
participated in the

Archdiocesan Synod Survey on parish vitality. This far surpassed our expectations. Your honest and constructive input will help map the plan as we work to ensure strong parish vitality in the years to come. Thank you to all those who participated. We are now working to analyze the wealth of information provided by all who participated. A report to the archdiocesan family will be sent to all households later this spring. Please continue to pray for all involved in this important undertaking that the Holy Spirit will direct their work.



**The 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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**Weekly Tithing Reports  
Parishes of the Emmaus Pastorate  
April 9-10**


Because of the early deadline for the Easter bulletin, we were unable to include the Parish Tithing Reports in this week's bulletin. The reports will be included with next week's.

*This is the  
day the  
Lord has  
made;  
let us  
rejoice and  
be glad!*



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

<b>St. Mary</b> Luke Baade Bonnie Hayes Kathy Kirkpatrick Marlene Olinger Dean Tucker	<b>Sacred Heart</b> Randeil McTaggart Anna Mae Shea Mary Schaefers
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*Short Easter Prayer for  
Children*

*God made you  
and God made me,  
He made the world for us to see.  
God loves you and long ago,  
He sent his Son to tell us so.*

*Jesus showed us many things,  
To love and share and dance and sing.  
To learn and pray, to help and care,  
He promised he'd always be there.*

*He died but then came back to life,  
Let's celebrate for he's alive! Amen.*

**Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc.** is hosting its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Dinner on April 29. Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and program to follow. The keynote speaker is Dr. Anthony Levatino, a former abortionist. Come hear his story of what changed his mind, and, ultimately, his life. RSVP by April 18 to the DCRTL office (**563-556-5960**, or email at [dcrtl@dcrtl.org](mailto:dcrtl@dcrtl.org), or online at [dcrtl.org](http://dcrtl.org)). Everyone is invited!

**Notice—The Date for “Introduction to the Bible.” has been set** It will be held at St Mark Parish Center on Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. We are starting with a light supper followed by a discussion on many topics: what Bible to buy?, what book do I begin to read?, how do I find specific readings?, who wrote the Bible and why? To register ,contact Fran Zichal (**563-880-0873**).



# Mass Changes in the Shadow of COVID-19



Let me say that nothing in seminary ever prepared me or any of my confreres for the challenges of a pandemic! Everyone (including me) had their opinions about what should or should not be done. Tensions ran high, we were deluged with information and changing directives. There were spirited discussions about Holy Water, Holy Communion reception, masks, social distancing and the like. Early on, I enlisted help from professionals (whom we called “COVID CENTRAL”) who could track, interpret and give advice regarding Pastorate practices. Three nurses and an administrative professional for a school district gave much time and effort to monitoring weekly infection rates and balancing directives from our own Archdiocese, as well as translating CDC information into something I could understand. I am indebted to these women for their care and concern for our parishioners, as well as their invaluable advice. And while some people made it abundantly clear what other parishes were doing, at all times I followed the directives which came from our archdiocese and Archbishop Jackels, in consultation with our COVID-Central committee. We wore masks. We social distanced. We received Holy Communion in the hand (only) and discontinued receiving from the cup. This was not the time for individual personal piety, but for the safety of the common good. We sanitized pews and bathrooms. We ran the furnace and ceiling fans and aired out the churches after each Mass. We shut off water coolers. I admit, it wasn't pretty, and some people were angry and went elsewhere—some stopped attending altogether. I am sorry if you found yourself in that category. Please know that I did what was asked of me, not my opinion or what others were doing. Our Pastorate did everything it could to help mitigate this scourge, and there were even some folks from other places who came to us because they felt safer than in their own parishes. Thank you for doing as well as you did during those challenging months. Christ will bless our charity.

But the times, they are a changing.  
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## Mass Changes in the Shadow of COVID-19 (Cont.)

The Congregation for Divine Worship in the Vatican, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and our Archdiocese of Dubuque are loosening pandemic guidelines and any restrictions which were in place for Holy Week 2021.

Practically speaking, this means:

- Holy Water will be restored to fonts at Easter
- Holy Communion may again be received on the tongue or in the hand
- Beginning Holy Thursday, communicants will again have the option of receiving Precious Blood from the cup if they choose
- And, as always, those who are sick should stay home, or not receive Holy Communion on the tongue or from the cup, as common sense would dictate. Those who are immunocompromised or have other concerns are still welcomed to wear masks and our Christian charity will not judge.

Let us enter in to this Holy Season 2022 with more prayer and zeal than ever before.

### *Catholic Easter Prayer*

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son  
has given us new life and renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new people  
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.  
Grant us wisdom to know what we must  
do, the will to want to do it,  
the courage to undertake it,  
the perseverance to continue to do it,  
and the strength to complete it.*

*New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book*



**Holy Land Olive Art** will be coming to the Emmaus Pastorate next weekend, April 23-24, after being cancelled for two years due to COVID. These unique woodcarvings help support Catholics and other Christians in the Holy Land. They make very fine gifts. They will be available for viewing and purchase after all the Masses.





**Our 2022 Lenten Theme “In Christ Alone,”** is a perfect example of the best of Lenten practices, in that it is something we should focus on all the time, all year long! Each of us, every day, no matter our age or state in life, are inundated with information and choices—all of which can either lead us closer to Christ or slowly move us further away. In the midst of challenges and choices, remember “In Christ Alone.” What to do? Focus, “In Christ Alone.” You might even GOOGLE the song and listen to it! It’s easy for us all to get a little “detoured” at times, but we need to stay rooted “In Christ Alone.”

Read your Bible. Say your prayers. Participate actively in Church. Serve the poor. All that keeps us centered “In Christ Alone.”



**The Blessings of Easter!**  
Gratitude to all the dedicated and generous parishioners and staff who shepherded us through our Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Triduum and Easter celebrations. Many hours of behind-the-scenes work is spent in service to our

parishes, making our worship beautiful and reverent. I am incredibly proud and grateful of the participation and dedication of our Pastorate!

- Thank you to Deacon Paul Dolan, for his assistance in preparing for these celebrations.
- Thank you to Pastorate Liturgy and Music Director John Uhal, for planning, organizing, developing worship aids and rehearsing music
- Thank you to all Pastorate musicians
- Thank you to all parish church cleaning crews
- Thank you to all the parish Liturgy Coordinators and Sacristans (detail folks)
- Thank you for flowers and/or donations for Easter
- Thank you for all those who washed server albs
- Thank you to all parish maintenance and custodial people who put in extra time
- Thank you to the Pape Easter Fire Brigade
- And lastly, thank you parishioners for making worship a joyful priority these days, and all days.

**God is Glorified in you!**



***Easter Reflections***  
*With OUR EYES we see*  
*The beauty of Easter*  
*as the earth awakens once more...*  
*With OUR EARS we hear*  
*The birds sing sweetly*  
*to tell us Spring again is here..*  
*With OUR HANDS we pick*  
*the golden daffodils*  
*and the fragrant hyacinths...*  
*But only with OUR HEARTS*  
*can we feel the*  
*MIRACLE of GOD'S LOVE*  
*which redeems all men...*  
*And only with OUR SOUL*  
*can we make our 'pilgrimage to God'*  
*and inherit His Easter Gift*  
*of ETERNAL LIFE.*  
*Helen Steiner Rice*



**Boring. Dry. Monotonous.** Do you feel this way about your spiritual life? Deep down, do you want more? Spiritual Direction might be just what you’re looking for! What is spiritual direction?



- > It is **NOT** someone telling you what to do
- > It is **NOT** a counseling session
- > It **IS** having someone with whom you can talk about your spiritual life
- > It **IS** about having someone to be spiritually accountable to
- > It **IS** having a spiritual companion with whom you can process your doubts and fears and movements of the Spirit in your heart.

If you would like to find out more about upcoming Emmaus Pastorate opportunities for group spiritual direction, please come to a no-obligation, no-strings -attached informational meeting with Father John on Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room at St. Mary’s

**For the week of April 16, St. Joseph lights the Candles** for Monsignor Francis Friedl.

**St. Mark Pay It Forward Program**—How does St. Mark reach out to support people in our community? One way is through the Pay It Forward Program. On the third Sunday of each month, the money in the collection basket (not the budget envelopes) goes to support this ministry. We try to address needs in two ways: people can call the parish office to request financial assistance and members meet monthly to share needs we have heard of in the community. Recently, gas cards were sent to families traveling for medical treatments, Walmart gift cards given to three families, and a partial insurance deductible was paid. If you know of someone or a family who could use a hand, please contact a Pay If Forward member—Diane Meyer, Elaine Funke, Elise Bergan, Larry Gaul, Jody and Jim Kerns, or Jane Christiansen. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!



**Did You Know—Sacred Heart** recently received and installed an AED in the Church immediately to the right as you enter the first set of double doors at the top of the outdoor stairway. An AED (automated external defibrillator) is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It is a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

**St. Mary Faith Formation Commission** is seeking candidates to run for open seats on the Faith Formation board. We have a lot of decisions on the direction of our Faith Formation program and are looking for people interested in being part of the process. Please contact Lori Keppler **(563-880-1758)** if you are interested or have questions.



## ST. MARK GALA THANK YOU!

To everyone who purchased raffle tickets, baked pies, purchased pies or made a donation towards our Gala raffle and pie sale on March 13. We raised approximately \$22,290! Congratulations to our raffle winners Tom Wulfekuhle, Denise Wersinger and Jenna Kelchen.

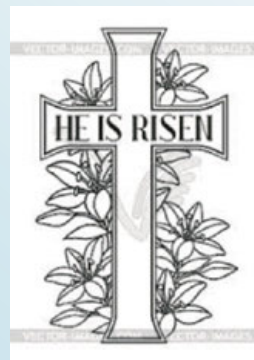


**Mark Your Calendars** for next year's Gala "St. Mark Madness"—Saturday, March 1, 2023, Stay tuned for more details!

**The St. Joseph Social Concerns Committee** collected \$570 for April for the Clayton County Food Shelf. Thank you for your continued generosity.



**St. Mark Cemetery**—To keep our cemetery looking good and a place we can all be proud of for our loved ones, it's time for an update. Since another flagpole is broken, it has been decided to replace all the flags and poles this spring in time for Memorial Day. We have purchased 15 sets of flags and poles that can be taken down and stored to help prevent further damage. If anyone would like to donate the cost of a set (\$115) in honor of a loved one, please contact St. Mark Church **(563-928-7200)**, Harry Wulfekuhle **(563-880-0566)** or Michael Sperfslage **(563-920-2421)**. If anyone who donated a flag in the past would like it back, call Harry or Michael.



*We are an  
Easter  
People  
and  
Alleluia  
is our song!*

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